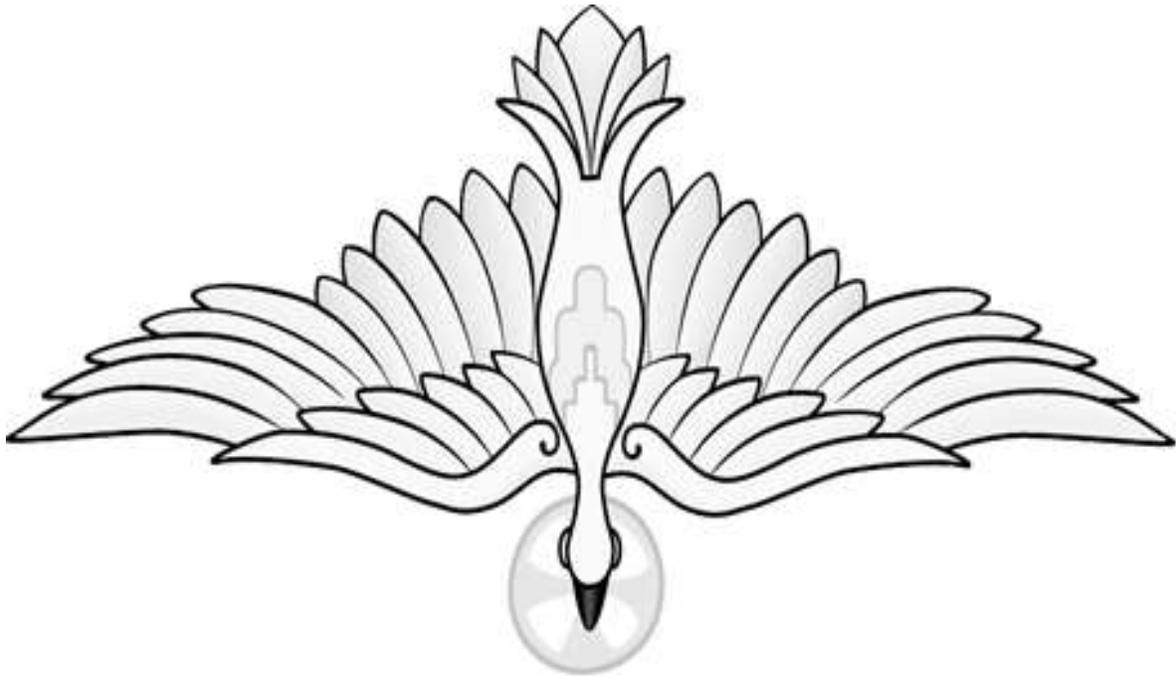


# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

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

Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice  
On Our Corner, in Our City, And in the World

## 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.*

*Ushers have hearing aids for our sound system.*

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

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

**Prelude** Toccata on “All Things Bright and Beautiful”  
Anonymous 17<sup>th</sup> c. English melody  
Jesus Loves Me  
William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)  
Arranged by Roy Brunner

### Welcome and Church Life

**Introit** As a Child Rests Christopher Walker (born 1947)  
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.  
My God, I am not proud. I do not look at things too great.  
My God, I trust in you. You care for me, you give me peace.  
O Israel, trust in God, now and always trust in God  
As a child rests in its mother’s arms, so will I rest in you.  
Paraphrase of Psalm 131 by the composer

**\*Call to  
Worship** Jeanne Kirkwood

Leader The first shall be last.  
**People We come to worship as we are.**  
Leader The last shall be first.  
**People We come with confidence.**  
Leader The first shall be last.  
**People We come with questions.**  
Leader The last shall be first.  
**People We come burdened by failure.**  
Leader The first shall be last.  
**People We come celebrating success.**  
Leader The last shall be first.  
**People We come fearful of the future.**  
Leader The first shall be last  
and the last shall be first  
and a little child shall lead them

**\*Hymn 188 Jesus Loves Me!**

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

**Refrain** Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Jeanne Kirkwood

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus,  
Wisdom from on high.  
Our cravings for more and more  
toss us about like leaves in the fall winds.  
We boast of our great wisdom,  
yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness.  
We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace,  
and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

*Silence is kept.*

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us.  
Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness,  
the willingness to put the other first,  
the wisdom to serve instead of seize,  
so we might bring forth  
a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace  
in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

**Leader** This is the wisdom from above:  
God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need,  
so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy  
with everyone we meet.

**People** Loved as God's children, we are given new life and hope.  
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

**Choral  
Anthem**

Jesus Loves Me

William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

Arranged by Michael Hassell

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to Him belong,  
they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
if I love Him when I die,  
He will take me home on high.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Anna B. Warner (1820-1915)

**The Peace**

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

**Worship through Hearing God's Word**

**Prayers of the  
People**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Prayer Partners Sandra Keyes, Jeanne Kirkwood, Levi Knippel, John and Riley  
Kramar, Nina Krietzman, Marne Krozek, Bobby Lane, Diane Lewis

**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**

Mark 9:33-37

Leader This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**Worship through Responding to God's Word**

**\*Hymn 488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry**

John C. Ylvisaker (1937-2017)

1 I was there to hear your borning cry;  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.

- 2 When you heard the wonder of the Word,  
I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord  
To whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
And you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.
- 3 In the middle ages of your life,  
Not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
With just one more surprise.
- 4 I was there to hear your borning cry;  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

*Please follow the pastor outside and greet one another in the open air.*

*Remember to fill in the contact tracing binder, if you have not already done so.*

*You can place your offering in the basket when you leave the church;*

*you can always make your offering on-line at <https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//>*

*You can also follow worship with Old First on our YouTube channel:*

*[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdNKqkfBCLAmxJsoFO5czXoTd\\_KtK5wR](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdNKqkfBCLAmxJsoFO5czXoTd_KtK5wR)*

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