

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Good Friday**  
**April 18, 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** Passion Chorale, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Were You There? Gordon Young (1919-1998)

**Welcome** Pastor Henderson

**Introit** Joseph Clokey (1890-1960)

Rend your heart, and not your garments,  
And turn unto the Lord your God;  
For he is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and of great kindness. Joel 2:13

**\*Call to Worship** The Reverend Erwin Barron

Leader We have come to worship the Trinity:  
**People One God, three persons,  
beyond our understanding,  
yet constantly revealing themselves to us.**

Leader We have come to worship an infinite being,  
**People who took on finite flesh: fully human and fully divine—**  
 Leader a being who is love itself,  
**People yet loathes injustice;**  
 Leader who is almighty,  
**People yet let go of power to be in solidarity with outcasts and criminals.**  
 Leader We gather to worship the living God,  
**People who died.**

**\*Hymn 220** **Go to Dark Gethsemane, *Verses 1-3 only***

- 1** **Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;  
 your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him on bitter hour;  
 turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**
- 2** **Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;  
 O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
 Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**
- 3** **Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet,  
 mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;  
 "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

<b>The Last Supper</b>
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**First Reading** Luke 22:7-13

**Invitation to  
 Christ's Table**

**Great Prayer of  
 Thanksgiving**

**Anthem**

And No Bird Sang

Douglas E. Wagner

Calm was the wind and dark was the sky,  
 When our Lord came to die;  
 Lone, on the cross for our sins he did hang,  
 And no bird sang.

Women and men with anguish and fear,  
 Then to his cross drew near,  
 Hushed then to feel the bitter pang,  
 And no bird sang.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,  
 Lord have mercy, God's will be done.  
 No bird sang in the sky  
 When Christ did come to die.

**Words of  
Institution**

**Communion**

*All are invited to come forward to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Receive the bread from the pastors, then dip it in the wine or grape juice.*

***There is wine in the chalice and grape juice in the cup.  
Gluten-free bread is available from the pastors upon request.***

**Second Reading**

Luke 22:24-27

**Journey to the Cross**

Pastor Henderson

**The Crucifixion**

**Third Reading**

Luke 23:20-27

**Simon of Cyrene**

The Reverend Erwin Barron

**Confession**

Pastor Henderson

**Jesus, when we side with you,  
we side with all who threaten the status quo.  
When we refuse the call to see others' struggles as our own,  
we abandon our kin to shoulder their crosses alone.  
So we pray, O God,  
embolden us to accept the risks that come with following you—  
even as we resist the powers and systems  
that set crosses on our shoulders.  
Amen.**

**Fourth Reading**

Luke 23:39-43

**The Criminal  
on the Cross**

The Reverend Erwin Barron

**Hymn 227**

**Jesus, Remember Me**

*The choir sings the text once; then the whole congregation joins in.*

**Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Fifth Reading**

Luke 23:44-46, 48

**Anthem**

Thomas Hewitt Jones

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,  
Which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace.  
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

**The Tomb**

**Final Reading**     Luke 23:52-53

**Closing Litany**

**Sending**

The Reverend Erwin Barron

*We depart in silence.*

*Tonight's offering will be divided between the Middle East Children's Alliance and the Seraj Library Project. You will find a basket for your offering at the back of the church or by the choir loft stairs.*

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### Tonight's Liturgy: Everything (in) Between

This year's series for Lent is "Everything (in) Between." The theme of this series are an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Tonight's liturgy is adapted from texts by Avery Arden | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).

### Tonight's Worship Leaders

The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor  
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate  
Larry Marietta Music Director

### Tonight's Offering

Tonight's offering will be divided between the Middle East Children's Alliance and the Seraj Library Project.

The Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA) works to protect the rights and improve the lives of children in the Middle East through aid, empowerment and education. In the Middle East, MECA provides humanitarian aid, partners with community organizations to run projects for children, and supports income-generation projects. In the US and internationally, MECA raises awareness about the lives of children in the region and encourages meaningful action. Our offering tonight will be directed to serve children in Gaza. For more information, visit <https://www.mecaforpeace.org/>

The Seraj Library Project's purpose is to assist in the education of Palestinian villagers of all ages and faiths through the development of high quality and accessible library programs. The project's vision is access to a community library for every Palestinian child and family. For more information, visit <https://www.serajlibraries.org/>

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### Holy Week and Easter 2025

**EASTER DAY, APRIL 20**

**10:30 am** Choral Prelude

**11:00 am** Worship

We will close worship by singing the **Hallelujah chorus** from G.F. Handel's *Messiah*.

An **Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour** will follow worship:

**Bring your favorite treats to share!**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 27**

**11:00 am** Worship with Hymn-Sing