

Old First Presbyterian Church



February 6, 2022

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

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	Trio No. 1, Op. 100	Gustav Merkel (1827-1885)
	Passacaglia	John West (1863-1929)
Welcome and Church Life		
*Call to Worship		Mary Russell
Leader	Come, all who are poor in spirit. Come, all who mourn. Come, all who are meek. Come, all who hunger and thirst after righteousness.	
People	Come, all who would be merciful. Come, all who would be pure in heart. Come, all who would be peacemakers.	
Leader	Let us come together: the weak, the simple, the powerless, the foolish.	
People	Let us confess that the source of our life is Jesus Christ. Let us worship the God of every blessing.	

Based on Matthew 5:1-12

***Hymn 409 God Is Here!**

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Mary Russell

O God, we admit that too often
we live on the surface of things.
We are afraid of the depths,
though we hide many things deep within us.
We are haunted by the knowledge
that we have hurt others by our own selfish acts.
We are harassed by the realization
that our sense of priorities and our laziness
have prevented us from responding to situations
where we ought to have made a difference.
What gets into us, God,
to make us miss the mark of our Christian love time after time?

Silence is kept.

Help us, O God. Amen.

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader One truth remains unchanging.
God has loved us, is loving us, and will always love us.

People This is Good News that brings us new life!

Offertory *Usbers will receive the offering at this time.*

From Cantata No. 68

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Mein gläubiges Herze, *My faithful heart,*
frohlocke, sing', scherze, *rejoice, sing, make merry,*
dein Jesus ist nah. *your Jesus is near.*

Weg Jammer, weg Klagen, *Away with moaning and wailing,*
ich will euch nur sagen, *I want only to tell you,*
mein Jesus ist da. *my Jesus is here.*

Christiana Marianna von Ziegler (1695-1760)

The Peace *Please remain seated for the Peace.*
Leader Peace be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Time with Our
Children**

**Prayers of the
People**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Prayer Partners Chuck and Emily Olson, Karyn Payne, Daniel Pearch, Donald Pender, Kim Pham, Gordon Phipps, Chloe Pollock, Phil Pollock, Spencer Pollock, Glen Potter, Charles Rambo

**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 6:17-26

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 815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears**

1 Give to the wind the fears;
hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head.

- 2 Through waves and clouds and storms
God gently clear the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.
- 3 Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,
how wise, how strong God's hand!
- 4 Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath
thy love and guardian care.

***Charge and
Benediction**

You can place your offering in the basket when you leave the church or make it using the electronic kiosk in the narthex or Old First's on-line giving page found on the right-side of our homepage: www.oldfirst.org

Are you visiting today? Please fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.

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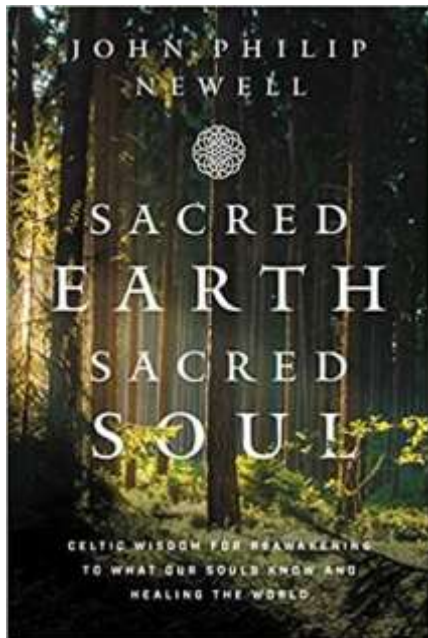
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The Reverend Erwin C. Barron	Parish Associate
The Reverend Lisa Robeck	Parish Associate
Larry Marietta	Music Director
Brad Peterson	Church Office Administrator

Congregational Meeting, February 20

On Sunday, February 20, Old First Presbyterian Church will conclude worship with a Congregational Meeting to present this year's budget and to approve the pastor's compensation package for 2022.

Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Book Study for Lent

During Lent, Old First will read and discuss *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World* by John Philip Newell.



You can get the book from the library, at local bookstores, or on Kindle. Copies are also available for \$20 at the church. You can get the book after worship on Sunday or from the church office during the week. Simply have a check ready or cash in the exact amount.

In-Person OR On-Line?

The first session of the **in-person series** will be on March 6. The session will start in the Fellowship Hall thirty minutes after the end of worship. Bring your vaccination card and also your lunch. (Note: If you bring a bag lunch, you can keep it in the church fridge until class – or you can easily get food to-go on Polk Street. Beverages will be supplied.)

If there's interest, a parallel **on-line series** could be held via Zoom on a weekday. Sign up for either series by sending an E-mail to learning@oldfirst.org – tell us whether you plan to join the in-person series or you would prefer a weekday series via Zoom. Let us know as soon as possible.

John Philip Newell is making a rare appearance at First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael on February 19.

Information about watching a recording of the appearance will be forthcoming.

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 art and architectural elements in our church for use in the bulletin. Can you find the element featured today?