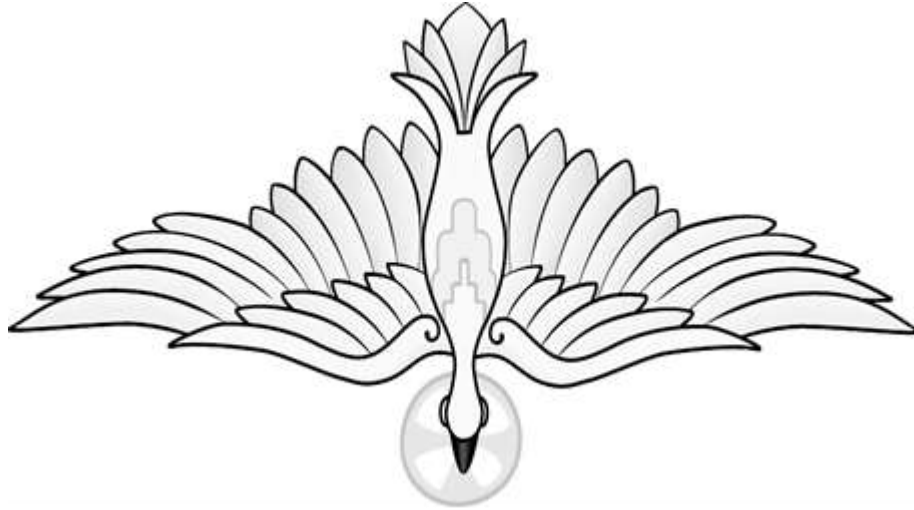


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, October 8, 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 Adagio from Chorale in A minor, Op. 40
Allegro maestoso from Sonata No. 4, Op. 65 Cesar Franck (1809-1847)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit LYNGHAM (O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing)
Thomas Jarman (1776-1861); arr. Steve Repasky (born 1953)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of such grace!

Samuel Wesley (1810-1876)

***Call to
Worship**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Leader Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day
to the rising of this life itself.
Leader Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
People **the hand of God between us and each hand,**
Leader the pain of Christ between us and each pain,
People **the love of Christ between us and each love.**
Leader Lover of the broken, Lover of the lost,
People **Draw us to the shelter of your house,
where the cornerstone is your Love.**

Adapted from the Iona Community

***Hymn 394 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

- 1 **Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.**
- 2 **To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.**
- 3 **Here bestow on all thy servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**
- 4 **Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run!**

Prayer of
Confession

Kurt Schwartzmann

Dear God, for the day you have given us,
with all its possibilities, we thank you.
For your gifts of life and love, of labor and rest,
we praise your holy name.
Forgive us that too often we are unappreciative
while your goodness surrounds us;
that we feel alone
when there are many who love us;
that we despair
when your strength is near at hand.
Tear down the walls that isolate us,
make strong the ties that bind us, and
help us to walk together with joy in all your ways;
through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of your Spirit.
Amen.

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
People **The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**
Leader Friends, believe the gospel.
People **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Hymn 587 Celtic Alleluia

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering *Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the kiosk in the narthex.*

Anthem O Salutaris Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

O Love's Redeeming Sacrifice Who opens wide the gates of heav'n:
From those who threaten us with death, O give us strength, grant us thy aid,
In all danger and fear of death, O give us strength, grant us your aid.
Sing to the one eternal God, Unending praise unto Thy name,
For we are heirs of grace through Thee Providing us eternal life. Amen.

Trans. Philip Brunelle (born 1943)

*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**

***The Peace**

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

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of the
People**

Beth Arnaoot

Prayer Partners Gabriele Beck-Engeser, George Becker and Christo Bresnahan, Michael and Nina Berg, Erin Berg, Patrick Berg, Lisa Bigley, Courtney Blake

**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

Isaiah 5:1-7, Matthew 21:33-43

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 765 Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope**

We sing the English verse, then the Spanish verse, then the English verse again.

- 1 **May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

2 ¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!
El mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,
luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.
Oremos por la paz,
Cantemos de tu amor.
Luchemos por la paz,
fieles a ti, Señor.

3 May the God of hope go with us every day... *(repeat Verse 1)*

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Wilson Niwaglia (born 1940); arr. Egil Hovland (1924-2013)
Come to teach and to nourish those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced.
Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

Wilson Niwaglia (born 1940); trans. Howard S. Olson (1922-2010)

Postlude Allemande

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

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23rd Psalm Challenge

In last week’s sermon, Pastor Maggi put out a challenge to memorize the 23rd Psalm. While the psalm may have only six verses, it has great depth and offers strength for daily living. As a bit of old-school fun, Maggi offered, if you could recite it to her (or could tell her that you had memorized it, if you get too nervous to recite it), to give you a treat: something nourishing for you, body and soul.

Old First Prepares the 4th Saturday Community Dinner

Old First is cooking the meal for the community dinner on October 28. It could be a scary task for just one person – but not if we work together. We are going to do some of the meal preparation together **after worship on Sunday, October 22**. Call, text, E-mail or talk to Pastor Maggi if you can help. No prior cooking experience needed – just a good heart and a willing hand.

Tim Hart-Andersen Retires

The Reverend Tim Hart-Andersen, a former pastor of Old First, is retiring from ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis on October 29. If you remember Tim, why not sign the church’s letter to him and/or write him a note telling him what he meant to you or sharing a memory with him. The church’s letter and note cards will be available in the Fellowship Hall after worship. His mailing address is this: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Check out the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entrance for more detail.

Remembering the Saints, October 29

On October 29, the Sunday before All Saints’ Day, we will remember the saints who have died since last All Saints’ Day in 2022.

Please let Brad in the church office know if you have names of saints to remember this year. Give him **their names, the dates of their death, and your relationship to them**. You can send Brad an E-mail (brad@oldfirst.org), call him at the church office, or fill out the form below and put it in the offering plate.

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Remembering the Saints Who’ve Died since Last All Saints’ Day

My Name			
Name(s) to be Remembered	1	2	3
Date(s) of Death			
Relationship: They were my ...			

Peace & Global Witness Offering

It's not too late to make a donation to the Peace & Global Witnesses Offering. Our local portion will go to United Playaz for their gun buy-back program. So far United Playaz have removed over 2,500 guns from our streets. Read more about their amazing work on their website:

<https://unitedplayaz.org/>

You can make your Peace & Global Witness Offering by...

- using the envelope included in this bulletin,
- using the kiosk in the narthex,
- visiting Old First's donations page:
<https://dev.oldfirst.org/donations//>,
- visiting the PC(USA)'s special offerings page:
<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/>,
- texting PCUSAPEACE to 41444, or
- scanning the QR-code printed here.



This Week at Old First

Sunday October 8

- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, on line
4:00 pm O1C: Zachary Donaldson, lute
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday October 14

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

Sunday October 15

- 11:00 am Worship
4:00 pm O1C: Monica Chew, piano,
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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