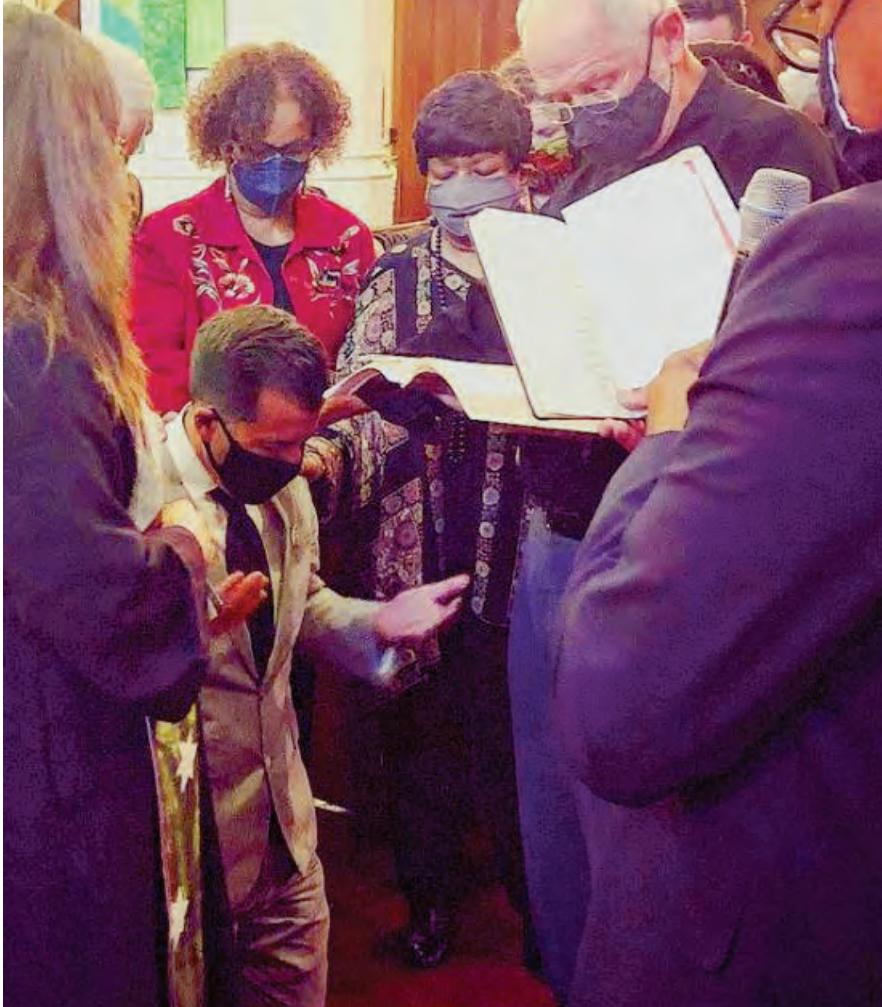


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Weekly Newsletter Week of November 21, 2021

# Temple Tidings

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland

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## **This Week:**

### **Sunday, November 21**

- 9 am Worship leader preparation
- 10 am Worship, Rianna Shaw Robinson preaches
- 11 am Halloween Sunday Activities
- 11:15 Food Ministry lunch preparation in the kitchen, led by Bill Coburn. Sunday lunch preparation consists of sack lunches given out on Sundays and preparation for Monday's meal
- 12:30 Food Ministry Lunch Service

### **Monday, November 22**

- 10 am Food Ministry lunch prep starts
- 12 pm Food Ministry lunch service

### **Tuesday, November 23**

- 11 am Food Not Bombs lunch prep starts

### **Wednesday, November 24**

- 7 pm Bible Study (Zoom)  
*The Acts of the Apostles*

### **Thursday, November 25**

- 11 am Food Not Bombs lunch prep starts

### **Friday, November 26**

- 12 pm ReCares equipment distribution

### **Saturday, November 27**

- 7 am Food Ministry morning grocery pick-up.

## **Pop-Up Clinic Needs**

## **Hospitable Volunteers**

Alameda County Health Department and Vituity Care Foundation will host a pop-up clinic at First Church geared primarily toward those without access to conventional health care. Volunteers are needed to assist with hospitality: set-up, patient welcome, patient processing, refreshments on Monday, November 29, 10:30 - 3 pm



## **Welcome to the World, Chandler Holmes Edwell**

Jen, April and Beckham are proud to announce the birth of Chandler Holmes Edwell on November 8 at 11:59 am, weighing 7lbs 30z and measuring 19.5 in. Jen and April are very grateful for all the love and support they have received from family, friends, and First Church. Jen writes: "Thank you for celebrating and supporting this adorable new edition to our family!" A gift of dinner would be most appreciated during these first days of Chandler's life. Please contact Jen, [jen.edwell@gmail.com](mailto:jen.edwell@gmail.com) to arrange a drop off.

## **Advent Season Begins with Wreath Making Activity**

Advent is the beginning of our church's liturgical year. It is a time of both preparation and expectation of the birth of Christ. A wonderful way to enter into this Season of Hope is to make an Advent Wreath. The Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring wreath-making next Sunday, November 28 after the worship service, in the Reception Room. We will supply the frames, greens and berries and other supplies to make either a wreath for your tabletop or front door. Please also bring greens from your yard, if you are able. All ages are welcome to participate.

## Holiday Season Brings Concerts from our Community Partners

When you support the artistic endeavors of these organizations, you support First Church. Visit these organization's websites to learn more about these Holiday Season concerts.

**Cantare Con Vivo presents:  
Lift Every Voice and Sing!**



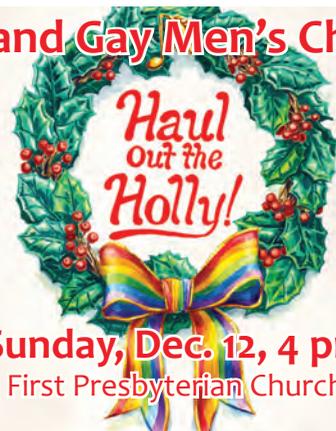
**Sunday, December 4, 6 pm**  
Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church

**Oakland School for the Arts**



**Winter Concert**  
**Friday, Dec. 10, 7 pm**  
First Presbyterian Church  
*featuring Alessandra Mohar*

**Oakland Gay Men's Chorus**



**Sunday, Dec. 12, 4 pm**  
First Presbyterian Church

**Sacred & Profane  
Chamber Chorus**



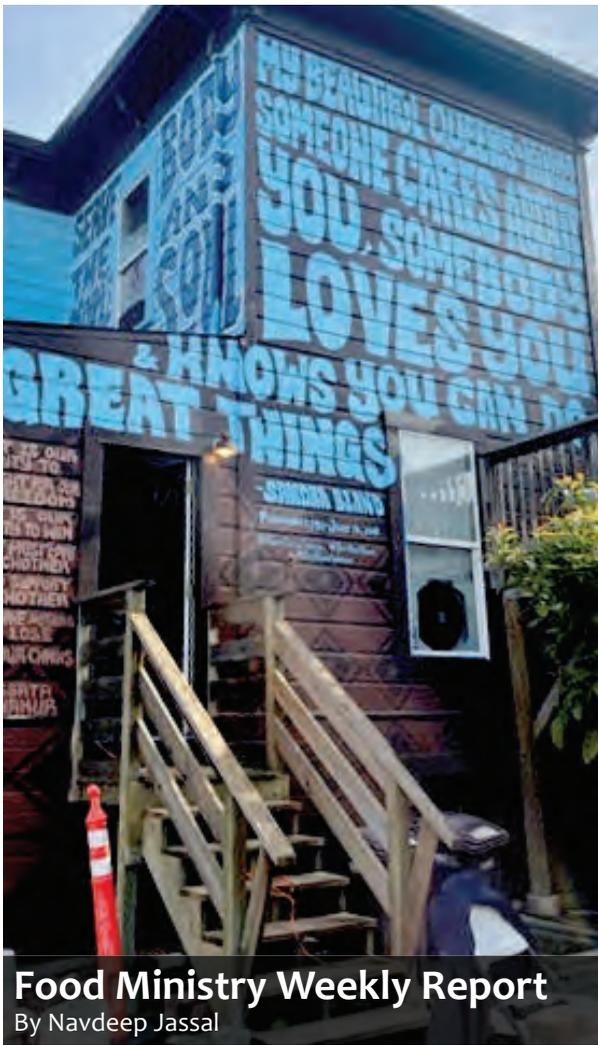
**Musical Mystical:  
Angels Among Us**  
**Saturday, December 18, 8 pm**  
St. John's Presbyterian Church

## Pledge Sunday Planned for November 28

Once a year the membership of First Church makes a commitment to pledge financial support for the coming year. Pledge Sunday offers an opportunity to consider one's own role in supporting the ministry and work of the church with a commitment of time, talent and treasure. Making a commitment on November 28 ensures that the leadership of the church is capable of planning for the coming year.

## Your Photos Sought for Year-End Photo Tribute

We are collecting photos that show the life and work of the First Church Community in 2021. Do you have photos from gatherings that you've attended this year? **We would be delighted if you would share them with us: [office@firstchurchoakland.org](mailto:office@firstchurchoakland.org)**



## Food Ministry Weekly Report

By Navdeep Jassal

On Monday, Bill Beatty and I went out for about an hour and made some deliveries on MLK and W. Grand. Then, we swung by St. Vincent DePaul's and were able to pretty much give the rest out there. It was really quick and fast and people were so grateful to receive the lamb and rice boxes. A lot of thirsty folks, too, so glad to have plenty of water to hand out.

Gay Cobb and I had a wonderfully adventurous time together. First Presbyterian is so fortunate to have Gay, an amazing community-centered activist and historian, in its mix! We headed out

with our 40 lunch boxes to Mandela and 13th and gave about half away there. Gay had candy and folks were especially happy to get some Butterfingers, Snickers, M&Ms and others. They were feeling extra loved – you should've seen the smiles on their faces! Then, we headed over to 7th and Mandela, close to the West Oakland BART station. We found a large encampment there and lots of people slowly came out for the goodies. We came across some gorgeous and meaningful/touching artwork along the way and we met the artist, Miss Nikki, who was happy to be credited for her delightful work.

As an extra bonus, Gay took me to Huey P. Newton Street and the Women of the Black Panther Party historic house and museum. Of course, Gay knows the curator, Jilchristina Vest, who came out and greeted us and spent some time with us. There's a quotation on the of the house that reads "My beautiful queens and kings, someone cares about you, somebody loves you and knows you can do great things." This is painted so big so that the kids at Prescott Elementary School can see it painted there for them to read.

We then drove over to Prescott Elementary and visited Gay's niece's classroom for a few minutes. Her niece has a classroom full of 4th and 5th graders who were diligently studying the US states and capitols.

After that awesome adventure, Gay drove me over to her historic West Oakland neighborhood and I got to hug and chat with the one and only, Mr. Paul Cobb, who I fondly call Uncle Paul. It was truly one of the best days ever in a day in the life of the Food Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Oakland for me.

So grateful for the work of the Food Ministry and the wonderful people I have had the privilege of meeting and serving with over the years.



## Matt Prinz Installed as 19th Pastor of First Church

On November 14, representatives from the San Francisco Presbytery and as far south as El Cajon, California, were welcomed for the installation of Rev. Matt Prinz as pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Matt is the nineteenth person installed by the Presbytery as pastor of the East Bay's oldest established congregation.

The installation service, a ceremony whose contents are prescribed by the national church, included a Charge to the Pastor, delivered by longtime friend of Matt Prinz, Rev. Kim Dawsey-Richardson. Local pastor, Rev. Monte McClain of College Avenue Presbyterian, delivered the Charge to the Congregation, recalling First Church's participation in the June 2020 Oakland Youth March that ostensibly inspired Matt Prinz to answer the Call to serve here. Rev. Ben McBride delivered the sermon.

The service included an activity for the congregation to hang written prayers on a tree branch installed at the communion table. Pastor Matt was administered the church's Constitutional Questions. In a portion of the service with ancient roots, he knelt, surrounded by elders who prayed for his work and ministry, and for the church itself.

Pastor Matt was presented with a white stole, a symbol of his ordination and role as Minister of Word and Sacrament. The stole was a gift from the Pastor Nominating Committee. A lively reception followed the service, with food, wine and conversation.

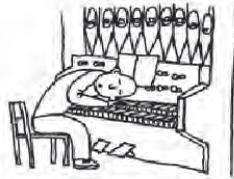


# THE LITURGICAL PAUSE

IT IS ONE OF THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF A CHURCH SERVICE  
OBSERVE A LITURGICAL PAUSE AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:



AT MOMENTS WHEN  
PONDERING IS EXPECTED



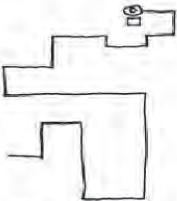
WHEN THE ORGANIST  
HASN'T COME IN



WHEN AN EASTER FIRE  
OR ADVENT CANDLE  
REFUSES TO LIGHT



WHEN NO-ONE WILL ADMIT TO  
BEING THE PERSON DOWN  
TO LEAD THE INTERCESSIONS



WHEN THE READER HAS  
A PARTICULARLY GRUELLING  
JOURNEY TO THE LECTERN



WHEN NOBODY HAS A  
CLUE WHAT IS SUPPOSED  
TO HAPPEN NEXT

## First Church is proud to support its COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Cantare Con Vivo
- College Awareness
- Community Women's Orchestra
- Faith in Action East Bay
- Food Not Bombs
- Habitat For Humanity, East Bay-Silicon Valley
- Oakland Early Head Start Preschool
- Oakland Gay Men's Chorus
- Oakland Kids First
- Piedmont East Bay Children's Choirs
- Quinteto Latino
- ReCares
- The Lucy Kinchen Chorale
- Western Service Workers Assoc.

This place was made with you in mind!

## Need Something Printed in Temple Tidings?

The First Church Communications Team meets every other week to discuss events and the life of the church. If you have a special event coming up, contact Pastor Matt, Chris Weber, Shawn Jones or Anne Margaret Manay.

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*Salted With Fire, Jan L. Richardson*

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SUNDAY, November 21, 2021

# Salted with Fire

**Making God's  
welcome known**

# SERVING in WORSHIP TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Matt Prinz

**Guest Preacher:** Rianna Shaw Robinson

**Music Director:** Aaron Nee

**Liturgist:** Henry Gardner

**Song Leader:** John Doppke

**Godly Play Story Teller:** Dorrie Dodge

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**Refreshments:** Emily Channler

## Welcome to this time of intergenerational praise and worship

Visitors:

- Please fill out a **Prayer Card** if you would like prayer from our pastor and deacons.
- Please also fill out a **Welcome Card** so we can become acquainted with you.
- Need help hearing? Ushers can provide **hearing devices** to assist you.

Visiting Parents:

- Ushers can guide you to the **nursery** for certified childcare for children age three years and younger.
- You may also make use of the **Parent Corners** at the rear sanctuary entrance or up front by the font.
- Children's **worship bags** are available in the narthex or from the ushers with materials that can be used by children during the worship service.
- On the first Sunday of every month we celebrate **communion** and children remain in worship with families to participate.
- **Godly Play** is offered for children all other Sundays. Children are escorted to Classroom 2 during *Passing of the Peace* and can rejoin their families during Fellowship Time.

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland is a **More Light** faith family,  
on a journey toward becoming the **Beloved Community**.

We welcome and affirm persons of every age,  
national origin, racial and ethnic heritage, gender identity, sexual orientation,  
socio-economic status, physical ability and spiritual leaning.

## ORDER of SERVICE

### INVITATION to WORSHIP

Prelude

*'Nimrod' from Enigma Variations*

Welcome

Edward Elgar

Call to Worship

One: We are gathered today as a community of peace and love.  
Is anyone here today suffering?

**All:** We will pray with you.

One: Is anyone here today rejoicing?

**All:** We will rejoice with you.

One: Is anyone here today longing for healing?

**All:** We will anoint you with oil.

One: You are welcome to this house of peace and love.

**All:** We come as we are, joyful and hurting. We come to you, Healer, Life-giver.

Gathering Prayer

One: Jesus, Savior, we are grateful to find our way back to you. We have carried out another week's worth of responsibilities. We have watched another week's worth of news and have listened to another week's worth of predictions. Sometimes we have slept well; sometimes not. But here we are, before you once again, open to your presence. Revive us with your love and power. Fulfill your kingdom promises in our lives, in our church, and in our world. In the name of God who created us and the Spirit who breathes new life in us, we pray.

**All: Amen**

*Please stand as you are able*

Opening Hymn

*#740: Lead Me, Guide Me*

# CONFESSIO N of SIN & ASSURANCE of GRACE

## Confession

One: Jesus, Teacher of the Way, we come from a busy week of tasks and obligations. In this quiet time, we have a chance to reflect on how we have lived our lives this week. We have an opportunity to explore the hopes that you have – hopes for compassion for the weak, justice for the mistreated, and love for friends and strangers. We thank and praise you for your love and power. We rejoice that you have helped us to be like you; and we regret when we have not been like you. Pick us up where we have fallen. Touch us with your renewing grace, Healer on the Way.

**All: Amen**

## Silent Reflection

*You are invited into a time of silent, personal prayer*

One: In the name of the one who loves us unconditionally, we pray.

**All: Amen**

*Please stand as you are able*

## Assurance of Pardon

One: Jesus forgives us when we wander. He raises us up to live with courage and hope and love. Praise be to our Lord and Savior!

## Song of Response

*#582: Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen!**  
(repeat one time)

## Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace

*Greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace (practice sign language!)*

**Children are invited to join leaders by the cloister door to go to Godly Play in Room 2**

# PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Sharing of joys and concerns

*You may share requests for prayer with the congregation aloud, or fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate to privately share your prayer need with the pastor.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

## T H E W O R D

New Testament Reading

*Mark 9 : 38 - 50 (NRSV)*

One: <sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>or truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

One: For the Word in scripture, the Word made flesh, and the Word in our hearts

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

# RESPONSE to the WORD

Sermon Continued

*Pastor Matt will lead the congregation in reflection on the reading and sermon.*

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The bread of heaven is here, leading us into life.

**All: We draw strength from the bread of life.**

One: The cup of blessing is at hand, bringing us salvation.

**All: We find life in the cup of salvation.**

One: Eat and drink, for Christ is here, offering us eternal life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Holy Meal

*Please come forward as the ushers allow. Communion is alcohol and gluten free.*

Communion Music

*#529: Draw Us In the Spirits Tether*

Invitation to the Offering

*Donations, Welcome Cards & Prayer Cards can be placed in the offering plate.*

*You may also make a donation by using this QR code on your smart phone:*

*Note: donations made online are subject to a 4% service charge, paid by us.*



Offertory

*from Crown Imperial  
William Walton*

*Please stand as you are able*

Song of Response

*#607, Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

# SENDING OUT to be THE CHURCH

Sending Hymn

*#643: Now Thank We All Our God*

Invitation to Community Life

Benediction

Postlude

*from Crown Imperial  
William Walton*