

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice
On Our Corner, in Our City, And in the World

The Reverend Maggi Henderson, Pastor
The Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Sunday before All Saints' Day, October 31, 2021

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 American

Chorale Prelude on SARUM, the original tune of "For All the Saints"

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

Arranged by Wilbur Held (1914-2014)

Asian

Prelude on TOKYO, "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"

Philip Jones (1927-2004)

Mexican

El flautista

Ramón Noble (1920-1999)

Welcome &
Church Life

Pastor Henderson

Introit Traditional Cameroon Women's Communion Processional Song
Collected by Elaine Hansen
Arranged by Ralph Johnson (born 1951)
Randy Smith, percussion

Praise, praise, praise the Lord!
Praise God's Holy Name, Alleluia!

***Call to
Worship**

Bill Campbell

Leader Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!
People But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?
Leader Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!
People But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?
Leader Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!
**People Let us remember the joy of the Lord,
and sing a new song together!**

**Remembering
the Saints**

See the last two pages below.

Bill Campbell
Claudia Garrison

***Hymn 326**

For all the Saints

- 1 **For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 **Thou was their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir Alone

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 4 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 5 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Bill Campbell

**Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:
You have called us to one table,
but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished, too, Lord.**

Silence is kept.

**Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.
Transform us, at this table, and for this table,
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.
Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things.
By the abundance of God's grace and by the power of God's love,
your sins have been forgiven.

People

Amen.

Anthem

Paul Sjolund (born 1938)

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage,
hold fast to that which is good, render to no one evil for evil.
Go forth into the world in love, strengthen the fainthearted,
support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
go forth into the world in peace.

Paraphrase from 1 Thessalonians 5.

The Peace

Leader

Peace be with you.

People

And also with you.

Worship through Hearing God's Word

**Time with
Our Children**

Pastor Henderson

**Prayers of the
People**

Eva DeLair

Prayer Partners Sally Spencer, Mark Spicer and Sam, Rose Marie Springer, Stephen and Sarah Taber, Hugh Thacher, Horngsheng Tu and Hsiaochien Chuang

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 Ephesians 2:11-22
Leader This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship through Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation
of Faith**

Excerpt from the Belhar Confession, adopted 2016

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active, in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord,
for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Bread
and the Cup** *All are invited to share in the bread and cup.
Simply follow the directions of the pastor.*

***Hymn 765** **May the God of Hope Go with Us** Randy Smith, percussion

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

*You can place your offering in the basket when you leave the church.
Remember to fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.
Please follow the pastor outside and greet one another in the open air.*

Old First On-Line

You can find Old First on-line at www.oldfirst.org, on **Facebook**, and on our **YouTube** channel. You can always make your offering on-line at <https://donations.oldfirst.org>

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Today we gather our Peace & Global Witness Offering – one of the four annual special offerings of the PC(USA). If you use a check, make it payable to OFPC but put “Peace & Global Witness” on the memo line – you may also use a white “pew envelope” for your check or cash, but please write “Peace & Global Witness” on it. You can make an offering at any time by visiting our on-line donation page: on-line at <https://donations.oldfirst.org>, simply select “Peace & Global Witness Offering” in the drop-down box.

Belhar Confession – Belydenis van Belhar

The Belhar Confession, originally written in Afrikaans, was a statement of faith adopted by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. The confession broke important ground in racial healing in South Africa by explicitly denouncing racial segregation as a sin leading to enmity and hatred, and by proclaiming that God's justice requires the church to stand in solidarity with the poor or oppressed. Since its first publication the confession has been adopted by many Reformed churches around the world including our own Presbyterian Church (USA), which included our Book of Confessions in 2016.

Racial Healing Discussion Series

A reminder to those participating in the Racial Justice Task Force's discussion series on racial healing: the series continues today and then onward through Sunday, November 14.

On the Cover

Did you notice the image on the first page? If it seems familiar, it should: Our office admin, Brad Peterson, has been taking photos of architectural elements and artwork in our church for use in Old First documents. Can you find the element featured today? It's found in the sanctuary.

Church Staff

The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
The Reverend Lisa Robeck Parish Associate
Larry Marietta Music Director
Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator

For All the Saints
Old First Presbyterian Church Remembers the Saints 2020-2021



Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us with our eyes fixed on Christ. —*Hebrews 12:1-2*

Name	Date of Death	Remembered By
Margaret Mellor	Late 2020	Mary Russell, her friend
Lawrence Townley	Late 2020	Mary Russell, his friend
Lyle Johnson	November 11, 2020	Connie Johnson, his daughter
Fredric Dong-Xia Ma	November 24, 2020	Ted Chiao, his brother-in-law
Carl Preston	December 11, 2020	Randy Smith, his friend and former work colleague
Sigrid Beck	December 17, 2020	Gabby Beck-Engeser, her niece
Brian Warnock	December 18, 2020	John and Pam Sebastian, his spouse's cousin and cousin's wife
Robin Sutherland	December 18, 2020	Pam Sebastian, his friend and former colleague
Norman dePover	January 2021	Old First members and friends
Yandel E. Snell	January 2021	Stephen Taber, his nephew
Tina Blackett	January 5, 2021	Pam Sebastian, cousin of Tina's spouse
Rich Alday	January 6, 2021	Greg Free, a friend from school and college
Sally Gilliatt	January 9, 2021	Pam Sebastian, Sally's cousin
Debbie Oelke	January 12, 2021	Cindy Burt, Debbie's elder sister
Cheryl Cocking	February 2021	Stephen Taber, her cousin's son
Kevin Von Aspern	February 16, 2021	Lorraine Bellesi, cousin to his wife, Laurie
Patricia Uzeta Roe	February 24, 2021	Michael and Nina Berg, her brother and sister-in-law
Willie Lock Glover	March 14, 2021	Virginia Webb Pekelnicky, her granddaughter
Ángel Antonio Mayor	April 4, 2021	His daughter Ángela Dueñas Mayor, and her family
Paul Walaskay	April 8, 2021	Brad Peterson, his student at Presbyterian School of Christian Education
Philip Mountbatten	April 9, 2021	Old First members and friends
David Lorenz Beckstein	April 9, 2021	Old First members and friends
Daunte Wright	April 11, 2021	Brad Peterson, a fellow Minnesotan

Louis Magor	April 11, 2021	Pam Sebastian, friend and former colleague
Walter “Fritz” Mondale	April 19, 2021	Brad Peterson, a fellow Minnesotan
Michael Martin	April 27, 2021	Brad Peterson, a college friend
Brigitte Schefke	May 6, 2021	Kristi Hoerauf, her friend
David Thomas	May 22, 2021	Mary Russell, his friend
James Tse-Min Chiao	June 3, 2021	Ted Chiao, his brother
Carol Maerzke	June 4, 2021	Betty Voris, her friend
Shau-Tsi Chi	June 18, 2021	Ted Chio, uncle of his daughter’s husband
Dianne Terp	June 21, 2021	Pam Sebastian, friend and former colleague
Sallie Kantor Witting	July 1, 2021	Carolyn Asbury, her life-long pal from kindergarten
Mike Kruzeniski	July 5, 2021	Hsiaochien Chung, his friend
Cherry Forbes Wunderlich	July 10, 2021	Pam Sebastian, her high school classmate
Donna Bagwell	July 25, 2021	Pam Free, her sister-in-law
Eleanor Pekelnicky	July 30, 2021	Bob Pekelnicky, her great-nephew
Jean Lee	August 1, 2021	Betty Voris, her friend
Bob Jenkins	August 9, 2021	Betty Voris, his friend
Gloria Moser	August 14, 2021	Pam Sebastian, her friend in the Calvary Presbyterian Church choir
Charlotte Karp	September 2021	Carolyn Asbury, her friend from Calvary Tuesday Seniors
John “Jack” Adams	September 5, 2021	Harriet MacLean, his wife’s sister
Don Wilson	September 10, 2021	John & Riley Kramar, family friends
Theanna Pateropoulos	September 11, 2021	Sidney Hollar, her long-time friend
Len Ashburn	September 12, 2021	Betty Voris, his friend
Amy Adams	September 13, 2021	Kristi Hoerauf
Eric Koziol	September 25, 2021	Rowena Richie, his creative collaborator and friends
Alice Hanks	September 30, 2021	Betty Voris, her friend
Boyd Jarrell	October 6, 2021	Pam Sebastian, his friend and former colleague
All Who Have Died of COVID-19	2020-2021	Old First Members and Friends

**And we remember silently or aloud all those
whom we have entrusted to God’s care in years past.**

The bell rings a final time.