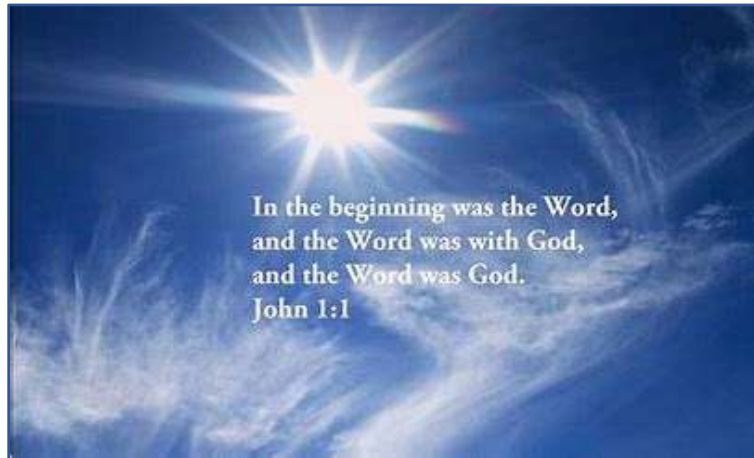


# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday**  
**January 19, 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** We Shall Overcome: 6 Variations Gaël Liardon (1973-2018)

### Welcome and Church Life

**Introit** Music and Text: Traditional, adapted by Zilphia Horton,  
Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan and Pete Seeger  
Arranged by Nolan Williams, Jr. (born 1969)

We shall overcome.

We shall overcome some day.

Oh, deep in my heart I do believe.

We shall overcome some day.

**\*Call to Worship**

Rowena Richie

Leader Come and see!  
People **The light of God has come into our world  
to proclaim God's justice and love;  
It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.**

Leader Come and follow!  
People **Christ our companion has redeemed our world  
He draws us into a loving family  
From every tribe and family and culture.**

Leader Go and tell!  
People **The Spirit has equipped us for service  
To love our neighbors as we do ourselves  
To bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.**

All **This morning we will come and see, hear and learn  
so we can follow, go and tell!**

**\*Hymn 749 Come! Live in the Light!**

1 **Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain **We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.**

2 **Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and violence will be no more.**

3 **Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

**Prayer of  
Confession  
People**

Rowena Richie

**Delight of the Ages, we cannot remain silent,  
but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts.  
In our desire to have more and more,  
we cause more damage to your good creation.  
In our obsession with ourselves,  
we have desolated the lives of those around us.  
When we hoard what you have given us,  
we cannot be a blessing to other people.  
When are overwhelmed by worry  
we do not see your light or act light for others.**

*Silence*

**Forgive us, Restless God,  
so we might be restored to life.  
May your steadfast love save and  
strengthen us to share our gifts with others,  
even as you have shared the gift of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

God delights in you...  
so much, that God will not rest until you are at peace.  
God will not remain silent, but will call you by name:  
“My Delight.”

People

**God’s steadfast love extends to the heavens,  
and reaches down to touch our hearts.  
Thanks be to God, who forgives and saves us!**

**\*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.*



**Anthem**

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Arranged by Alice Parker (1925-2023) and Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

Michael Desnoyers, tenor

This is the record of John.  
 When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him:  
 Who art thou?  
 And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly:  
 I am not the Christ.  
 And they asked him: What art thou then?  
 Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not.  
 Art thou the prophet? And he answered: No.  
 Then said they unto him:  
 What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us.  
 What sayest thou of thyself?  
 And he said: I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:  
 Make straight the way of the Lord. John 1:19-23

**\*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**

Pastor Henderson

**\*The Peace**

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

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Scripture** Genesis 1:5, Isaiah 9:2, John 1:1-5, 9

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**Worship Through Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the  
Lord's Table**

**The Great  
Thanksgiving**

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also over you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The leader continues the prayer.*

Leader And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:  
**The Lord's Prayer** **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. 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 750 Goodness is Stronger Than Evil**

Text by Desmond Tutu (1931-2021)

*The choir sings the text once.*

*Then the congregation joins in singing it twice.*

**Goodness is stronger than evil;**

**love is stronger than hate;**

**light is stronger than darkness;**

**life is stronger than death.**

**Victory is ours; victory is ours  
through God who loves us.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**People** In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

Leader The Word was there at the first dawn,  
before time began to flow,  
when nothing else existed.

**People** **Through the Word all things were made.**  
**Without the Word nothing was made that has been made.**  
**All creation sprang forth at the Word's command.**

Leader In the Word was life,  
life that flowed like living water,  
life that filled the empty spaces.

**People** **And that life was the light of all people,**  
**a light that burns eternally,**  
**a light that gives hope to all.**

Leader That light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness...

**People** **Has not overcome it!**

Leader Will never overcome it...  
Can never overcome it...

**People** **For the Word was God,**  
**and God is light,**  
**and in God there is no darkness at all.**

**All** **We will seek the light.**  
**We will follow the light.**  
**We will share the light.**  
**We will be the light.**

**Choir** Music and Text: Traditional, adapted by Zilphia Horton,  
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God will see us through.  
God will see us through some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe.  
God will see us through some day.

**Postlude** We Shall Overcome African-American Spiritual  
Adolphus Cunningham Hailstork III (born 1941)

*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 Liturgy

Today's call to worship is adapted from a prayer by Christine Sine on *Godspace*.

### 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 to remember and honor all her dear family and friends born in January, including her mother and grandmother.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Tomorrow, January 20

The [San Francisco Interfaith Council](#) invites the public to join in the 2025 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemorations to be held tomorrow, 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 tomorrow's march and commemoration.

### Choral Evensong, Grace Cathedral, January 23

This Thursday, January 23, Pastor Henderson is participating Grace Cathedral's Choral Evensong at 5:30 pm. Why not take this opportunity to join in this beautiful service.

### 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/>.

### Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 2

Old First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual meeting to elect new elders and deacons to serve the church, to hear an overview of our budget for 2025, and to approve the pastor's compensation package on Sunday, February 2 at the end of our 11:00 am worship service.

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**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday January 19**

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.

**Saturday January 25**

9:00 am 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

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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