

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday**  
**January 26, 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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Hosanna The Marriage in Cana of Galilee	Jaromír Weinberger (1896-1967)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		
<b>Introit</b>		Henry Purcell (1659-1695) Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY
	Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.	
		Latin, 7th century Translation by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

**\*Call to  
Worship**

Leader We come in these endless days, Precious God,  
people needing the constancy of your love.

People **May we drink deeply from your fountain of life;  
may we continue to be guided by your Light.**

Leader We gather in these weary days, Water-Changing God,  
people looking for signs of hope and wonder.

People **May we drink deeply from your fountain of grace;  
may our weariness be wrapped in your Hope.**

Leader We worship in these overwhelming days, Gifting God,  
people trying to point others to Jesus.

People **May we drink deeply from your fountain of joy;  
May our life be strengthened by your Life.**

**\*Hymn 157 I Danced in the Morning**

1 **I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain **Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

2 **I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,  
they came with me and the dance went on.**

3 **I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die.**

4 **I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on.**

5 **They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

**Prayer of  
Confession  
People**

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**Almighty God, you have called us into your church  
to be your servants in the service of others.  
Forgive us for falling short of your call.  
We have loved our buildings  
more than our brothers and sisters.  
We have been more concerned with budgets  
than with justice and peace.  
We have been more ready to talk about Christ  
than to live in Christ's image.  
Cut through our evasions,  
increase our courage,  
renew our vision.  
Make us and the whole church more nearly  
what you would have us be;  
through Jesus Christ, whose Body we are. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

**Leader**

The good news is that God forgives us  
and gives us Christ to be living wine and true bread.

**People**

**Let us accept with joy  
these precious gifts of abundant life. Amen.**

**\*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** We Walk by Faith, Op. 202 Peter Pindar Starnes (1931-2016)

We walk by faith, and not by sight,  
no gracious words we hear from Christ,  
who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod;  
but in his promise we rejoice;  
and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help us, O Christ, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound,  
to call on you when you are near,  
and see where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

Henry Alford (1810-1871)

**\*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.**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Prayers of  
the People**

Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky

Prayer Partners Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith Ross, Ed Frauenheim and Rowena Richie, Skyla and Julius, Amberle Gallup, Claudia Garrison

**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**

Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter (born 1945)  
Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Jesu, my joy, my love, my rest,  
Thy perfect love close in my breast  
That I thee love and never rest;  
And make me love thee of all things best,  
And wounde my heart in thy love free,  
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

15th century anonymous manuscript

**Psalm 104:10-15**

Leader You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal;  
the wild asses quench their thirst.

**People By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;  
they sing among the branches.**

Leader From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**People You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use,  
to bring forth food from the earth,  
and wine to gladden the human heart,  
oil to make the face shine,  
and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

**Scripture** John 2:1-11 (page 87)

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**Worship Through Responding to God's Word**

**\*Hymn 546     Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

- 1    Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.
  
- 2    Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.
  
- 3    Savior, when your love shall call us,  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir**

Henri Frederick Hemy (1818-1888)

Tune: ST. CATHERINE

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell,  
but thy pure love alone;  
O may thy love possess me whole,  
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
may every act, thought, word be love.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

Trans. John Wesley (1703-1791)

**Postlude     Finale**

Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

*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 Flowers and Coffee Hour

Lori Yamauchi and Jim Fagler have given today's flowers and coffee hour in gratitude for the Session and Deacons of Old First.

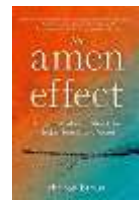
### Flowers on the Fourth Sundays of the Month

Would you like to sponsor flowers for worship on the fourth Sunday of a month? To do so, simply use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby on the lower level to sponsor flowers. If you can't get to church, you may E-mail your information to Brad in the church office: [brad@gmail.com](mailto:brad@gmail.com)

The cost for flowers is \$120. However, more than one sponsor for the day's flowers would be welcome! Sign up no later than the third Sunday of the month to have flowers on the fourth Sunday.

### Deacons' Book Discussion, This Wednesday, January 29

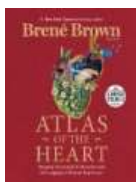
This Wednesday, January 29, at 3:30 pm, Old First's deacons will hold a discussion via Zoom of *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World*, a book by Rabbi Sharon Brous. The Zoom link will be sent to deacons via E-mail.



### Annual Meeting, Next 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 next Sunday, February 2 at the end of our 11:00 am worship service.

### Last Book Discussion, February 3



The next session of our 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, February 3, at 7:00 pm. At this session, we'll cover Chapter 13 "Places We Go To Self-Assess" as far as page 249.

If you've downloaded the Zoom App, use **Meeting ID: 880 8961 5643** and **Passcode: 222039**. Note: These are new ID number and Passcode! Alternatively, simply click on the web address below or type 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/88089615643?pwd=lyUTg0EjR8t0xuiCWxtD8Kkeuvpuck.1>

**Making Sandwiches for Open Cathedral, Sunday, February 9**



Old First has been sharing God’s love for over 175 years in San Francisco. To celebrate both God’s love and how God uses us to share that love, we are sponsoring sandwiches for the SF Night Ministry’s *Open Cathedral* service in February. *Open Cathedral* is a worship service and meal for those who often would never walk into a house of faith.

We will need volunteers to help prepare these sandwiches on **Sunday, February 9, and on the following days** before the *Open Cathedral* services held on Thursday and Sunday, February 13 and 16. Watch for more details.

**This Week at Old First**

- Sunday January 26**
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday January 28**
- 6:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line
- Wednesday January 29**
- 3:30 pm Deacons’ Book Discussion, On-Line
- Saturday February 1**
- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
- Sunday February 2**
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Worship with Annual Meeting
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 4:00 pm O1C: Canta, Violino! Andrew Finn Magill, violin, Clarice Cast, percussion, Edinho Gerber, Brazilian 7-string guitar
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- Monday February 3**
- 7:00 pm Book Discussion: *Atlas of the Heart*, Chapter 13 “Places We Go To Self-Assess” as far as page 249, On-Line

**Old First Presbyterian Church**

- 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