

Old First Presbyterian Church



Season of Epiphany Sunday, January 29, 2023

Worship Through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and
place it in the offering basket in the narthex when you exit the church building.*

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

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

Prelude Melodie in G Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Hosanna filio David, *Hosanna to the Son of David,*
benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
O rex Israel, hosanna in excelsis. *O king of Israel, hosanna in the highest!*

Matthew 21:9b

*Call to Worship

Jeanne Kirkwood

Leader When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

People God is there.

Leader When Jesus is presented in the temple,

People God is there.

Leader When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

People God is there.

Leader When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

People God is there.

Leader This very morning,

People God is there.

All Let us worship God!

*Hymn 157 I Danced in the Morning

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
they came with me and the dance went on.

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Prayer of
Confession

Jeanne Kirkwood

God, we come to you with our honesty—
we try to do what is right,
but sometimes it is easier to bend our values.
We try to speak heart's truth,
but sometimes a small lie is more convenient.
We try to avoid gossip and slander,
but we find ourselves discussing our neighbors.
We try to value people more than money,
but sometimes our choices are based on selfish needs.

Silence is kept.

Gracious God, forgive us our exceptions.
Strengthen us for the tempting "sometimes"
that we may walk blameless in your eyes
and in our own. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now!
For in this moment, we call upon God to grant us new life
in the center of our wounded hearts.
It is with great joy that God grants us new life
and forgiveness of our sin!

People **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by grace!
With great joy, we are made alive!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Gloria** Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering *Ushers will receive the offering during the anthem. You may also make your offering electronically using the kiosk in the narthex.*

Anthem The Best of Rooms Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Christ, He requires still, whereso-e'er He comes
To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house, the best of all's the heart.

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

***Doxology**

DUKE STREET

Arranged by Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Time with
Our Children**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Prayers of the People

Saundra Keyes

Prayer Partners Karen Chi, Ted and Betsy Chiao, Buddy Tate Choy and Jeanne Choy Tate, Tracy Clagett, Eva DeLair, James Brown and Isaac Browndelair

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52

Leader

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 140**

One in Royal David's City

- 1 **Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.**
- 2 **He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**
- 3 **Jesus is our childhood's pattern day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.**
- 4 **And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where is gone.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Choir

Alleluia

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Postlude

Grand Jeu

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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About Today's Sermon

Today Pastor Maggi is preaching on the childhood of Jesus, which is mentioned only once in the Bible, in Luke 2:39-52. She will also mention The Infancy Gospel of Thomas, an apocryphal biography about the childhood of Jesus, dating from the second century. If you are curious, you can find it on the internet. Also, can you find the artwork in the church that depicts the young Jesus teaching in the temple?

Today's Coffee Hour

Sarah and Stephen Taber have given today's coffee hour in gratitude for music director Larry Marietta's return.

We Staff the Food Pantry, Saturday, February 11

We need your hands! Without your hands, Old First won't have enough hands for the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, February 11, but you can sign up so easily by using the sign-up link on our website: www.oldfirst.org.

This Week at Old First

Sunday January 29

7:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective, strings and piano

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Friday February 3

8:00 pm Greek Chamber Music Project, flute, cello, piano, vocals: "Uproot: Greek Refugee Songs from Asia Minor"

Saturday February 4

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall

Sunday January 29

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm Gabriela Calderon, piano: "Cornejo Musas: Compositions by Latin American Women Born before 1950"

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

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