

Old First Presbyterian Church



**First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 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 Chorale Prelude: O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit Arranged by Joseph Clokey (1890-1960)

Rend your heart, and not your garments
and turn unto the Lord your God;
For God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and of great kindness.

Latin Gregorian Chant Kyrie II: Fons bonitans

***Call to Worship**

Mary Russell

Leader Come in.
Feel your feet on the floor.
Settle your worries.
Take a deep breath.
Dust the cobwebs from your ears.
Relax the tension in your jaw,

People for Christ is here.

Leader God never stops seeking us.

People We have been found

Leader Let us find God in return.

People Let us worship the God of deep waters.

***Hymn 167 Forty Days and Forty Nights**

- 1 **Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.**
- 2 **Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?**
- 3 **Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faith nor fail!**
- 4 **So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.**
- 5 **Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear at th'eternal Eastertide.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Mary Russell

Loving God, you call us by name.
You join us in the deep waters of life.
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,
and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.
Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised
to find you in our midst.
Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.

Silence is kept.

Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,
for you are the Lord our God,
and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat.
He questioned dropping his nets,
as they hadn't caught any fish all night.
He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time,
and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat,
he quickly deemed himself unworthy.
And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.
Church family, hear and believe this good news:

**People We can make a thousand bad impressions.
We can make every mistake in the book, roll our eyes,
and assume that we know better, that we are right.**

Leader And even still, Christ will forgive you, claim you,
and continue to seek your heart.

**People That is the good news of the gospel.
Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.**

***Hymn**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

**Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Latin, 8th Century

English translation: Taizé Community, 1991

Offering *Usbers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code to the right.*



Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine (1639-1699), Opus 11

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and sky,
We kneel in adoration,
O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming,
whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumb'ring souls with radiance all-illuminating,
that they may waken Thy mercy to tell.

O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory,
and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!

English text: Harold Heiberg (1922-2013)

- *Hymn 475** **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, verses 1 and 2 only**
- 1 **Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to send by grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!**
- 2 **Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Time with
Our Children**

***The Peace**

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

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Scripture Psalm 25:1-10 (p. 475)
 Luke 5:1-11 (p. 58)

Sung Response

Return to You

The choir sings the phrase once. The congregation then sings it twice.

**I have a wond'ring heart, and a fickle faith.
Can you find me here, can I see your face?
Help me return to you, help me return to you.**

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Sermon

Pastor Henderson

**Affirmation of
Faith**

**I believe in a God of abundance—
a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.
I believe in a God who comforts—
a God who says, "Do not be afraid;"
a God who joins me in life's deep waters.
I believe in a God who invites—
a God who says, "Follow me,"
and, "You will be fishers of people."
I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—
a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.
We believe. Help our unbelief.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Leader May the God of our moments be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader People of God, let us offer our hearts to the One
who is with us in this place and time.

People We lift them to the One who fills us with grace.

Leader Children of hope, join in singing praises to God.

People With hearts and voices, we lift glad thanksgivings.

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader ... we offer our thanksgivings to you:

People Holy, holy, holy, are you,

God of our every moment.

We join all creation in praising you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who heard you calling.

Hosanna in the highest!

The leader continues the prayer.

**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.**

**The Words of
Institution**

**The Bread
and the Cup**

All are invited to come forward to share in the Lord's Supper.

Receive the bread from the pastor, then dip it in the wine or grape juice.

There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the cup.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn You Sought Me**

Sung to the tune ERHALT UNS, HERR, Hymn 165

- 1 **My bones and head were bent down low
When you approached me on your own
You sought me out and called my name
My life would never be the same**

- 2 **A chance encounter by the lake
I thought this must be some mistake
That someone wrapped in holiness
Would willingly embrace this mess**

- 3 **I tried to tell you, "Leave me be—
I'm not sure what you see in me."
And yet you chose my net to fill
With all my faults you call me still**

- 4 **When I begin to doubt my worth
Remind me I was formed from earth
The very good creation of
My God who seeks me out in love**

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***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Henry Baker (1835-1910)

Jesus, thou joy of living hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.

Latin, 12th Century

Translation by Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Postlude Fugue in C Major (Fanfare)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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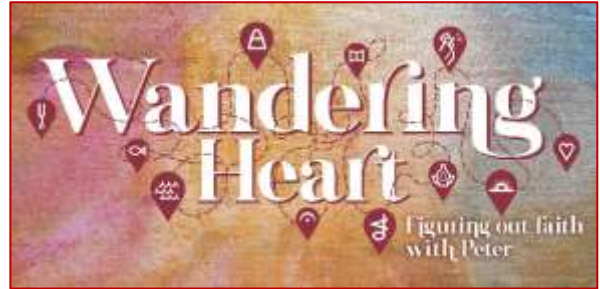
Valentine Potluck Lunch, Today

The Board of Deacons are sponsoring a potluck lunch today after worship. Please join us and socialize with your Old First family! Let's get together again and have a loving good time!

Lent 2024

Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter

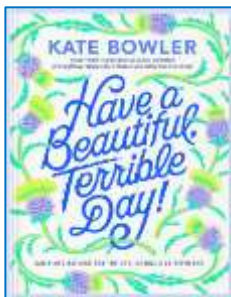
This Lent we will be joining with churches around the USA using materials called *Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter* from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. We will focus on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast 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.



Devotional Cards for Lent

You can pick up your *Wandering Heart* devotional cards for Lent today in the narthex.

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>.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, February 24

This month’s 4th Saturday Community Dinner falls on this coming Saturday, February 24. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know you can help: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

Memorial Service for Doris Bebb, February 25

Old First will remember our member Doris Bebb, who died on January 1, with a memorial service next 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 next Sunday, February 25, at 3 pm via Zoom. Please join Betty for this informative discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87826096016?pwd=YWRydDVWSXIUK1pBeVdCUFIEWmR0QT09>

Today’s Art and Liturgy

The graphic design on the cover is by the Reverend Lauren Wright Pittman; the background painting and photography by the Reverend Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. Today’s liturgy is adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

This Week at Old First

Sunday February 18

- After worship Valentine Potluck Lunch, Fellowship Hall
- 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

Friday February 23

- 8:00 pm Sixth Station Trio: Anju Goto, violin, Federico Strand Ramirez, cello, Katelyn Tan, piano

Saturday February 24

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Simply use the QR-code to the right to sign up!
- 5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall



Sunday February 25

- 11:00 am Worship
- 1:00 pm Memorial Service for Doris Bebb
- 3:00 pm Ballot Proposition Review, On-Line
- 4:00 pm O1C: Chopin Birthday Party with Robert Schwartz, piano
Birthday cake and champagne reception follows the concert!
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall