

Old First Presbyterian Church

**Reign of Christ
November 24, 2024**

Worship Through Praising God

*Easy-to-use earphones to assist with hearing are available from the ushers.
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 Three Chorale Preludes on NUN DANKET, ALLE GOTT

Georg Friedrich Kauffmann (1679-1735)

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Justin Heinrich Knecht (1752-1817)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit The Elixir
Dedicated to Larry Marietta and the Old First Presbyterian Choir
Jarron Carlson (born 1999)

Teach me, my God and King, in all things Thee to see,
and in all I do, to do it as for Thee.
All may of Thee partake,
None can be so mean,
Which with their tincture “for Thy sake”—
Will grow not bright and clean.

George Herbert (1563-1633)

***Call to Worship** Roseanne Hoo

Leader Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.
People **Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.**
Leader Praise be to God who provides for us.
People **May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude
by the ways in which we live and care for others.**
Leader Hallelujah!
People Amen.

***Hymn 336** **We Gather Together**
During the hymn, please bring your pledge cards or your commitment cards to the front of the church.

- 1 **We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known:
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**
- 2 **Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!**
- 3 **We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Stewardship
Moment **God is Still Writing Our Story Through You**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Roseanne Hoo

O God, so often we take you for granted.
We take for granted that you will answer our prayers.
We take for granted that you will heal us and make us whole.
We take for granted that you entrust us with so much –
forgetting that it is not ours to keep but yours to share,
for we are your stewards.
We take for granted that we have a part to play, monies to give,
lives to offer you –
forgetting that it isn't just the other person's job, but our own.
We take for granted that you love us.
Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives.

Let us confess silently....

Help us to be more thankful.
Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us,
so that we may be truly grateful.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Hear the good news!

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting till everlasting.

People

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness this day and everyday!

***Hymn 586**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The image shows a musical score for Hymn 586. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in 3/4 time and has a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' are written below the treble staves. The first system shows the first two phrases, and the second system shows the third phrase. The music is simple and melodic, with a steady rhythm.

Offering

Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code at the right.



Anthem A Harvest Anthem Maurice Greene (1696-1755)
Sergey Khalikulov, bass
Thou visiteth the earth, and blesseth it:
and crowneth the year with Thy goodness. Psalm 65:9,12

***Hymn 609** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
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** Mary Russell
Prayer Partners Rose Marie Springer, Stephen and Sarah Taber, Horngheng Tu and
Hsiaochien Chuang, Stephen and Betty Voris, Jian Wang

**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.

Anthem Let All Things Now Living THE ASH GROVE, traditional Welsh melody
Harmonized by Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)
Arranged by Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980)
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Psalm 126

Leader When THE LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

People **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“THE LORD has done great things for them.”**

Leader THE LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

People **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

Leader May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

People **Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Scripture Luke 17:11-19 (page 75)

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 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?**

1 **Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
 his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
 his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

**Refrain I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

2 **"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fear;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
 his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
 his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

3 **Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free:
 his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
 his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

**Choir A grateful heart is what we bring,
a song of praise, our offering.
Among the saints we lift our voices:
in you, O God, we will rejoice.**

Postlude Nun danket alle Gott, Opus 65 Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

You may depart or stay to listen to the postlude as you wish.

However, do please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee hour.

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This Week at Old First

Sunday November 24: Reign of Christ

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Thursday November 28

Thanksgiving Day: Church Office Closed

10:00 am 20th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service,
Presidio Chapel, 130 Fisher Loop in the Presidio

Friday November 29

Church Office Closed

Sunday December 1: First Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday December 2

7:00 pm ofpc: Book Discussion Group, On-Line

Friday December 6

3:30 pm Memorial for Hugh Thacher

Devotionals for Advent and Christmas

Advent devotional booklets are available the narthex today. Advent and the new church year begin next Sunday, December 1.

Today's Coffee Hour

Mary Russell has given today's coffee hour to wish everyone "Happy Thanksgiving!"

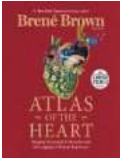
Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service, November 28

The 20th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service, sponsored by the San Francisco Interfaith Council, will be held at 10:00 am at the Presidio Chapel, 130 Fisher Loop in the Presidio.

Church Office Closed, November 28 and 29

In observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday, the church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29.

Next Book Discussion, December 2



The next session of our new book discussion of Brené Brown’s Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart will take place via Zoom on Monday, December 2, at 7:00 pm. At this session, we’ll cover Chapter 11 “Places We Go When Life Is Good.” Newcomers are always welcome!

If you’ve downloaded the Zoom App, use Meeting ID: 817 4408 7981 and Passcode: 460421. If not, simply click on the web address below or enter it into your computer’s browser. A live link to this web address also appears in Maggi’s weekly Saturday E-mail.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMWl0QT09>

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, December 7

Members of Old First and St Luke’s combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, December 7. Mark your calendars now: We need your helping hands! To sign up simply use the QR-Code to the right.



**Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas
Deadline: Monday, November 25**

Once again, a garden of poinsettias will beautify Old First’s sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, and you can contribute to this garden by using the form below.

Each of your contributions of **Thirty (\$30)** for these plants will be acknowledged by a dedication in the bulletin on the Sunday before Christmas.

Please return the information requested below with your payment by placing them in the offering plate or delivering them to the church **no later than Monday, November 25.**

- My name: _____
- The total dollar amount of my gift(s): \$30 x ____ = _____
- Here is **one dedication for each Thirty (\$30) contribution** I’m making – please indicate “in honor of” the living, or “in memory of” the dead, or “in gratitude for” some blessing.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

NOTE: If you use a check, write “Poinsettias” on the memo line. Alternatively, you can make your payment on Old First’s donations page:

<https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/> (See also QR-code to right.) Just choose “poinsettias” from the “select giving opportunity” drop-down box.

