

Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday
February 11, 2024**

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 Agincourt Hymn John Dunstable (c. 1390-1453)
Arranged by E. Power Biggs (1906-1977)

Choral from Quatre Pièces pour Orgue, Op. 37
Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Jubilate Deo omnis terra. *Rejoice in God, all the earth.*

Servite Domino in lætitia. *Serve the Lord in joy.*

Alleluia. *Hallelujah.*

Psalm 100:1-2a

***Call to Worship**

Randy Smith

Leader Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors
you reveal to us the light of your love.

People **Our heart's desire
is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence.**

Leader With each encounter we are changed and transformed.

People **Draw us nearer
that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.**

Leader Help us, Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.

People **May we walk among our brothers and sister as a blessing,
bearing light to illuminate dark places,
hope to displace despair, and
love to cast out hate.**

Leader Our world is hurting
and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely.

People **Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us
and saying, "listen to my Child, the Beloved!"**

***Hymn 190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory**

1 **Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.**

2 **Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Savior
through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience
through betrayal, pain, and loss.**

3 **Lord, transfigure our perception
with the purest light that shines,
and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory
than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Randy Smith

The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment,
Shaper of mountaintops, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows.
We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows which claim to be 'real,'
but we have trouble simply sitting in your presence,
in your healing silence.
We can become so infatuated with your love for us,
we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.
Revealer of mystery, forgive us.

Silence is kept.

In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace.
In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness
lifting the burden of guilt from us.
In trust, may we go forth to serve your world,
filling it with the light and love
of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

The promise is true:
God's Light has come into the world, and into our lives.
We are graced with glimpses of God's glory,
even as we are filled with mercy and forgiveness.

People

**Here we find the peace and quiet we need.
Here we are set free from all that keeps us from serving.
Here we are given mercy and hope.
Here we give our thanks to God. Amen.**

***Hymn 583**

**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 QR-code to the right.



Anthem

From Elijah, Opus 70

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Michael Desnoyers, tenor

No. 38 Chorus

Then did Elijah the prophet break forth like a fire;
and his word burned them, like flaming torches.
Mighty kings by him were overthrown.
He stood on the mount of Sinai where he heard the judgments of the future,
and in Horeb, its vengeance.
And when the Lord chose to take him up to heaven:
Look, there came a fiery chariot with blazing and smoldering horses;
and he went by a whirlwind to heaven.

Sirach 48:1, 6-7; 2 Kings 2:1, 11,

No. 39 Aria Then shall the righteous shine in glory,
as the sun shines within creation's realm.
Gladness and joy shall be for everlasting,
and all sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Matthew 13:43, Isaiah 51:11b
 German libretto: Julius Schubring (1806-1889)
 English translation: William Bartholomew (1793-1867)
 Revised translation: Michael Conley (born 1974)

***Doxology** *Sung to the Tune OLD HUNDREDTH*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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**

Chris Burt

Prayer Partners Mark Spicer and Sam, Rose Marie Springer, Stephen and Sarah Taber,
Hugh Thacher, Horngsheng Tu and Hsiaochien Chuang, Stephen and
Betty Voris

**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

2 Kings 2:1-12 (p. 317)
Mark 9:2-9 (pp. 41-42)

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
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- *Hymn** **Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**
- 1 **Jesus, take us to the mountain
where, with Peter, James and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.
there prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.**
- 2 **What do you want us to see there
that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there
fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go,
matched to meet our deadliest foe.**
- 3 **What do you want us to hear there
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
Says of the incarnate Word:
“Listen, listen ev’ryone;
this is my beloved Son!”**
- 4 **Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified,
where you shouted, “It is finished!”
where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
“Truly this was God’s own Son!”**
- 5 **We who have beheld your glory,
risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story,
all that we have seen and heard,
say with Peter, James, and John:
“You are God’s beloved Son!”**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Benedicamus Domino: *Let us bless the Lord.*
Domino dicamus gratias. *Let us proclaim thanks to the Lord.*

Liturgical Latin

Postlude Exultation

G. Winston Cassler (1906-1990)

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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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Today's Cover Art

The art on the cover is by Dominic Martinelli: <https://www.dominicmartinelli.com/>

Today's Coffee Hour

Tom Culp has given today's coffee hour in memory of Mary Adeline Culp.

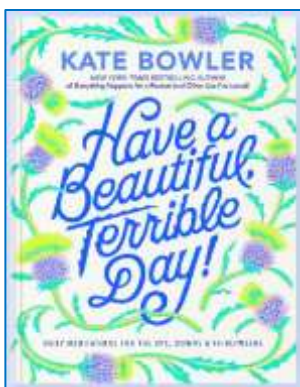
Lent Begins: Ash Wednesday, This Wednesday

This Lent we will be joining with churches around the USA using materials called *Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter* from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. We will focus on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us. As we follow Peter's story, we will sing and pray our way through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God.



We will begin our “wandering” at **worship on Ash Wednesday, this Wednesday, February 14, at 6:00 pm**, when you can pick up your *Wandering Heart* devotional cards for Lent. You can also get them next Sunday or by asking the church office to mail one to you.

Lent On-Line: Kate Bowler's E-mail Devotions for Lent



Are you more of an E-mail person? You can receive an amazing daily devotional, *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent*, from Kate Bowler, professor, podcaster, faithful disciple and “best blessing author ever” (says Pastor Maggi). Bowler writes “Lent is full of hard truths. And it is a perfect moment for spiritual honesty. We can look on this tragicomedy with love and bemusement as we wait for the someday that will be God's promised future. There, God's kingdom comes. God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. And in the meantime, there's this... our beautiful, terrible days.” You can visit Bowler's homepage at <https://katebowler.com> and/or go directly to the sign-up page for *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent*: <https://katebowler.com/resources/#devotional>.

Valentine Potluck Lunch, Next Sunday

The Board of Deacons are sponsoring a potluck lunch after worship next Sunday, February 18. Please join us and socialize with your Old First family! We miss having the whole gang together! For the potluck, we ask that you bring one or more favorite foods to share: they could be soups, sandwich makings, cute little Valentine sandwiches, salads, crudites, fried chicken, hot dogs, burgers, desserts, or beverages. We have some Valentine-themed decorations for the tables, but bring more if you have something cute at home to share. Let's get together again and have a loving good time!

Memorial Service for Doris Bebb, February 25

Old First will remember our member Doris Bebb, who died on January 1, with a memorial service on Sunday, February 25, at 1:00 pm.

Ballot Proposition Review, February 25

Betty Voris, chair of the San Francisco Ballot Simplification Committee and Old First member, will hold a review of the March ballot's state and city propositions on Sunday, February 25, at 3 pm via Zoom. Please join Betty for this informative discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87826096016?pwd=YWRydDVWSXIUK1pBeVdCUFIEWmR0QT09>

This Week at Old First

Sunday February 11

- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
- 4:00 pm O1C: Kitka, "Wintersongs"
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday February 13

- 6:00 pm Presbytery of San Francisco On-Line Meeting

Wednesday February 14

- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Saturday February 17

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Simply use the QR-code to the right to sign up!
- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line



Sunday February 18

- 11:00 am Worship followed by Potluck Lunch
- 4:00 pm O1C: Duo Chiaroscuro, Tristana Ferreyra-Rantalaiho, mezzo-soprano, and Johanna Tarcson, piano: Love and Dreams
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday February 19

Presidents Day: Church Office Closed

- 4:00 pm Finance Committee, On-Line

Tuesday February 20

- 7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line