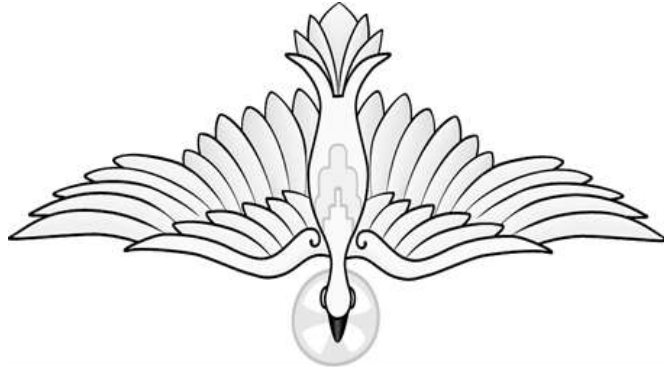


# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday**  
**January 21, 2024**

## Worship Through Praising God

*Please fill out a guest card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.*

*Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*\* At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

**Prelude**      Toccata from *Keyboard Partita No. 6*, BWV 830      J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

### Welcome and Church Life

#### Introit

Anonymous

We will praise thee, O Christ, with our ever-thankful hearts.  
We will speak of all thy marvelous works,  
and be glad and rejoice in thee, O Christ most high.

#### \*Call to Worship

Sandra Keyes

Leader

We come seeking the holy love of God,  
that we may become whole and loving.

People

**As Jesus Christ shared the life of earth,  
through Christ we may share the life of God,  
growing in holiness, justice, and love.**

Leader

In awe, faith, and thanksgiving,  
let us rejoice in God's presence  
and share God's life!

People

**Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn 145    What Child is This**

- 1    What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
      on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
      Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
      while shepherds watch are keeping?  
      This, this is Christ, the King,  
      whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
      Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
      the babe, the son of Mary!
  
- 2    Why lies He in such mean estate  
      where ox and ass are feeding?  
      Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
      the silent Word is pleading.  
      Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
      the cross be borne for me, for you.  
      Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
      the babe, the son of Mary!
  
- 3    So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
      come, one and all, to own him.  
      The King of kings salvation brings;  
      let loving hearts enthrone him.  
      Raise, raise the song on high.  
      The virgin sings her lullaby.  
      Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
      the babe, the son of Mary!

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Sandra Keyes

Emmanuel, God-with-us every day,  
we confess our sins:  
We let the Christmas moment  
become the past in our lives.  
We don't trust you or ourselves  
to follow towards your epiphany moments,  
moments you offer each day.  
We miss the holiness of children  
and the wisdom of old people.  
We stop expecting miracles and Messiah.  
We are so afraid to welcome change  
that we do not embrace life.

*Let us confess silently.*

Reveal your salvation  
that we might have peace. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader The good tidings are this:  
God comes to us even when we are not looking.

People **Let us accept God's forgiveness.**  
**Be at Peace.**

**\*Hymn 583**

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 now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code to the right.*

**Anthem**

Jesu, Joyaunce of My Heart

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jesu, joyaunce of my heart, blessed Jesu;  
Bliss unto my soul thou art, holy Jesu;  
Sure defence from Satan's dart, sweetest Jesu.  
Thousand times I think of thee, my Redeemer;  
Only yearn thy face to see, my Redeemer;  
Longing for thy company, my Redeemer;  
Jesu, my Redeemer.

Johan Flitner (17<sup>th</sup> Century)

**\*Doxology**

*Sung to the Tune OLD HUNDREDTH*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise God above, you 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**

**Scripture** Luke 2:39-52 (p. 55)

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

<b>Worship Through Holy Communion</b>
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**Invitation to the  
Lord's Table**

**The Great  
Thanksgiving**

Leader May the God of our moments be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader People of God, let us offer our hearts  
to the One who is with us in this place and time.

**People We lift them to the One who fills us with grace.**

Leader Children of hope, join in singing praises to God.

**People With hearts and voices, we lift glad thanksgivings.**

*The leader continues the prayer...*

**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.**

**The Words of  
Institution**

**The Bread  
and the Cup**

*All are invited to come forward to share in the Lord's Supper.*

*Receive the bread from the pastor, then dip it in the wine or grape juice.*

***There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the cup.***

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn Jesus' Parent Left the Temple**

Sung to the tune of Hymn 128 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

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- 1 Jesus' parents left the Temple with a traveling caravan.  
They were sure their son was with them as they left Jerusalem.  
Soon they cried, "We cannot find him!"  
He was somehow left behind them,  
So they went to search for him.**

- 2 They went back and finally found him with the teachers of the Law.  
 What they witnessed was astounding! What a wondrous sight they saw.  
 For the questions he was raising  
 Showed his knowledge was amazing;  
 All who heard him were in awe.
- 3 Still his mother had to scold him, for she'd known a parent's fear.  
 "We were worried!" Mary told him, "when we could not find you near!"  
 Jesus answered Mary, saying,  
 "Did you not know I'd be staying  
 In my Father's house, right here?"
- 4 God of love, with earthly parents, Jesus listened, learned, and grew.  
 In the Temple, in your presence, he knew he was home with you.  
 We're reminded of his wisdom;  
 He already knew his mission  
 And the work that he would do.

**\*Charge and  
 Benediction**

**Choir**

Anonymous

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you, the Lord give you peace.

**Postlude**

Gigue from *French Suite No. 5*, BWV 816

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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**Sharing God’s Love, Welcome, and Justice  
on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World**



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**Today’s Musicians**

Today we welcome soloist and section leader Mike Desnoyers as today’s music director and Old First member Samuel Cheng as today’s organist.

**Coffee Hour**

Mary Russell gave last Sunday’s coffee hour in gratitude for Earl’s pastries from Lotta’s Bakery.

Chuck and Emily Olson have given today’s coffee hour.

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, January 27**

This month’s 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner falls on this coming Saturday, January 27. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know you can help: [4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org)

**Old First’s Little Free Library**

Next Sunday, January 28, we will dedicate Old First’s Little Free Library at the conclusion of worship! Bring a book to pass along, if you have one, and join us for this exciting new venture caring for our community!

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation, February 4**

Mark your calendars for Old First’s annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, February 4, when we will learn about our church budget for 2024, vote on Pastor Maggi’s annual compensation package, and elect new officers to serve on Session and on the Board of Deacons.

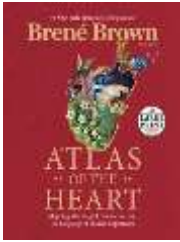
**Potluck Lunch, February 18**

Start looking forward to a potluck lunch on, Sunday, February 18. Food and fellowship make an amazing combination.

**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

Thank you for your generosity! You contributed \$686.13 to the annual Christmas Joy offering and \$1,374.95 to the Christmas Eve offering earmarked to address human needs in Gaza.

**New Book for 2024: *Atlas of the Heart*  
Starting February 4 and 5**



A new book discussion begins in February. The book will be Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart*. Beginning with February, we will meet once a month to discuss one chapter from the book until we've finished the whole book.

Each month you can choose between an in-person meeting and an on-line meeting. We'll hold the in-person meeting on the first Sunday of each month. We'll meet in the library after coffee hour – soup will be provided. We'll hold our first in-person meeting on Sunday, February 4.

We'll hold the on-line meeting on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm via Zoom. We'll hold our first on-line meeting on Monday, February 5.

**We'll cover the same material at both meetings.** Whether in-person or on-line, each meeting will last an hour. For February, we will discuss the introduction and the first chapter of the book: "Places We Go When Things are Uncertain or Too Much."

There are copies available in the church office for \$15.00 – half the retail cost! You can make payment for the book in cash or on-line by visiting Old First's donation page. (Use this QR-code or visit <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations/>.) The San Francisco Public Library also has the book in their collection (both in print and as an eBook), but there may be a waiting list.



Please tell pastor Maggi or call the church office to let her know which meeting you will attend. For the link to the Monday night sessions via Zoom, watch for Maggi's Saturday E-mail or contact the church office.

**This Week at Old First**

- Sunday January 21**  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Monday January 22**  
7:00 pm O1C: Sarah Cahill Backstage Pass
- Tuesday January 23**  
6:00 pm Session, On-Line
- Saturday January 27**  
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today!  
Simply use the QR-code to the right.  
5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday January 28**  
11:00 am Worship  
4:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective Concert  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

