

# 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)**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**A Season of Stewardship: Recovery and Resurgence**

## 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** Sonata VI: allegro – moderato – presto  
Giovanni Battista Pescetti (c.1704-1766)

Ciacona in D minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Welcome &  
Church Life**

Pastor Henderson

**Stewardship  
Moment**

Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky

**Introit**

Donald Moore (born 1938)

O come, let us sing into God, our voices raise.

O come, with joyful voices praise.

From Psalm 95

**\*Call to  
Worship**

Claudia Garrison

Leader We gather to praise our God.

**People     The One who created everything;  
              the One who keeps faith with us.**

Leader We gather to follow Jesus:

**People     Who comes to build justice on the ruins of despair;  
              who comes to set us free from our fears.**

Leader We gather to listen to the Holy Spirit:

**People     Who teaches us to care for the most vulnerable;  
              who shows us how to see the forgotten in our midst.**

**\*Hymn 667    When Morning Gilds the Skies**

Arranged by John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

1   **When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
      may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Alike at work and prayers to Jesus I repair:  
      may Jesus Christ be praised!**

2   **Does Sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:  
      may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Or faces my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:  
      may Jesus Christ be praised!**

3   **Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
      may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:  
      may Jesus Christ be praised!**

4   **Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:  
      may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long:  
      may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Claudia Garrison

**In these moments, we must confess  
that we have listened more to the politicians,  
the wealthy, the celebrities  
than to you, Faithful God.**

**We have failed to keep faith with those around us.  
 We have let others become captive  
 to the angry words that have no life.  
 We have pushed aside those around us  
 in our eagerness to follow those whose words  
 offer only empty air and broken promises.  
 Forgive us, Merciful God,  
 for not noticing all who give from their scarcity,  
 when we have so much.  
 Forgive us for watching out more for ourselves  
 than keeping an eye on families who suffer.  
 Forgive us for caring more about ourselves  
 than for those who are more vulnerable.**

*We keep silence.*

**Forgive us and strengthen us to follow Jesus Christ,  
 our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of  
 Forgiveness**

**Leader** Despite our foolishness and poor choices,  
 our God remains faithful in this and every moment.  
 The One who created everything,  
 continues to renew us, to restore us, and to forgive us with love.

**People** **Thanks be to God.  
 God's hope never fails us,  
 God continues to fill our emptiness, and  
 God's mercy continues to make us new.  
 We are forgiven.**

**Anthem** Kyrie from Litanei de venerabilis altaris sacramento, K. 125  
 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)  
 Chelsea Hollow, soprano  
 Kirsten Fleischmann, alto

Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
Christe audi nos,	Christ hear us,
Christe exaudi nos.	Christ hear us out.
Pater de coelis Deus,	God the Father of heaven,
miserere nobis.	Have mercy on us.
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus,	God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
miserere nobis.	Have mercy on us.
Spiritus Sancte Deus,	God the Holy Spirit
miserere nobis.	Have mercy on us.



**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

*You can place your offering in the basket when you leave the church.*

*Are you visiting today? Please 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](http://www.oldfirst.org), on **Facebook**, and on our **YouTube** channel. You can always make your offering on-line at <https://donations.oldfirst.org>

**A Season of Stewardship: Recovery and Resurgence**

Today we begin our Season of Stewardship, the time when Old First begins hoping, visioning and planning for the year ahead. Watch the mail for this year’s Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card. Making your pledge for the year ahead means Old First can not only budget for 2022, but more importantly plan and support our mission: worshiping God and “Sharing God’s Love, Welcome, and Justice on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World.”

Ready to submit your pledge for 2022 right away? Easy! As soon as you get your blank pledge card, fill it out, take a picture of it or scan it, send it to Old First at [PledgeCard@oldfirst.org](mailto:PledgeCard@oldfirst.org), and save a copy for your files! Thank you!

**City Chorus, This Saturday, November 13**

Under the baton of its conductor, Old First’s own music director Larry Marietta, City Chorus will present Schubert’s Mass in G and Vivaldi’s Gloria in concert, 7:00 pm, this Saturday, November 13, at Old First. The chorus will be joined by its accompanist John Walko and a string quintet from the SF Academy Orchestra. The concert will last approximately 70 minutes.

**Health Safety Protocol: Vaccination Required**

As City Chorus will follow all of Old First’s Covid-19 health safety protocols, the chorus invites the fully vaccinated to join them for the concert and those who are not vaccinated to join them for future concerts when it becomes safe for them to attend.

**Free Tickets for Old Firsters**

Old First friends and members can get free tickets by E-mailing Larry at [larry@oldfirst.org](mailto:larry@oldfirst.org). For more information about City Chorus, visit [www.sfcitychorus.org](http://www.sfcitychorus.org).

**On-Line Worship, Bulletin**

Want links to Sunday worship? Want to find the bulletin in advance of Sunday worship? Want to revisit earlier on-line worship services? Easy!

Simply visit Old First’s website at [www.oldfirst.org](http://www.oldfirst.org) – the look for “On-Line Worship at Old First” in the right-hand sidebar column for links to Sunday’s livestream, to the bulletin in “pdf” format for downloading or printing, and to Old First’s YouTube channel playlist.

**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 concludes next 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 the bulletin. Can you find the element featured today? It’s found in the sanctuary.