

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**October 19, 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** Sicilienne on "O Gott, du frommer Gott"  
Canzona on "Christe, du Lamm Gottes"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

### Welcome and Church Life

#### Introit

Henry Smith (born 1952)

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

**\*Call to Worship**

Stephen Taber

Leader The world belongs to the Lord:  
**People the earth and all its people.**  
Leader How good and lovely it is  
**People to live together in unity.**  
Leader Love and faith come together:  
**People Justice and peace join hands.**  
Leader And, if the Lord's disciples keep silent,  
**People even the stones and the trees would shout.**  
Leader Lord open our lips and our hearts,  
**People so that we will seek faith and proclaim your praise.**

**\*Hymn 175**

**Seek Ye First**

- 1 **Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Alleluia.**
- 2 **Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Alleluia.**
- 3 **You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia.**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Stephen Taber

Leader Shining, surprising, grace-full God,  
for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us  
and running away from your love:  
**People Forgive us.**  
Leader For preferring the safe, familiar and certain  
to the risky, unknown and mysterious:  
**People Forgive us.**  
Leader For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power  
and the power of vulnerability:  
**People Forgive us.**  
Leader For taking no delight in variety  
and insisting on sameness and conformity:  
**People Forgive us.**

Leader For fearing those different from ourselves,  
and projecting onto them  
what we cannot accept within our own depths:

**People Forgive us.**

Leader For assuming we are superior to the rest of creation,  
for abusing, despoiling and failing to celebrate  
our relationship with the earth and the web of life:

**People Forgive us.**

Leader For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light,  
in body as in spirit, in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing,  
in Good Friday as in Easter Day:

**People Forgive us.**

Leader Set us free, we pray, to be whole human beings  
and to live our lives graciously and without fear.

**People Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader God forgives us. God makes peace within us.

**People We claim this healing, in faith and hope.**

**\*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**

Beryl Red (1936-2013)

In remembrance of me, eat this bread,  
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time  
when God's own will is done.

Ragan Courtney (born 1941)

**\*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.**

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Psalm 28**

Leader To you, O Lord, I call;  
my rock, do not refuse to hear me,  
People **for if you are silent to me,  
I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**

Leader Hear the voice of my supplication,  
as I cry to you for help,  
People **as I lift up my hands  
toward your most holy sanctuary.**

Leader Do not drag me away with the wicked,  
with those who are workers of evil,  
People **who speak peace with their neighbors  
while mischief is in their hearts.**

Leader Repay them according to their work  
and according to the evil of their deeds;  
People **repay them according to the work of their hands;  
render them their due reward.**

Leader Because they do not regard the works of the Lord  
or the work of his hands,  
People **he will break them down  
and build them up no more.**

Leader Blessed be the Lord,  
People **for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.**

Leader The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts;  
People **so I am helped, and my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.**

Leader The Lord is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
People **O save your people and bless your heritage;  
be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

**Scripture** Luke 17:5-10 (page 75)

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**Worship Through Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the  
Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer  
of Thanksgiving**

Leader

May God be with you:

**People**

**And also with you.**

Leader

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**People**

**We lift them**

**to the One who cradles our hearts in loving hands.**

Leader

People of God, let us give thanks to the God who sets a table for us.

**People**

**We praise the Lord our God who welcomes us  
with open arms.**

*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.***



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### Today's Liturgy

The Prayer of Confession was written by Katie Compston of England and comes from the book *Gifts of Many Cultures*.

### Today's Coffee Hour

Linda Reyder has given today's coffee hour in thankfulness for friends, family and colleagues.

### Officers Lunch and Meetings, After Coffee Hour

After coffee hour today, Old First's current officers – elders and deacons – will meet for lunch in the Munro Room and then meet separately for business. The Session will meet in Room A and the Board of Deacons will meet in the Library.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, October 25

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on October 25. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know that you can help! E-mail us using this address: [4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org)

### Remembering the Saints, By October 29

Each year on All Saints' Sunday, we remember the members and friends of Old First who've died over the past year – since last All Saints' – and give God thanks for their lives.

Please let the church office know of the saints in your life whom you would like to be remembered this coming All Saints' Sunday, November 2. Simply call Brad in the church office or E-mail him **by next Wednesday, October 29**, with a) their names, b) your relationship to them, and c) their dates of death: [brad@oldfirst.org](mailto:brad@oldfirst.org)

### Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, November 1



Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, November 1**, 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>

**O1C: Marathon Gala Concert, November 1**

Old 1st Concerts will host a Marathon Gala Concert on Saturday, November 1, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

- There will be three sets of performances by special guest artists, with wine & cheese, sweets and savories between sets.
- Chelsea Hollow and Michael Desnoyers will be singing. Chelsea will sing “Der Hölle Rache” from *Die Zauberflöte* by Mozart, and as a duet they will sing “Libiamo, ne’ lieti calici” from *La Traviata* by Verdi. John Walko will provide the finale.
- Come for all or part of the marathon: Set begin at 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm.
- Admission is free with donations gladly accepted at the door to support Old 1st Concerts.
- For more information, visit Old 1st Concerts’ website:  
<https://www.oldfirstconcerts.org/>



**This Week at Old First**

- Sunday October 19**  
 After Worship Coffee Hour  
 12:30 pm Officers Lunch, Munro Room  
 1:30 pm Session Meeting, Room A  
 1:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting, Library  
 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday October 21**  
 7:00 pm Worship Committee, On Line
- Saturday October 25**  
 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry  
 5:15 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday October 26**  
 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 am Worship  
 After Worship Coffee Hour  
 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Old First Presbyterian Church**

- 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