

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**October 5, 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** Meditation on TOKYO

(Hymn 311, "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather")

**Welcome and  
Church Life**

**Introit**

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace;  
And cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face,  
So that your way most holy on earth may soon be known,  
And unto every people your saving grace be shone.  
Let all the peoples praise you; let all nations sing;  
In every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

The New Metrical Version of the Psalms, 1909

**\*Call to Worship**

Saundra Keyes

Leader The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
**the world and those who live in it.**

Leader What shall we return to the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for us?

People **We will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.** Psalm 24:1, 116:12-13

**\*Hymn 388** **Come All You People** *We sing the verse three times.*

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come now and worship the Lord.**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Saundra Keyes

**As we come today to your great table, O God,  
we realize how small we have made our own.  
Our vision of your grace is too narrow.  
Our awareness of your mercy is too limited.  
Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short.  
We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be.  
Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits,  
so that we may live joyfully and abundantly  
in the manner of Jesus. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader Relentlessly God seeks us out.  
With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space,  
and through the generations, God seeks us out.

People **This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*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**

From 5 Mystical Songs                      Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.  
The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.  
But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

George Herbert (1593-1633)

**\*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**

**Scripture**      Luke 22:14-23; Ephesians 2:13-20

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**The Apostles'  
Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Worship Through Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the  
Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer  
of Thanksgiving**

**Leader**

Peace be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

**Leader**

Lift up your hearts.

**People**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Leader**

Let us give thanks to the God of Peace.

**People**

**It is right for us to do.**

*The leader continues the prayer.*

**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.**

**The Words of  
Institution**

**The Bread and  
the Cup**

*All are invited to come forward to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Receive the bread from the pastor, 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 pastor upon request.***

**Music During  
Communion**

The Rice of Life

Ito-Loh (born 1936)  
Chelsea Hollow, soprano

The rice of life from heaven came  
to bring true life from God above.  
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim;  
in joy and pain give thanks for love.

True rice the hungry world has fed,  
the rice required for life below.  
Provide this gift; God's mercy spread;  
in weakness God's compassion show.

The rice of God for all is meant;  
no one who comes is turned away.  
Believe in Christ whom God has sent;  
in humble trust God's will obey.

The living rice, for all a sign,  
came down eternal life to give.  
Abide in Christ, the living vine;  
in Christ, with people die and live.

J. Andrew Fowler (1830-1865)

**Worship Through Responding to God's Word**

**\*Hymn 340**

**This is My Song**

- 1 **This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**
- 2 **My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**
- 3 **This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations,  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

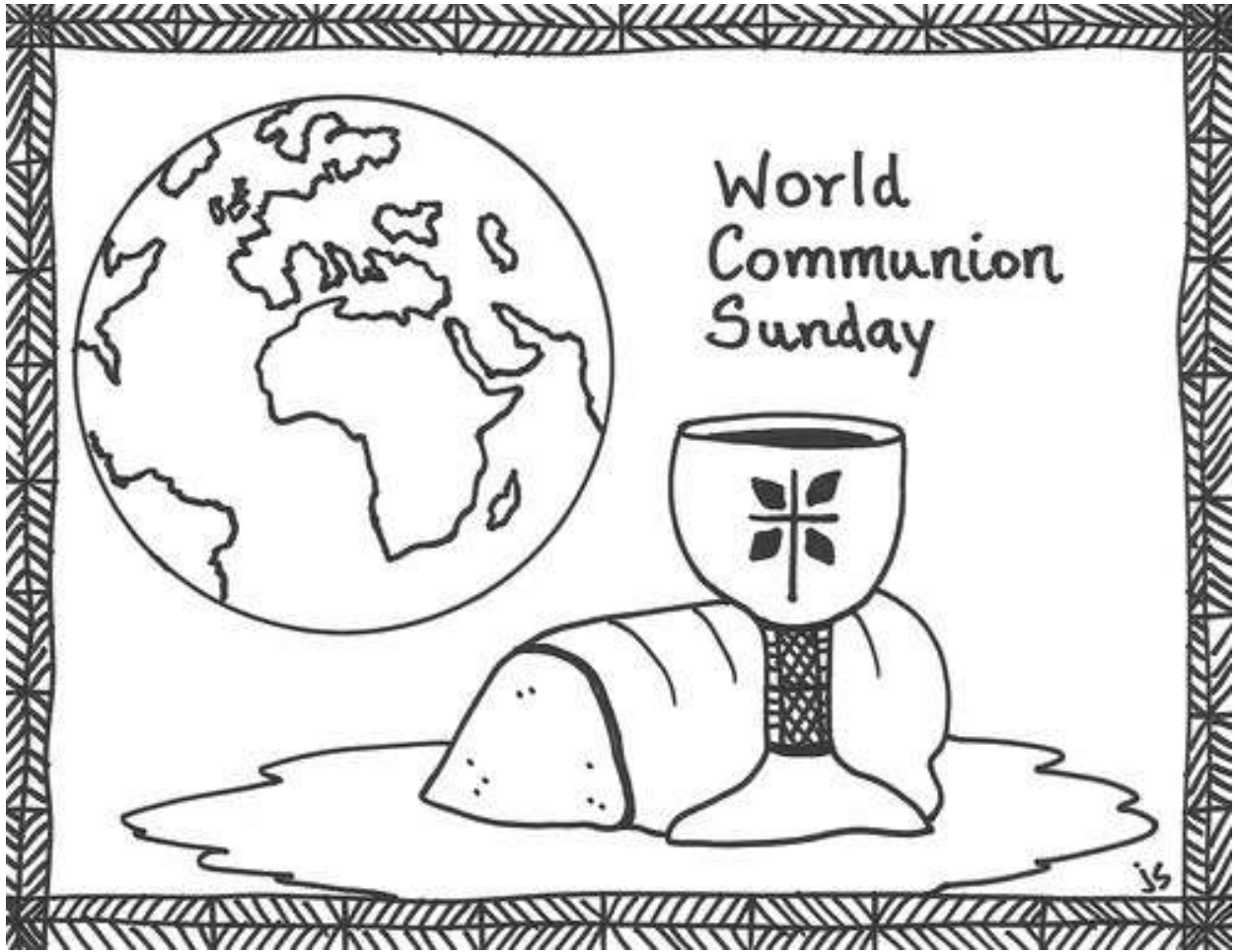
**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude** Tico, Tico no fubá José Gomes "Zequinha" de Abreu (1880-1935)

*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 Cover Art and Liturgy

The art on the cover is from Stushieart.com: The artist writes "I'm a Scottish pastor, ministering in East Tennessee. Art is a creative therapy for me. I started drawing for our church kids years ago and have expanded my art for worship services, church bulletins, newsletters, and even postcard marketing."

Today's liturgy today is from *Presbyterian Outlook*, the only independent Presbyterian magazine. You can receive it online or in a print copy. Simply visit the *Presbyterian Outlook* website: <https://pres-outlook.org/>

## World Communion Sunday Peace & Global Witness Offering

Today is World Communion Sunday. We join congregations around the world in celebrating communion.

Today we also receive the annual Peace & Global Witness Offering. Of this offering 25% will go to local projects, 25% will go to the San Francisco Presbytery, and 50% will go to **United Help Ukraine** for humanitarian welfare and medical assistance, and to the **Seraj Library Project**, whose mission is to work alongside Palestinian communities to establish libraries as safe, beautiful and vibrant community centers.

You can also 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 "Peace & Global Witness" as your giving opportunity.



## Today's Coffee Hour and Dedication of the Refurbished Steinway

Kristi Hoerauf has given today's coffee hour.

Today we'll enjoy coffee hour in the sanctuary and then proceed to 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?

## 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/>



## This Week at Old First

- Sunday October 5: World Communion Sunday**  
After Worship Coffee Hour in the Sanctuary  
After Coffee Hour Dedication of the Refurbished Steinway  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Saturday October 11**  
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
- Sunday October 12**  
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am Worship  
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  
Larry Marietta Music Director  
Jarron Carlson Composer-in-Residence  
Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator