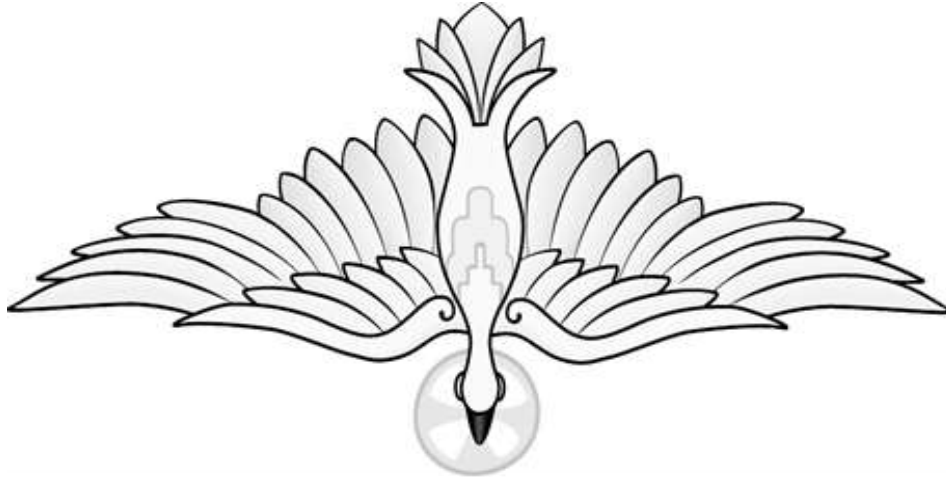


Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday
February 9, 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 *Andante cantabile* from Symphonie IV, Op. 13, No. 4
Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

**Welcome and
Church Life** Pastor Henderson

Introit A Call to Worship Music and Text: Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Sing out a joyful song in praise, and come to celebrate.
With cheerful heart, give thanks to God for goodness ever great.
Sing new songs of joy, to God lift your voice!
Sing new songs of praise, give thanks and rejoice!
Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise:
And with the people of this house, our voices now we raise!

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Henderson

Leader Look at the birds of the air;
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns
and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

People May our hearts be open to trust you, God.

Leader Look at the birds of the air;
they neither study nor plan nor plot their course
and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

People May our eyes be open to see you, God.

Leader Look at the birds of the air;
they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility
yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

People May our hands be open to serve you, God.

***Hymn God Plants the Seeds of Love**

Sung to the tune of Come Sing, O Church, in Joy, Hymn 305

This new hymn has been composed by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for our congregation as a part of our 175th Anniversary celebration.

- 1 **God plants the seeds of love. God nurtures them by grace—
And so a loving church was started in this place.
God's garden grows.
God's harvest is a blessing as love overflows!**
- 2 **We've served one hundred years, and seventy, and five—
And here in San Francisco we've helped neighbors thrive.
We've sought to be
A justice-seeking voice in our community.**
- 3 **We've worked for freedom here, for LGBT rights,
for people who have no safe place to spend their nights—
We've seen the needs.
We've worked for love and justice, planting countless seeds.**
- 4 **We've heard God's steady call for racial justice, too.
We've marched and sung and prayed, for there is much to do.
'Mid hate and fear,
We seek to build a place of love and welcome here.**
- 5 **And in this loving place, we do what love inspires:
We sing of faith and hope and love in joyful choirs.
Each song reveals
The good news of the gospel, God— that your love heals.**

6 The world is changing still; and God, it's by your grace:
We share your justice, love and welcome in this place.
Your garden grows!
Here, as we're nourished, as we plant, love overflows!

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Prayer of
Confession
People

Pastor Henderson

Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope,
because we listen to the purveyors of fear.
We do not know how to be loving,
because our role models are ridicule and anger.
We do not know how to be faithful to you,
because at an early age we learned to trust the promises
of all the false prophets who entice us
with their simple thoughts.
Lately we have let fear move us
away from hope and from trusting your presence.

Let us confess silently...

People

But you know how to forgive, God of kindness,
so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us.
May faith abide in us,
so we may serve others even as you have served us.
May hope abide in us,
so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace.
May love abide in us,
not only in these moments of brokenness,
but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior, who abides in us. Amen.

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader

The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives.
In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

People

In God's acceptance, we discover the love
in which we may abide in every moment of our lives.
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

Consider the Lilies Jay Pierson
Written especially for the Old First Presbyterian Church Choir

Consider the lilies how they grow
They do not toil nor spin
Do not worry for food to eat
Search for the whole realm of God
Do not worry about water to drink
And all these things will be given unto you

Luke 12:27-31

***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**

Roseanne Hoo

Prayer Partners Sidney Hollar, Camryn Hollarsmith, Jordan Hollarsmith, Logan Hollarsmith, Roseanne Hoo, Connie Johnson, John and Carmen Josiah

**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.**

Solo

Consider the Lilies John Prindle Scott (1877-1934)
Chelsea Hollow, soprano

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they toil not, neither do they spin:
Yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like one of these.
Wherefore, if God so clothed the grass of the field,
which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven,
shall God not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
Take therefore no thought for the morrow:
for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.
Sufficient unto the day
is the evil thereof.
But seek ye first the whole realm of God,
and God's righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you

Matthew 6:28-34

Scripture

Matthew 6:25-29, 34 (page 6)

Leader

The Word of God in scripture.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What, Me Worry?”

The Reverend Cornel Barnett

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 372 O for a World**
- 1 **O for a world where everyone
 respects each other's ways,
 where love is lived and all is done
 with justice and with praise.**
 - 2 **O for a world where goods are shared
 and misery relieved,
 where truth is spoken, children spared,
 equality achieved.**
 - 3 **We welcome one world family
 and struggle with each choice
 that open us to unity
 and gives our vision voice.**
 - 4 **The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
 the foolish ones are wise.
 Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
 who perishes will rise.**
 - 5 **O for a world preparing for
 God's glorious reign of peace,
 where time and tears will be no more,
 and all but love will cease.**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir The Gift of Love English folk song
Adapted by Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
 our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
 by this we worship and are freed.

Postlude Allemande Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

*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 Preacher: Cornel Barnett

The Reverend Cornel Barnett, D. Min., is Pastor Emeritus of Redwoods Presbyterian Church, Larkspur, California, where he served for eight years before he retired from fulltime ministry in 2016. He lives with his wife, Suellen, in Point Richmond. In his thirty-one years of ministry, Cornel has served Presbyterian churches throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, on Staten Island, New York and in Jacksonville, Florida.

Before his call to ministry, Cornel was a journalist for South African newspapers. He represented South Africa at the World Surfing Championships in 1966 and wrote the first book on surfing in South Africa. He also served as an international election observer in South Africa and Mexico. He met Suellen, a US citizen, in South Africa. They have been married for 50 years and have two children, Anna and David.

Cornel is a former interim pastor of Old First and is our preacher today – part of 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.”

Today's Coffee Hour

Mary Russell have given today's coffee hour in praise of the deacons of Old First.

Preparing Lunches for Open Cathedral, Today and February 12



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 **today after worship**, and on **Wednesday, February 12, at 3:00 pm**. **We need your hands!** So talk to Pastor Maggi and offer to 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>

“All Hands” Staff Food Pantry, February 15

“All Hands” – members of all the participating congregations – will staff the Interfaith Food Pantry, this coming Saturday, February 15. So join us! Make it your Valentine to our neighbors.



To volunteer, simply visit the sign-up webpage by clicking this link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation> or by using the QR-code to the right... or just show up!

Conversation about Our Response to Racism and Poverty, February 23

Please join Old First for a conversation after worship on Sunday, February 23, about Old First’s response to racism and poverty, past and future, in the Fellowship Hall, following a light lunch, which will be provided. Steve Taber, church historian, and Lori Yamauchi will start the conversation and open it up to discussion.

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

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| Sunday | February 9 |
| After Worship | Coffee Hour |
| | Preparing Lunches for SF Night Ministry |
| 3:30 pm | Board of Deacons, On-Line: <i>Note unusual starting time.</i> |
| 7:15 pm | AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | February 12 |
| 3:00 pm | Preparing Sandwiches for SF Night Ministry |
| Friday | February 14 |
| 8:00 pm | O1C: Shoreline Piano Trio: “Explorations of Love and Art: a Valentine’s Concert” – Sui-mi Shin, violin; Katie Youn, cello; Menghua Lin, piano |
| Saturday | February 15 |
| 9:00 am | “All Hands” staff the Interfaith Food Pantry. |
| 1:00 pm | Presbyterian Women, On-Line |
| Sunday | February 16 |
| 9:30 am | Choir Rehearsal |
| 11:00 am | Worship |
| After Worship | Coffee Hour |
| 4:00 pm | O1C: LIEDER ALIVE! Charlotte Kelso, soprano, Peter Grünberg, piano: Schubert, Wagner, Mahler, Marx |
| 7:15 pm | AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | February 18 |
| 7:00 pm | Worship Committee, On-Line |

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