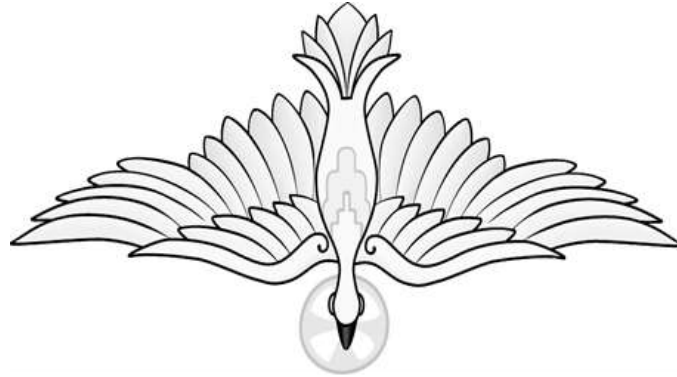


# Old First Presbyterian Church



## The Sunday Before All Saints' Day October 29, 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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Elegy	William Grant Still (1895-1978)
	Elegy	George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
<b>Remembering the Saints</b>	<i>See insert.</i>	Jeanne Kirkwood, Mary Russell
<b>*Hymn 326</b>	<b>For all the Saints</b>	
<b>Verse 1</b>	<b>For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>	
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	From <i>Messe solennelle en l'honneur de Sainte-Cécile</i>	Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
Sanctus Dominus, Sanctus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Holy Lord, Holy God of Hosts,</i>	
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>	

**\*Call to  
Worship**

Mary Russell

Leader

We remember, O God...

**People**

**the countless saints of history  
who have blazed a trail of courage through time.**

Leader

We remember, O God...

**People**

**the tender touch of loved ones,  
the example of heroes,  
the healing words of comforters,  
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

Leader

We remember, O God...

**People**

**the gentle strength of grandmothers,  
the loyalty of friends,  
the kindness of strangers,  
the joy of children,  
the sacrifice of parents.**

Leader

We remember, O God...

**People**

**the supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,  
the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering,  
the glory of his resurrection  
shown forth in the lives of his disciples:  
young and old, dead and living,  
articulate and silent, strange and familiar,  
brilliant and ordinary.**

Leader

We remember in every time and place the saints of God  
who have shown us the Lord.

**People**

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us worship God with joy!**

**\*Hymn 730**

**I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

**1**

**I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who I toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they love and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they are all of the saints of God, and I mean,  
God helping, to be one two.**

**2**

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and God's love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus's sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.**

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, no the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

- 3 The lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
and the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one two.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Mary Russell

**Beloved God,**  
who was known to our parents and to our spiritual forebears,  
have mercy on us.  
We do not always love  
as you would have us love.  
We do not always do  
as you would have us do.  
In our stubbornness,  
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.  
Hold us, dear One,  
comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,  
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.

*Let us pray silently.*

**We praise you for the grace you shower on us,  
constantly forgiving our error,  
reminding us we are your beloved, and  
granting us courage to live by your grace. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader Friends, hear the good news!  
Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors  
did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did!  
Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time,  
taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us.

People **Thus we and all who have come before us  
are rightly known as saints – the beloved of God!  
Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love!**

**\*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 or this QR-code:*



**Anthem**

John Goss (1800-1880)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is,  
Blessed is the one that trusteth in Thee.  
O fear our God, ye that are God's saints,  
For they that fear God lack nothing.  
The lions do lack and suffer hunger,  
But they who seek our God,  
Shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Psalm 34:8-10

**\*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**

Betty Voris

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** Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (pp. 480-481)  
Hebrews 12:1-2 (p. 212-213)

**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

**The Apostles'**

**Creed**

Hymnal, page 35

**Leader** Let us confess the faith of our baptism.

**All** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead and buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand**

**of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;**

**the holy catholic church;**

**the communion of saints;**

**the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body;**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 732** **Rejoice in God's Saints**

**1** **Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!**

**A world without saints forgets how to praise.**

**Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,**

**their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**2** **Some march with events to turn them God's way;**

**some need to withdraw, the better to pray;**

**some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:**

**our world is their parish; their purpose is God.**

3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own;  
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A World without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir**

Matthew Glandorf (born 1972)

Peace I leave with you;  
My peace I give to you;  
Not as the world gives  
Do I give unto you.

John 14:27

**Postlude** Toccata from *Suite Gothique* (abridged)

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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### Today's Liturgy

Today's prayer of confession was adapted from a prayer written by the Reverend Lucius Keppel, Ancho Community and Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico.

### Visit Our Columbarium Today

Old First's columbarium will be open for visitation immediately after worship today. All are invited in to read the names inscribed there, to pray, to reflect, and to give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in our church.

### Last Night's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner

Great thanks go to all those that helped prepare and serve the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner yesterday: Loving our neighbor in action.

### Potluck of Gratitude! Sunday, November 5

Join us for a potluck luncheon following worship on Sunday, November 5, to kick-off our Season of Stewardship. Bring a side dish, main course, or dessert to share... and spread the word! Please let other members and friends of Old First know about this upcoming chance to share a meal and gratitude with one another.

### A Season of Stewardship, November 5 to 19

Old First will observe a Season of Stewardship from Sunday, November 5, through Sunday, November 19. Our theme will be



**Rooted in Relationship:  
Grateful in Giving.**

### Sponsor Coffee Hour

Join us for coffee hour after worship today. Then stop by the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry and sign up to sponsor coffee hour one Sunday. Your donation of \$50 supports Old First's ministry of hospitality and offers you an opportunity to honor or remember someone you love: your dedication will appear in the bulletin.

**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday October 29**

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday November 4**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today!  
Simply use the QR-code to the right.



**Sunday November 5**

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Potluck of Gratitude, Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm O1C: Kevin Lee Sun, piano: works by Frederic Rzewski, Hanns Eisler, Hyo-shin Na

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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