

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 25, 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 Suite from *Drottningholms Musique*:

Trumpet Prelude – Andante – Bourée - Trumpet Voluntary

Johan Helmich Roman (1694-1758)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Mary Russell

Introit

Anonymous

God, Creator, we adore Thee,
We Thy love and grace proclaim.
Thou art mighty, Thou art holy,
Glorious is Thy matchless name.
Glorious is Thy name, O God.

***Call to
Worship**

Michael Berg

Leader O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

People Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.

Leader Open our nostrils to the smells of life.

People Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.

Leader Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

People Open our arms to the touch of our sisters and brothers.

***Hymn 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Report The 225th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Lori Yamauchi

***Hymn 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**

The cantor and choir sing verse 1. The congregation joins them in singing verses 2-5.

- Cantor
and Choir
- God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.
 - 2 Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.
 - 3 Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.
 - 4 Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.
 - 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Michael Berg

**Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom,
but we live with tightness in our chest.
You have called us to move in a new direction,
but we cling to the path we know.
You have called us to reach outward in love,
but we draw inward for protection.
You have called us to live with abandon, in trust,
but we live carefully, in fear.**

Silence is kept.

Merciful God, forgive us. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us.
God accepts both our courage and our fears.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning.

People

Thanks be to God!

***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.

Anthem

Haec Dies

Marco Antonio Ingegneri (1545-1592)

Haec dies, quam fecit Dominus.

This is the day that God has made.

Exsultemus et laetemur in ea.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

***Doxology**

DUKE STREET by John Hatton (1710-1793)

Arranged Hal 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.**

The Peace

Please remain seated for the Peace.

Leader

Peace be with you.

People

And also with you.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of the
People**

Eva DeLair

Prayer Partners

Amberle Gallup, Claudia Garrison, Fernando González, David Griffith and Joe Sheffey, Jan Hammock, Eva and Branch, Maggi Henderson, Soodeh Hedayati

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 Job 42:1-6, 10-17
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 Living in Mystery and Not Happy Endings

The Reverend Calvin "Cal" Chinn

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

- 1 **I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**
- 2 **I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**
- 3 **There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God art present there.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Amy Beach (Mrs. H.H.A. Beach, 1867-1944)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

Not as the world giveth give I unto you.

Let not your hearts be troubled.

John 14:27

Postlude Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals (Abridged), Op. 101

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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Sabbatical 2022: July to October

From July through October, Old First Presbyterian Church and our pastor, Maggi Henderson, are on sabbatical. Until Pastor Maggi returns to us at the beginning of November, please keep her and all our Old First community in your prayers. In case of the need for pastoral care, please contact your assigned deacon, the Board of Deacons moderator, Randy Smith, or the church office.

Our Guest Preacher: Cal Chinn

Our guest today is the Reverend Calvin "Cal" Chinn. Mr. Chinn is a native San Franciscan and attended public schools in the city—Commodore Stockton Elementary, Francisco Jr. High, and George Washington High School—before leaving home for Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. He was nurtured in the Christian faith through participation in the Cameron House program and membership in the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown.

Cal's call to ministry led him to San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS). He was ordained by the Presbytery of San Francisco in 1966. He has served as a youth pastor and Christian educator on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, Oregon, and as pastor at his home church, the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. He has also served on the faculty at SFTS and as the Transitional Executive of the Presbytery of San Francisco and the Transitional Head of Staff at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Cal is married to Sharon Wells; has three adult children—a daughter, Robin, and two sons, Stephen and Jason; and three grandchildren—two granddaughters, Ella and Harper, and a grandson, Miles.

Next Sunday's Guest Preacher: Arlene W. Gordon

Our guest preacher next Sunday will be the Reverend Arlene W. Gordon, DMin. Dr. Gordon is an honorably retired minister of word and sacrament (teaching elder) in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Arlene retired as the executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida in 2010. Upon retirement, she continued to serve the church as a parish associate at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Miami until her return to the Bay Area. She recently completed eight years as a director for the Board of Pensions. She has served as pulpit supply and bridge pastor for many congregations, as interim executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Detroit, and as an associate at the office of the General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky.

Arlene was ordained as associate pastor at Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church, Richmond, California, and is currently a member of the Presbytery of San Francisco. She received her Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary.

This Week at Old First

Sunday September 25

- 4:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective Concert
- 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Tuesday September 27

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line

Saturday October 1

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall/Sacramento Sidewalk
- 5:15 pm Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall

Sunday October 2, World Communion Sunday

- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm O1C: Jason Chiu, piano
- 7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

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