

Old First Presbyterian Church



September 28, 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	Allegretto	William Wolstenholme (1865-1931)
Welcome and Church Life		Pastor Henderson
Introit		Karen Lafferty (born 1948)
	Seek ye first the whole realm of God and its righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia! Alleluia!	
	Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia! Alleluia!	

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Henderson

Leader We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

People This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

Leader We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

People This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

Leader We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

People This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

***Hymn 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee**

1 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.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Pastor Henderson

**Here we are in a world which is daily broken
by the foolish arrogance of women and men just like us.
And so, God, we pray for the healing of humility
to flood every corner of our world:
wherever there is exploitation
and God-imagined people are dehumanized,
wherever there is neglect
and the needs of the poorest are ignored,
wherever there is disdain,
and the sacred value of creatures and earth are denied,
wherever there is violence,
and the gifts of difference and dignity are rejected.
Wherever we are tempted to think of ourselves
as better than others, more worthy,
more deserving, more important to you,
may your humility break in and challenge us,
reminding us of our brokenness and need, and
teaching us to serve and love everyone
with the grace and humility you show toward us. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute
in our lives of faithfulness and service.
The good news is that God is steadfast
in filling us with love and grace.

People

**We are forgiven people.
May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ,
God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy.
Thanks be to God. Amen and Amen.**

***Hymn 466**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

To be sung three times by all.

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!**

Offering

*Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make
your offering electronically using the QR-code to the right or
this URL: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>*



Anthem

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Hear the voice and prayer of thy servants,
That they make before thee this day:
That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day,
Ever toward this place of which thou hast said,
“My name shall be there”;
And when thou hear'st have mercy on them.

2 Chronicles 6:19-21, KJV

***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 and
Presentation Time**

***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 Partners

Yvonne Cheng, Samuel, Joshua and Annie, Ted Chiao, Buddy Tate
Choy and Jeanne Choy Tate, Tracy Clagett, Austin Coffee and
Amanda Roncaglia

**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 Luke 18:1-8 (page 76)
Leader The Word of God in scripture.
People **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon Powerless? The Reverend Glenda Hope
Second Offering

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 351 All Who Love and Serve Your City**
- 1 All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless:
 - 2 In your day of wealth and plenty,
wasted work and wasted play,
call to mind the word of Jesus,
"You must work while it is day."
 - 3 For all days are days of judgment,
and the Lord is waiting still,
drawing near a world that spurns him,
offering peace from Calvary's hill.
 - 4 Risen Lord, shall yet the city
be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory.
Be its name "The Lord is there!"

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Postlude on CWM RHONDDA Paul Manz (1919-2009)

During the postlude, you may either depart or take a seat to listen, as you wish.

However, do please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee hour.

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Today's Liturgy

Presbyterian Pastor Thom Shuman wrote the call to worship and assurance. The prayer of confession was written by John van de Laar, posted on sacredise.com.

Celebrating Glenda Hope, Our Guest Preacher



Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Glenda Hope. Glenda has faithfully served Old First Presbyterian Church as well as the people – often the most vulnerable people – of San Francisco for over five decades. Today we celebrate both the 55th anniversary of her ordination at Old First and her 89 years of life.

Today's Flowers and Coffee Hour

Erwin Barron has given today's flowers and a special, festive coffee hour to honor today's guest preacher, the Reverend Glenda Hope. Erwin says, "Glenda is our friend, our inspiration, and a long-time fighter for love and justice. She was ordained to the ministry in our sanctuary, fifty-five years ago and was one of the first Presbyterian women pastors. She has never stopped serving God and God's people in our city since then. Following worship, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a festive celebration with good food and a chance to wish her well."

Documentary: *Ain't No Saint*

A short documentary titled *Ain't No Saint* is being produced to illuminate San Francisco's generative role in 60 years of justice movements, through conversations with the Reverend Glenda Hope and her friends and colleagues. Glenda was ordained at Old First 1970 as the first woman minister in the Presbytery of San Francisco. The purpose of the film is to inspire acts of justice and love by telling Glenda's story and her initiatives as models of how to extend compassion and hope to people of all kinds – the forgotten and the powerful.

Old First has supported San Francisco Network Ministries, a nonprofit founded by Glenda which served the poor and oppressed in the Tenderloin, also supports San Francisco SafeHouse, a nonprofit co-founded by Glenda which supports women experiencing sexual exploitation and trafficking with services, advocacy and education.

Please consider giving to this project through Old First. You can write a **check** payable to Old First Presbyterian Church with "Glenda Hope Documentary" on the memo line, or you can contribute **on-line** at Old First's donations page using the QR-code to the right or this URL: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/> On the donations page just choose "Glenda Hope documentary" as your giving opportunity.



Old First's New Website



Old First Presbyterian Church has a new website! Though much is still being polished and refined, the new website offers visitors a better introduction to our church and offers members easier access to information about church life and events.

To visit our new website, simply use the QR-code to the right or click on this link: <https://www.oldfirst.org/>



Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, October 4



Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, October 4**, when volunteers from Old First and St. Luke's staff the Interfaith Food Pantry.

To visit the sign-up webpage, simply use the QR-code to the right or click on the link below... or just show up!



<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>

World Communion Sunday, October 5

October 5 is World Communion Sunday. We will join congregations around the world in celebrating communion and will also receive the annual Peace & Global Witness Offering.

Dedicating the Refurbished Steinway, October 5

On Sunday, October 5, we will enjoy coffee hour in the sanctuary and following that dedicate, learn about, and hear our newly refurbished Steinway concert grand piano.

Reading “Everything Good about God is True,” October 16

This fall Old First is reading *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith* by Bruce Reyes-Chow. We’ll have our first on-line meeting on Thursday, October 16 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Zoom. We will discuss Chapters 1 and 2, and talk about on-going meeting times. Please remind Pastor Maggi of your interest. Zoom link for on-line discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82503762693?pwd=dj73bJDDwFfuGDmovXiyw3OynkKV5a.1>

Reading the Gospel According to Luke: Sundays This Fall

This fall, our Sunday sermons will delve into the gospel according to Luke. Why not get ahead, read Chapters 16-19 of Luke, and see what arises?

This Week at Old First

Sunday September 28

After Worship Coffee Hour
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday October 4

9:00 am Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry

Sunday October 5: World Communion Sunday

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour in the Sanctuary
After Coffee Hour Dedicating the Refurbished Steinway
After Worship Coffee Hour
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
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