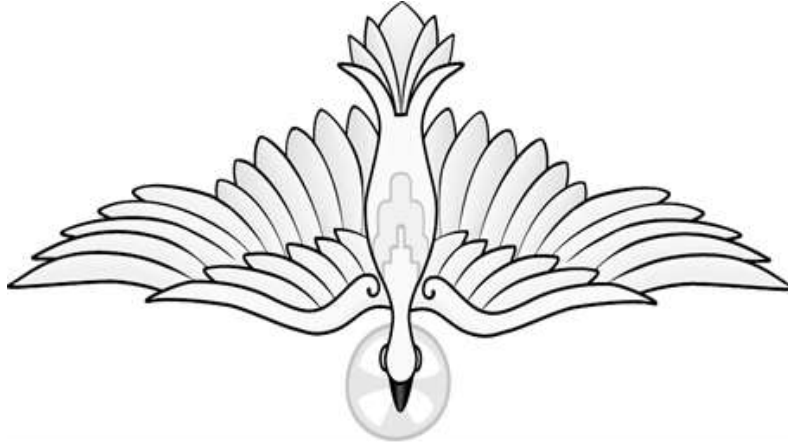


Old First Presbyterian Church



Baptism of Christ January 12, 2025

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 *Élévation from 50 Morceaux religieux, Op. 388*
Offertoire from Messe Solennelle à Sainte-Cécile, CG 56
Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Welcome and Church Life The Reverend Brook Scott

Introit From Messe Solennelle a Saint-Cecile, CG 556
Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus, *Holy, holy, holy Lord,*
Sanctus, sanctus Deus Sabaoth. *Holy, holy God of Hosts.*
Hosanna in excelsis. *Hosanna in highest heaven.*

***Call to Worship** Lori Yamauchi

Leader I am with you, says the Lord:

People **Do not fear.**

Leader I have called you by name.

People **Do not fear.**

Leader You are mine.

People **Do not fear.**

Leader But now thus says the Lord,
God, who created you, O Jacob,
God, who formed you, O Israel:
People **Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name;
you are mine.**

***Hymn 279 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove**

- 1 **Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of hours.**
- 2 **In vain we tune our formal songs;
in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.**
- 3 **Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,
and thine to us so great!**
- 4 **Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.**

**Prayer of
Confession
People**

Lori Yamauchi

**In the waters of baptism, O God,
you have cleansed us and claimed us.
Forgive us for refusing your grace
and rejecting your name.
We have followed our own paths,
and they have led us far from you.
Help us to live into our baptism,
to trust that all we need is in you,
for you have marked us as your own,
loving us without limit.
Wash us with your love again,
that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.**

Leader We pray silently for the times when we have strayed from you and
when we have not remembered that you promise to love us unconditionally.

Silence

People Renew our spirits, to know that we are your beloved children.
Renew our spirits, to see your light and your glory.
Renew our spirits, to follow on your path of discipleship.
With thanks, we remember our baptism. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader No matter what we do or how we act,
God is still a loving and forgiving God.

People **God holds us in God's loving arms.**

Leader So hear the good news of the Gospel:
The love of God flows ceaselessly.
The mercy of God never ends.
This is good news!

People **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***Response**

HYMN TO JOY: *For tune, see Hymn 611.*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of Glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

Offering

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



Solo

There'll Be Peace in the Valley for Me

Text and Music by Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993)

Arranged by Ed Lojeski (1942-2020)

Sergey Khalikulov, bass-baritone

Oh well, I'm tired and so weary, but I must go along.
Till the Lord will come and call me away, oh yes.
Well, the morning's so bright and the lamb is the light.
And the night is a black as the sea, oh yes.
There will be peace in the valley for me someday.
There will be peace in the valley, O Lord, I pray.
There'll be no sadness or sorrow, no trouble I'll see.
There will be peace in the valley for me.

Oh well, the bear will be gentle and the wolf will be tame,
and the lion shall lay down by the lamb, oh yes,
And the beast from the wild will be led by a child,
and I'll be changed from this creature that I am, oh yes.

Refrain

There will be peace...

***Doxology**

DUKE STREET: *For tune, see Hymn 265.*
Arranged by Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

**Time with
Our Children**

The Reverend Brook Scott

***The Peace**

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

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of
the People**

Sarah Taber

Prayer Eder Dueñas, Angela Mayor and Sebastian, Augusta Duncan and
Partners Dickson Adetuyi and Adeyinka, Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi

**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 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Leader The Word of God in scripture.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Reverend Brook Scott

**Affirmation
of Faith**

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 288** **Spirit of the Living God**
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow

Postlude Fugue in C Major (Gigue) Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*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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Today's Guest Preacher: Brook Scott

Old First welcomes the Reverend Brook Scott as our guest preacher today. Many will remember Brook from her time as a seminary intern at Old First during her study at San Francisco Theological Seminary. As part of Old First's celebration of 175 years of ministry, we will from time to time invite church leaders who've served at Old First to return to our pulpit. Welcome back, Brook!

Star Words

If you missed getting a star word last week, you can still get one today. You might take an extra star to give to a friend or church member who didn't get one.

Today's Coffee Hour

Kristi Hoerauf has given today's coffee hour for... "I truly have no reason. We needed coffee for this day."

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, January 18

Make a New Year Resolution to support the Interfaith Food Pantry. Old First staffs the pantry on Saturday, January 13. Sign up now. You can find a link to sign up by using either this QR-Code or the link under the Interfaith Food Pantry heading on Old First's homepage: www.oldfirst.org



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 20

The [San Francisco Interfaith Council](http://www.sanfranciscointerfaithcouncil.org) invites the public to join in the 2025 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemorations to be held on Monday, January 20. The 2025 March will begin promptly at 11:00 am (**arrive early!**) from the Caltrain Depot at 4th and Townsend. Once the march arrives at Yerba Buena Gardens Esplanade, the 15th Annual Interfaith Commemoration Ceremony will commence.

See Pastor Maggi, if you'd like to join other Old First folks for the march and commemoration.

Interfaith Concert: Aid for Syria and World Central Kitchen, January 25

Mark your calendars for an interfaith concert at Old First to benefit aid for Syria and World Central Kitchen: Saturday, January 25, 3:00 pm. While the concert is free, it is a fundraiser for these two causes. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

World Central Kitchen brings good food to hungry people all over the world, especially the dangerous, war-torn parts of the world. For more information about World Central Kitchen, visit <https://www.wck.org/>.

New Year: New Deacons and Elders!

As we move into a new year, we will be looking for new deacons and elders to serve the church and to lead us in faithfulness and compassion as we seek to follow God's call. Would you please pray for new church leaders and consider if God might be calling you?

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This Week at Old First

Sunday January 12

After Worship Coffee Hour

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Friday January 17

8:00 pm O1C: Samantha Cho, piano: Mozart, Debussy, Takemitsu, and
Jean Ahn

Saturday January 18

9:00 am Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry

Sunday January 19

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday January 20

11:00 am Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March and Commemoration: The
march begins at the Caltrain Depot, 4th Street at Townsend.

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The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor

The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate

Larry Marietta Music Director

Jarron Carlson Composer-in-Residence

Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator

Kristi Hoerauf Wedding Coordinator