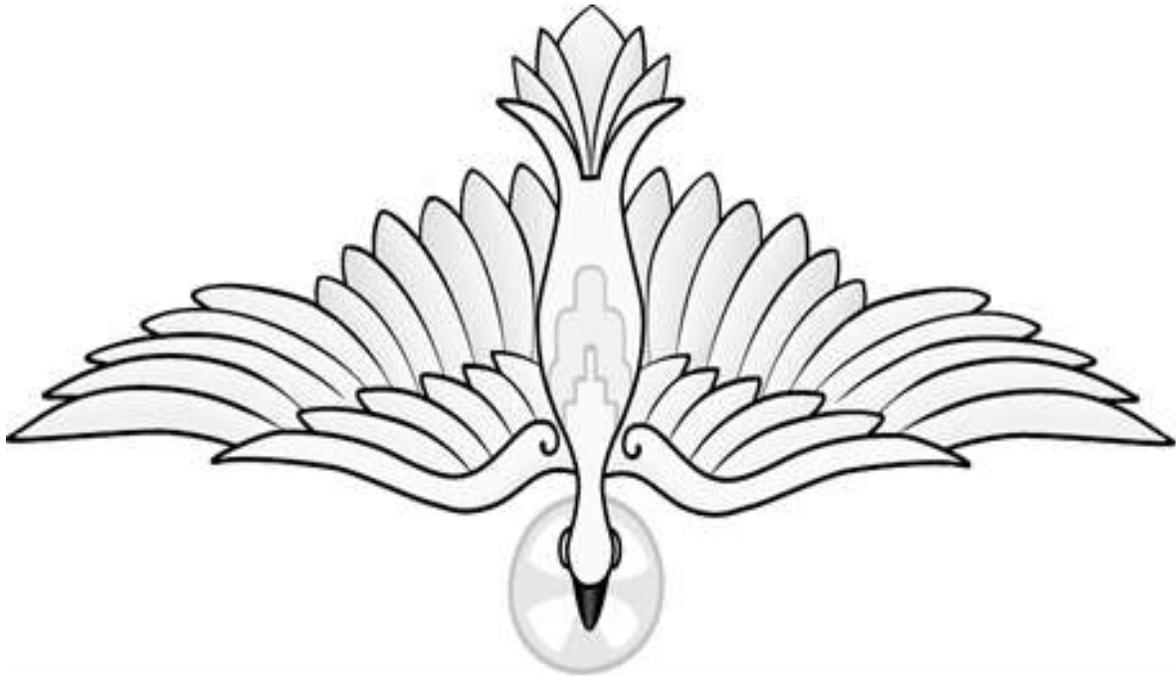


Old First Presbyterian Church



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 17th 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

You can find us at www.oldfirst.org or follow us on Facebook.

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