

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday  
March 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.*

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| <b>Prelude</b>                     | Prelude and Trumpetings  | Myron Roberts (1912-2004) |
| <b>Welcome and<br/>Church Life</b> |  |                           |
| <b>Introit</b>                     | Glory, glory, hallelujah!<br>Since I laid my burden down<br>Feel like praying,<br>Since I laid my burden down. | Traditional Spiritual     |

**\*Call to Worship**

Mary Russell

Leader We come in worship to God  
**People in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**  
Leader We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,  
**People who knows by experience what human life is like.**  
Leader We come with our faith and with our doubts;  
**People we come with our hopes and with our fears.**  
Leader We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come,  
**People and God has promised never to turn us away.**

**\*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**

Leader Let us confess to God in chosen words  
and in self-searching silence.

People **I confess that I poison myself with anger,  
bitterness,  
regret.**

**I confess that I cripple myself with excuses,  
complaining,  
procrastination.**

**I repent.**

**I am ready to look at the most painful parts of my life  
and live.**

**I am ready to answer the hardest question –  
the question of whether I am willing to change.**

**Show me.**

**Ask me.**

**Forgive me. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness  
so Jesus Christ has been lifted up  
in precious abandoned love for the world.

People **We are not condemned –  
we are saved.**

**\*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**

African American Spiritual  
Arranged by L.L. Fleming

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.  
O, when I come to die, give me Jesus.  
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.  
And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.  
You may have all there rest, give me Jesus.  
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

**\*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 Peace**

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

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Prayers of  
the People**

Bill Feister

Prayer Alfred Martin and Harriet MacLean, Larry Marietta, Maryam, Dianne  
Partners Middleton, Cheryl Min, Pierre Moyé, Lois Nason, Bryan Nichols and  
Robin Currier, Chuck and Emily Olson, Karyn Payne,

**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**

John 5:1-18 (page 90)

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson





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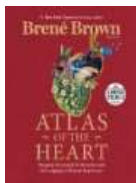
### Today's Liturgy

Today's liturgy is inspired by the work of the Iona Community in Scotland.

### Today's Coffee Hour

Betsy Lutz has given today's coffee hour in gratitude for the blessing of my family and friends, who support her and give her the courage to continue loving this life.

### Book Discussion, March 3



The last 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, March 3, at 7:00 pm. At this session, we'll finish Chapter 13 "Places We Go To Self-Assess" picking up and continuing from 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=lyUTg0EjR8t0xuiCWxt8Kkeuvpuck.1>

### Be a Guest of Cindy Burt at Fromm Institute Classes, March 3 to 6

The Fromm Institute, a program of lifelong learning for those over age 50, is offering free classes March 3 to 6 for guests. Anyone over 50 can come to classes on those dates as Cynthia (Cindy) Burt's guest. The institute is located in Fromm Hall on the University of San Francisco campus and is easily accessible via Muni. For more information, speak with Cindy and visit the institute's website: <https://www.fromminstitute.org/>

### Lent Begins: Ash Wednesday, March 5, 1:00 pm



Lent starts this week with **Ash Wednesday, March 5**. Old First's worship service on Ash Wednesday will take place from **1:00 to 1:30 pm**.

### Devotional Cards for Lent

We have devotional cards for Lent focusing on the theme *Everything (in) Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes*. The theme is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our midst with more faith, intention and openness to be transformed.

### Devotional Books for Lent

A limited number of *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals For A Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie are available for \$10.00. You can pay with cash on Sundays putting your money or check into the envelope found with the books in the narthex, or you can use the QR code at the right: remember to select “study book fund.”



They will be in the narthex on Sundays, pick on up at church during the week, or you can contact the church office and one can be sent to you.

### Next Sunday’s Preacher: Jeanne Choy Tate

The Reverend Jeanne Choy Tate, a former member and leader at Old First will be our guest preacher next Sunday, March 9. She 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.”

### This Week at Old First

#### **Sunday March 2**

After Worship Coffee Hour

4:00 pm O1C: Sixth Station Trio: Anju Goto, violin, Federico Strand Ramirez, cello, Katelyn Tan, piano

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

#### **Monday March 3**

7:00 pm Book Discussion: *Atlas of the Heart*, Chapter 13 “Places We Go To Self-Assess” picking up from page 249, On-Line

#### **Wednesday March 5: Ash Wednesday**

1:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship: *Note Time*

#### **Saturday March 8**

9:00 am Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry

#### **Sunday March 9: First Sunday in Lent**

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line

4:00 pm O1C: to be announced

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

### Old First Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor

The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate

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