

Old First Presbyterian Church



A Season of Pentecost Sunday, June 11, 2023

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 Aria

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

***Call to
Worship**

Christopher Burt

Leader

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

People

**where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader We come, for God welcomes us here,
to that home called grace:
**People where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Leader We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:
**People where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

***Hymn 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?**

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey; we are together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Christopher Burt

Leader In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:
People We confess you are still speaking!
Leader In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:
People We confess you are still speaking!
Leader In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:
People We confess you are still speaking!
Leader In a world calling for the blessing of truth:
People We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!
All We confess that in our lives we often hide behind
our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.
We let ourselves get so busy
that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering.
We confess we allow the powers of this world
to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness.
Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all,
strengthen us to love our neighbor
and speak truth no matter the penalty.
Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader The Word of God assures us
that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ.

People **Let us go from this place with authority,
knowing that God’s Word gives us strength
to love our neighbors near and far
and power to speak up for those who are broken.**

***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 kiosk in the narthex.*

Solo Sergey Khalikulov, bass

***Hymn 609**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Time with Our Children **Celebrating our Food Pantry Coordinators:
Frank Gama and Chris Hallacy**

***The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Worship Through Hearing God’s Word

Prayers of the People

Cindy Burt

Prayer Partners Buddy Tate Choy and Jeanne Choy Tate, Tracy Clagett, Eva DeLair, James Brown and Isaac Browndelair, Eder Dueñas, Angela Mayor and Sebastian

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 25:34-45
Translation: The Message by Eugene Peterson. See insert for text.

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

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 762** **When the Poor Ones/Cuando el pobre**

- 1 **When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.**
- 2 **When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
then we know that God still goes the road with us,
then we know that God still goes the road with us.**
- 3 **Cuando crece la alegria y nos inunda,
cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,
cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos,
va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar,
va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar,**
- 4 **When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
then we know that God still go to the road with us,
then we know that God still goes the road with us.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Allemande

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

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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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Honoring Our Food Pantry Leaders, Today

Today, we will recognize and honor Old First's food pantry coordinators Frank Gama and Chris Hallacy. Pastor Maggi notes, "These amazing members of the community stepped up to take this leadership role when our last two coordinators moved. We literally could not have kept going without them!"

Today's Liturgy

The call to worship is by the Rev. Thom Shuman of the PC(USA), and the confession comes from Lt. Leticia Rouser, a UCC chaplain in the United States Navy.

Holy Communion, June 18

Next Sunday, June 18, we will celebrate Holy Communion. If you join us on line, have bread and cup at hand.

Pride Parade, June 25

Old First Presbyterian Church will be marching in the Pride parade with the **United in Spirit** contingent on Sunday, June 25, with members of many other houses of worship. There is a motorized cable car for those that may need it. Old First has not marched since 2019, and in these days people of faith need to stand up with all people!

Please let us know that you can join the march: Sign up in the Narthex or at Coffee hour; Sarah Taber has the sign up sheet. For further information visit: <https://unitedinspiritsf.org>

Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, June 24

It's not too early to sign up to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry Saturday, June 24, when Old First and St Luke's staff the pantry. You can sign up easily by visiting Old First's website – www.oldfirst.org – and then clicking on the link in the sidebar column. Or go directly to the sign-up page: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>

The Interfaith Food Pantry at Old First works with the SF Marin Food Bank, whose innovative pantry network is the cornerstone of their outreach. Together with partners like our Interfaith Food Pantry, the Food Bank now coordinates 250 pantries, located in easily accessible locations such as schools, churches, and community-based organizations. For safety reasons, most of them operate outdoors and some even as drive-thrus with the groceries pre-bagged.

A typical weekly pantry offers the participants carrots, potatoes, onions, apples, oranges, and lettuce, along with rice and chicken or eggs. This service brings food directly into the neighborhoods where it is needed the most and caters to populations ranging from families to seniors. As a result, the Food Bank can address the problem of hunger on a grassroots level, involving the greater community in the effort to ensure that no one has to worry about their next meal: Not now, during the pandemic, or tomorrow. For more information, visit www.sfmfoodbank.org/

This Week at Old First

Sunday June 11

- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday June 17

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today! Visit Old First's website for a link to the sign-up page: www.oldfirst.org
- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

Sunday June 18

- 11:00 am Worship
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Old First Presbyterian Church Staff

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

Matthew 25:34-45

The Message, a Dynamic Translation by Eugene Peterson

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.'

Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

Then he will turn to the 'goats,' the ones on his left, and say, 'Get out, worthless goats! You're good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was homeless and you gave me no bed,
I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.'

Then those 'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?' He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.'