

Old First Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022

The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor

Concert: Celebrating Christ's Birth

Organ Solo Tambourin sur un Noël provençal Michel Corrette (1707-1795)
Noël en musette Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier (1734-1794)

Alex Katsman, organ

Bass Solo Sweet Little Jesus Boy Robert MacGimsey (1898-1979)

Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Sweet little Jesus boy,
They made you be born in a manger.
Sweet little holy child,
We didn't know who you were.

Didn't know you'd come to save us, Lord,
To take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we could not see.
We didn't know who you were.

Long time ago
You were born,
Born in a manger, Lord,
Sweet little Jesus boy.

The world treats you mean, Lord,
Treats me mean, too.
But that's how things is down here.
We didn't know who you are.

You done told us how,
We is a-trying,
Master, you done shown us how.
Even when you were dying

Just seem like we can't do right.
Look how we treated you.
But please, Sir, forgive us, Lord.
We didn't know it was you

Sweet little Jesus boy,
Born a long time ago,
Sweet little holy child,
And we didn't know who you were.

Choir Shiloh William Billings (1746-1800)

Methinks I see an heavenly host of Angels on the wing;
Methinks I hear the cheerful notes, so merrily they sing.
Let all your fears be banished hence, glad tidings I proclaim,
For there's a Savior born today, and Jesus is his name.

Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks, to Bethlehem repair;
And let your wandering steps be squared by yonder shining star.
Seek not in courts nor palaces, nor royal curtains draw;
But search the stable, see your god extended on the straw.

Exult ye oxen, low for joy, ye tenants of the stall;
Pay your obeisance; on your knees unanimously fall.
The royal guest you entertain is not of common birth,
But second in the Great I Am, the God of heaven and earth.

Then suddenly a heavenly host around the shepherds throng,
Exulting in the Threefold God, and thus address their song.
To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Ghost accord,
The first and last eternal praise afford.

Soprano Solo Rejoice Greatly from *Messiah* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice greatly,
Rejoice, O daughter of Zion.

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee.

He is the righteous Savior
And He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Zechariah 9:9-10

Alto Solo

Slumber Song for the Madonna

Michael Head (1900-1976)
Kirsten Fleischmann, alto

Sleep, little baby, I love thee.
Sleep, little king, I am bending above thee!
How should I know what to sing,
Here in my arms as I sing thee to sleep?
Hush-a-by low, rock-a-by so.
Kings may have wonderful jewels to bring.
Mother has only a kiss for her king!
Why should my singing so make me to weep?
Only to know that I love thee, I love thee,
Love thee, my little one, sleep.

Organ Solo

Fantasy

John West (1863-1929)
Alex Katsman, organ

**Soprano and
Tenor Duet**

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Arranged by Carl Deis (1883-1960)

Chelsea Hollow, soprano; Chester Pidduck, tenor

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love, and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord; then ever praise we;
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Worship: The People and Places of the Nativity

**At the asterisks, please rise in body or spirit.*

Welcome

Pastor Henderson

***Call to
Worship**

Leader On this holiest of nights,

People We come, joining the shepherds, who are stunned by wonder.

Leader On this most silent night,

People We come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

Leader On this night of carols and candlelight,

People we come, our glad songs joining with those of the angels choirs above.

Narrator

***Hymn 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

The Prophecy

Narrator

Old Testament 1 Samuel 2:1-10

John and Riley Kramar

New Testament Luke 1:39-56

***Hymn 88 O Come, O Come, Emanuel: Verses 1-2, 6-7**

Verse 1: all

Verse 6: high voices

Verse 2: low voices

Verse 7: all

Nazareth

Narrator

Old Testament Isaiah 7:14

Mary Russell

New Testament Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem Lullay My Liking

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Refrain Lullay my liking, my dear Son, my Sweeting;
Lullay my dear Heart, mine own dear Darling.

I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing;
She lulled a little child, a sweete Lording.

That Eternal Lord is He that made alle thing;
Of alle Lordes He is Lord, of every King He's King.

There was mickle melody at that childe's birth:
Though the songsters were heavenly, they made mickle mirth.

Angels bright they sang that night and saiden to that Child:
"Blessed be Thou and so be she that is so meek and mild."

Pray we now to that Child, as to His Mother dear,
God grant them all His blessing that now maken cheer.

Bethlehem

Narrator

Old Testament Micah 5:2-5 Logan Hollarsmith, Camryn Hollarsmith

New Testament Luke 2:1-7

Anthem Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen	Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
Aus einer Wurzel zart.	From tender stem hath sprung!
Wie uns die Alten sungen,	Of Jesse's lineage coming,
Aus Jesse kam die Art,	As men of old have sung.
Und hat ein Blümlein bracht,	It came, a flow'ret bright,
Mitten im kalten Winter,	Amid the cold of winter,
Wohl zu der halben Nacht.	When half-spent was the night.

***Hymn 115** **Away in a Manger**

Prayer

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The Countryside of Judea

Narrator

Old Testament Isaiah 52:6-7 Eva Bender, Branch Bender

New Testament Luke 2:8-20

***Hymn 119** **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**

The Home of the Messiah

Narrator

Old Testament Numbers 24:17-19 Jeanne Kirkwood

New Testament Matthew 2:1-12

Offering *Tonight's offering will be received during the following hymn.*

This Christmas Eve, our offering will support the PC(USA)'s relief work in Ukraine and the ministry of Quest for Light. For more information, see the announcements.

***Hymn 151** **We Three Kings of Orient Are**

Verse 1 and Refrain: all
Verses 2 to 4: soloists; Refrain: all
Verse 5 and Refrain: all

To the Ends of the Earth

Narrator

Old Testament Isaiah 60:1-5

Pastor Henderson

New Testament John 1:1-5, 14

Meditation

Pastor Henderson

Take your bulletin and candle – as well as your purses, backpacks and valuables – with you, as we form a ring around the perimeter of the sanctuary.

Please keep silence until the choir begins singing.

The words to Silent Night are found on the back page of this bulletin

***Hymn Silent Night**

Verse 1: Sebastian Dueñas Mayor, treble, and Chelsea Hollow, piano

Verses 2 through 4: choir and congregation

***Charge and
Benediction**

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Tonight's Offering

In celebration of Christ's birth, our offering tonight will be divided between the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s on-going relief work in Ukraine and Quest for Light.

Quest for Light offers memorial services in an interfaith context primarily in single-room occupancy housing (SROs), senior retirement homes and similar communities. They honor those who are often forgotten and attend those who grieve and mourn them. The mission of Quest for Light reminds us that no one is forgotten by God.

Give as generously as the Spirit moves you. Please write "Christmas Eve Offering" on your check or envelope. To donate electronically, you may use the kiosk in the narthex or visit Old First's on-line giving page: visit www.oldfirst.org; the link to our giving page is in the right-hand column.

Tonight's Guest Musician: Alex Katsman

Tonight Old First welcomes Alex Katsman as our guest musician at both the organ and the piano.

No Worship at Old First Tomorrow
Next Worship Service: New Year's Day, January 1

Having gathered to worship this Christmas Eve, there will be no worship service tomorrow morning at Old First. However, you can join our neighbors at 10 am tomorrow morning either at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Van Ness Avenue at Clay Street, or at Christ United Presbyterian Church, Sutter Street at Laguna Street.

Join us at Old First again for worship on **New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, at 11:00 am** when we will have the opportunity to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by singing our favorite Christmas hymns and carols.

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, January 14

Make a New Year Resolution to support the Interfaith Food Pantry. Old First staffs the pantry on Saturday, January 14. Sign up now. You can find a link to sign up on Old First's homepage under the Interfaith Food Pantry heading: www.oldfirst.org

This Week at Old First

Sunday December 25, Christmas Day

No worship service at Old First

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Monday December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday January 1, New Year's Day

11:00 am Worship: A Wonderful Way to Start the New Year!

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Monday January 2

Church Office Closed

Old First Staff

The Reverend Maggi Henderson	Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron	Parish Associate
The Reverend Lisa Robecheck	Parish Associate
Larry Marietta	Music Director
Brad Peterson	Office Admin
Kristi Hoerauf	Wedding Coordinator

Solo

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

All

**Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant, beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.**