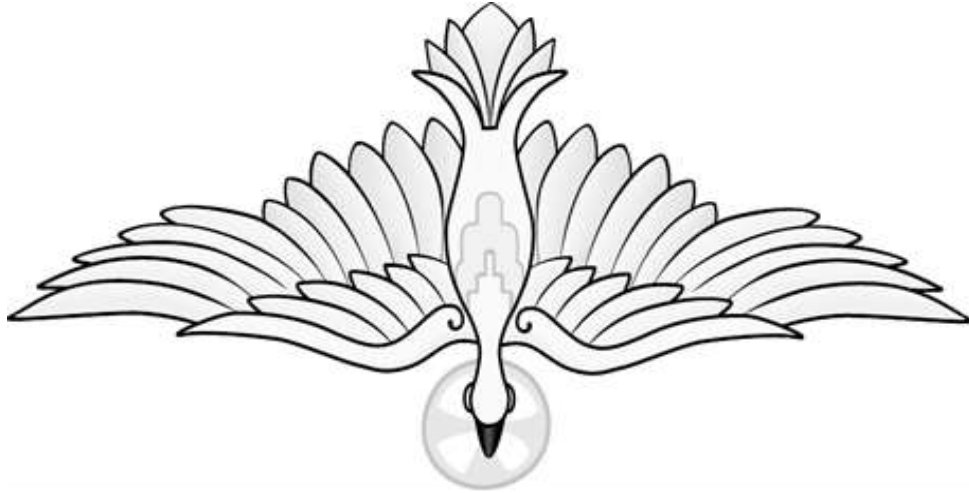


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday
February 2, 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 Two Folk Tune Sketches
AR HYD Y NOS
LAND OF REST

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit

Music and text: African-American Spiritual

I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

***Call to
Worship**

Cindy Burt

Leader Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places,
offering us the grace of new life.
People When we see nothing but hopelessness,
Leader **you surprise us with the breath of your Spirit.**
People Call us out of our complacency and routines,
Leader set us free from our self-imposed bonds and fears that keep us frozen,
and fill us with your Spirit of life, compassion, and peace,
People **so we can feel your love and be your love
in this church and in the world.**

***Hymn 394 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

- 1 **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 her confidence alone.**
- 2 **To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.**
- 3 **Here bestow on all thy servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.**
- 4 **Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run!**

Prayer of
Confession
People

Cindy Burt

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls,
let us look deep within our hearts and our lives,
and clear away all that holds us back.
May our minds, spirits and bodies
be a temple that is open to your presence,
and may our words and our actions
be transparent to your love and truth.
Help us not assume that our views
are automatically what you desire of us and of this church.
We pray that this church community,
will seek your guidance in our life and mission,
so that all that we do in and from here
may reveal your hope to others.
In a moment of silence we sit before you,
and name those things for which we seek your cleansing and healing,
so that we may be more faithful disciples.

Silence

Amen.

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader

Friends of Jesus, we are made clean
by the words he has spoken to us.

People

There is room in our lives and in our community
for the Holy One to dwell. Thanks be to God!

*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 From *The Seven Last Words of Christ* Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Vah! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple;
if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father,
now from the cross descend thou,
that we behold it, and believe on thee
when we behold it.
If thou art king over Israel,
save thy self then! Vah!

***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**

Claudia Garrison

Prayer Partners Fernando González, David Griffith and Joe Sheffey, Jan Hammock, Eva and Branch, Soodeh Hedayati, Kristi Hoerauf

**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 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (page 156)

John 2:13-22 (pages 87-88)

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

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn** **When Christ Went to the Temple**
Sung to the tune Hymn 756 "O God of Every Nation"
- 1 **When Christ went to the Temple to worship God one day,
He entered through the courtyard where anyone could pray.
That court was for the nations — and all could enter in.
But Jesus found a market, a shameful robbers' den.**
 - 2 **There, cattle, sheep and pigeons were sold for sacrifice,
And moneychangers shouted of quality and price.
Outsiders could not enter the inner courts for prayer.
Their only place to worship was in the courtyard there.**
 - 3 **When prayer gave way to profit, and pride closed many doors,
The Lord cried out in anger and made a whip of cords.
He shooed the sheep and cattle and scattered pigeons, too.
God's house was for all people — not for a chosen few.**
 - 4 **O God, you love the nations and call us all to pray.
Forgive us when our worship turns other folk away.
As Christ, in loving protest, fought prejudice and pride,
May we who follow Jesus now welcome all inside.**

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**Prayer and
Call to Order**

Pastor Henderson
Lori Yamauchi, Clerk

**Election of
Officers**

*Nominees for Board of Deacons: Cindy Burt, Randy Smith,
Sarah Taber (Class of 2028)*
Nominees for Session: Michael Berg, Tom Culp (Class of 2028)
*Nominating Committee Members: Erwin Barron, Betty Packard
Voris, Mary Russell, AnnieScott Rogers*

Budget

Overview

Vote

Pastor's Compensation Package

**Hope and
Blessing**

Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee hour.

At coffee hour today we will start signing Valentine's Day cards to friends of Old First.

Nominees for Board of Deacons and Session

Cindy Burt: Board of Deacons I have been a member of Old First since 1973, where I was married in 1975. Initially, I was attracted by the music programs—concerts and the choir. I have sung in the choir ever since then and volunteered for Old First Concerts for 40 years. It has been my privilege to serve as both an elder and deacon for multiple terms. I have loved being on the Worship Committee for many years, planning liturgical seasons, making banners, and creating art projects for the sanctuary. I enlist congregants for the Prayers of the People. I have been in various small groups, and I participate in book studies. In the past, I helped organize all-church retreats and helped with the Senior Center lunch program. I am a volunteer for the 4th Saturday Community Dinners and the Interfaith Food Pantry. I value Old First members as my extended family and continue to enrich my spirituality in this corner of the world.

Randy Smith: Board of Deacons Randy Smith has been a member of Old First since 1990 and has served in various roles as elder, deacon, Senior Center Commission, Pastor Nominating Committee (that brought you, Pastor Maggi!), prior choir baritone, and occasional timpanist. His three children – Jordan, Logan, and Camryn Hollarsmith – were raised in this Old First Family. Randy and his wife Andrea Segura Smith were married (with Maggi officiating) in the sanctuary in 2008.

Sarah Taber: Board of Deacons Member since 1980 (although I sang in the choir for several years before that). Married to Stephen Taber. I've been a deacon since 1982 and have served pretty much since then, except for sabbatical years. When I could no longer sing in the choir (vocal shift), I became head of the usher corps. I love this church and this congregation and look forward to more years serving as a deacon.

Michael Berg: Session

Tom Culp: Session Although Tom C. was a member of the Old First youth contingent (Culps, Dills, Barrios girls) in the 1960's and participated on the chancel as a youth deacon, he became an adult member in May of 1997. Tom retired from the financial industry some years ago, currently maintains households in San Francisco and in the Sonoma Wine Country gardening and reading, and he also volunteers as the Board Chair/President of Old First Concerts. Old First is Tom's church home—as such he feels innately involved in strategic planning, finance and occasionally worship activities

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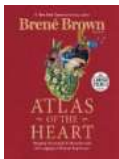
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Today's Liturgy

Today's call to worship is inspired by Psalm 150 and a prayer by the Reverend Nancy J. and the prayer of confession is based on words of Ann Sindell, a pastor in the Uniting Church of Australia.

Book Discussion, Tomorrow, 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>

Next Sunday's Preacher: Cornel Barnett

The Reverend Cornel Barnett, a former interim pastor of Old First will be our guest preacher next Sunday, February 9. Cornel is the next guest preacher in our series inviting former pastors, interim pastors and seminary interns to preach for Old First as we celebrate our anniversary and 175 years of ministry "on our corner, in our city, and in the world."

Preparing Lunches for Open Cathedral, Next 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 lunches for the SF Night Ministry's Open Cathedral services 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 lunches on **Sunday, February 9, after worship**, and on **Wednesday, February 12, at 3:00 pm**. Talk to Pastor Maggi if you can help.

Bobby Jo Valentine Plays Calvary Church, February 12



Portland-based award-winning singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine will perform original songs in a free concert at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Fillmore Street at Jackson, on Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 pm. Valentine is “an explorative, hopeful, spiritual, queer artist, who strives to make music and poetry that is good medicine for everyone.” For more information, visit <https://bobbyjovalentine.com>

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@oldfirst.org (Note corrected E-mail address!)

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.

Sponsor Coffee Hour

Would you like to sponsor coffee hour? For a \$50 contribution, you can sponsor this important weekly community-building ministry. Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entrance to pick a date; then enter your name and a dedication. Your dedication will appear in that Sunday's bulletin. Alternatively, you can contact the church office to find a date and to sign up.

This Week at Old First

Sunday February 2

After Worship Coffee Hour
4:00 pm O1C: Canta, Violino! Andrew Finn Magill, violin, Clarice Cast, percussion, Edinho Gerber, Brazilian 7-string guitar
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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

Saturday February 8

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry

Sunday February 9

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour: Signing Valentine's Day Cards
Preparing Lunches for SF Night Ministry
2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday February 12

Preparing Lunches for SF Night Ministry