

Old First Presbyterian Church



Season of Epiphany Sunday, February 5, 2023

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	Panis Angelicus	Eric Thiman (1900-1975)
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit	I will praise Thee, O God, with my whole heart. I will speak of all Thy marvelous works, and be glad, and rejoice in Thee, O Thou most high.	Psalm 9:1-2
*Call to Worship		Kurt Schwartzmann
Leader	Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing.	
People	They will rejoice in God's reign forever.	
Leader	Blessed are those who mourn, those who are grieving.	
People	They will be comforted in God's reign forever.	
Leader	Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness.	
People	They will find it in God's reign forever.	
Leader	Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and take action for their needs.	
People	We will live in God's reign forever.	

Leader Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others
in God's name.

People **Let us worship together,
serving one another and our Mighty God.**

***Hymn Blessed Are the Poor In Spirit**

Sung to NETTLETON ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

- 1 **Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.**
- 2 **Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.**
- 3 **Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.**

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**Prayer of
Confession**

Kurt Schwartzmann

**What have we done to you, dear God?
We dishonor you every time we treat one another with disrespect.
We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word
than to risk keeping it.
We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander
when we speak about those around us.**

Silence is kept.

**You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness;
you are strong enough to overcome our weakness;
you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others.
And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader What has God done to us - shown mercy!
What has God done for us - forgiven us!
This is the good news for us.

People **We will not boast, for it is not our doing.
We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope.**

***Gloria**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering *Usbers will receive the offering during the anthem. You may also make your offering electronically using the kiosk in the narthex.*

Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine Gabriel Urbain Fauré (1845–1924)

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux, De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence: Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.	<i>Word, one with the Most High, our only hope, Eternal day of earth and heaven, We break the silence of the peaceful night: Savior Divine, cast your eyes on us!</i>
Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante; Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix; Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!	<i>Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace That all of hell may flee at the sound of your voice; Banish the slumber of a weary soul That brings forgetfulness of your laws!</i>
Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle, Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé; Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle, Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.	<i>O Christ, look with favor on your faithful people Now gathered here to bless you; Receive the hymns they offer to your immortal glory, And your gifts with which they now filled return.</i>

Jean-Baptiste Racine (1639–1699)

***Doxology**

DUKE STREET

Arranged by Hal H. 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.**

**Time with Our
Children**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of the
People**

Beth Arnaoot

Prayer Partners Eder Dueñas, Angela Mayor and Sebastian, Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia, Tom Culp and Charlie Wagner, Augusta Duncan and Dickson Adetuyi and Adeyinka

**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 Matthew 5:1-12
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

Prayer Give me, O God, this day:
Humility, so I can see you in the most vulnerable;
A cup to catch the tears of all who weep;
An arm for the long suffering to cling to as they walk through life;
A broken heart which can heal those who have harmed me;
Guilelessness which looks at the other
and sees your beloved (not an object);
Friendship which embraces those we are taught to fear;
Hospitality which welcomes
those who are ridiculed as they shadow you;
Words of hope, of comfort, of grace
whispered in the ears of all who are slandered for your name.
Amen.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 172** **Blest Are They**
1 **Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled**
Refrain **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of god!**
2 **Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.**
3 **Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.**
4 **Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.**
5 **Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Threefold Amen
Postlude Toccata in E-minor

Per Harling (born 1948)
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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Today’s Liturgy

Much of today’s liturgy was composed by the Reverend Thom M. Shuman, a poet and Presbyterian (PCUSA) pastor in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Today’s Coffee Hour

Betty and Steve Voris have given today’s coffee hour in thanksgiving for all the prayers and support given during their recent health issues.

We Staff the Food Pantry, Saturday, February 11

We need your hands! Without your hands, Old First won’t have enough hands for the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, February 11, but you can sign up so easily by using the sign-up link on our website: www.oldfirst.org.

Congregational Meeting, February 19

On Sunday, February 19, we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on the pastor’s compensation package, to hear a report on the 2023 budget, and to elect new deacons and elders to serve on the Board of Deacons and the Session.

Potluck Lunch, February 19

Join us for a potluck lunch after the congregational meeting on Sunday, February 19. We have much to be thankful for this year: moving through COVID, support to keep up the work of the church and to serve the community, and a wonderful new class of officers! Look for the sign-up sheet to share what item you will bring.

New Deacons and Elders, March 5

On Sunday, March 5, we will ordain and install the deacons and elder elected in February.

This Week at Old First

Sunday February 5

4:00 pm O1C: Gabriela Calderon, piano: “Cornejo Musas: Compositions by Latin American Women Born before 1950”

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Saturday February 11

9:00 am Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, Social Hall

Sunday February 12

11:00 am Worship

7:15 pm Friendly Circle AA Meeting, Social Hall

Old First Presbyterian Church Staff

- The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
- The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
- The Reverend Lisa Robecheck Parish Associate
- Larry Marietta Music Director
- Jarron Carlson Composer in Residence
- Brad Peterson Office Admin
- Kiristi Hoerauf Wedding Coordinator