

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 14, 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 Suite for Two Keyboards: *allemande, sarabande, chaconne*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Edited by Thurston Dart (1921-1971)

Jarron Carlson, harpsichord

Welcome &
Church Life

Pastor Henderson

Stewardship
Moment

Eva DeLair

Introit

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing,
Declare ye this and let it be heard:
Alleluia!

***Call to
Worship**

Sally Spencer

Leader We keep the Lord always before us;
because God is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.

**People Therefore, our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice;
our bodies also rest secure.**

Leader For you do not give us up to the grave,
nor let your faithful ones see the pit.

**People You show us the path of life,
and in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Based on Psalm 16

***Hymn 39 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace what endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with then thousand beside!

Prayer of
Confession

Sally Spencer

O God, in Jesus Christ you call us to follow,
to walk in your ways, and to seek your truth.
Jesus keeps calling, but we keep turning away,
finding excuses and giving our hearts to other gods.
Still Jesus calls to us, in spite of our sin.
Help us to hear him.

**Release us from the entanglements
that prevent us from following him.**

We keep silence.

**Forgive our sins and draw us ever closer.
Amen.**

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader
People

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
**We now belong to Christ and we are made one in him.
May we live like Children of God from this moment on.**

Based on Galatians 3:23-29

Anthem

Christ's Flock

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Michael Desnoyers, tenor

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed,
from Christ's own flock let concord hate expel:
of Christ's flock let love be so embraced,
as we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell.

Christ is the author of all unity,
from whence proceedeth all felicity.

O sing unto this glittering glorious King,
O praises bring from every living thing:

let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

Francis Kimmewershe (c.1540-c.1580)

The Peace

Leader
People

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Worship through Hearing God's Word

**Time with
Our Children**

Pastor Henderson

**Prayers of the
People**

Bill Feister

Prayer Partners

Pat Amdur, Alison Armstrong and Ken Kiplinger and Julia, Beth
Arnaoot and Liny Adams, Carolyn Asbury, Joe Ballard, Erwin Barron
and Coy Abellano

**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 Psalm 16 and 1 Peter 4:8-11

Leader This is the word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 526** Let Us With Talents and Tongues Employ

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
- 2 Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

***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.

**A Season of Stewardship: Recovery and Resurgence
Gathering Pledge Cards, Next Sunday**

We continue our Season of Stewardship, when Old First begins hoping, visioning and planning for the year ahead. You may already have received 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."

If you haven't received a pledge card, please get one from the ushers today. Next Sunday, November 21, we will gather and dedicate them.

Eager to submit your pledge for 2022 away? Easy! As soon as you have your blank pledge card, fill it out, take a picture of it or scan it, send the image to Old First at PledgeCard@oldfirst.org, and save a copy for your files! Thank you!

Racial Healing Discussion Series Concludes Today

A reminder to those participating in the Racial Justice Task Force's discussion series: The final installment in the series takes place today after worship.

**SF Interfaith Council Thanksgiving to Remember
Rita Semel's 100th Birthday, Tuesday, November 23**

The San Francisco Interfaith Council invites you to attend a *Thanksgiving to Remember* an Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service, at which we will give thanks for our many blessings, pray for the peace and health of our city, state, nation and world, and honor the **100th birthday** of founder and past chair of the Interfaith Council, **Rita R. Semel**.

The prayer service will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 10:00 am, at Congregation Emanu-El, 2 Lake Street in San Francisco. Admission is complimentary; however please note: Registration, masks and proof of COVID-19 vaccination (vaccination card or QR code) will be required for in-person attendance. This event will also be livestreamed at emanuelsf.org/live, on Facebook and on YouTube. For more information and to register to attend, visit: <https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/sfic-events>.

Advent Begins, Baptism, Communion, November 28

Sunday, November 28, is the first Sunday of Advent and we begin a new church year. Old First will also celebrate both a baptism – baby Isaac – and communion.

Inquirers and New Members Classes, December

Pastor Maggi is planning to hold an Inquirers and New-Members Class on either December 5 or 12. Please contact Pastor Maggi, if you're interested, and let her know what date might work for you. Use the button below to E-mail her.

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Want links to Sunday worship? Want to find the bulletin in advance of Sunday worship? Want to revisit earlier on-line worship services? Want to make a donation, pay your pledge, or find out more about Old First? Easy!

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

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.