

Old First Presbyterian Church



October 26, 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 Variations on WESTMINSTER ABBEY (abridged)
Charles Callahan (1951-2022)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit African American Spiritual

Somebody's knocking at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Answer Jesus.
Somebody's knocking at your door.

***Call to Worship**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Leader Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!
People **Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!**
Leader Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.
People **Let us give of ourselves in this worship time
that we may know God.
Let us joyfully and with gratitude
worship God!**

***Hymn**

Zacchaeus Was a Tax Man

Sung to Aurelia (Hymn 321, "The Church's One Foundation")

- 1 **Zacchaeus was a tax man who one day climbed a tree,
For he was short in stature and said he could not see.
And yet he had a problem that mattered even more:
He didn't see the suffering his greed had caused the poor.**
- 2 **O Lord, you saw Zacchaeus— so wealthy, yet alone.
You said, "Come down— and hurry! I'm coming to your home."
For you broke bread with sinners and saw within each one
A person loved and treasured— God's daughter or God's son.**
- 3 **It wasn't just the treetop that helped Zacchaeus see;
Your love and welcome showed him how different life could be.
He said that he'd start over and work to make things fair;
He'd speak the truth, bring justice, and find new ways to share.**
- 4 **O Christ, you bid us welcome and help us all to see!
May we respond by building a just society.
Then children won't be hungry and all will share your bread.
Then those who now must struggle will live in joy instead.**

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**Prayer of
Confession**

Jeanne Kirkwood

**Surrounded by so many seductions and quick fixes,
Patient God,
we find it difficult to see you in our lives.
Justice has a hard time surviving
when there is so much persecution and affliction
towards the little ones, the vulnerable of the world.
Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches,
are filled with judgement, strife and contention.**

Silence is kept.

We cry for help, Listening God;
forgive us!
As we wait for your grace to fill our lives,
may we open our hearts to your hope and healing,
always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Rich and poor, young and old, sinner and saint,
tree climbers and those that hide in a crowd:
We are all God's children,
and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

People **Broken, we are mended;
separated from others, we are made one;
longing to serve, we are sent forth.
Thanks be to God! 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

Salvation is Created, Op. 25 Pavel Tchesnokov (1877-1944)
Salvation is created in midst of the earth.
O God, our God. Alleluia!

***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

Stephen Taber

Prayer Partners

Augusta Duncan and Dickson Adetuyi and Adeyinka, Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi, Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith Ross, Ed Frauenheim and Rowena Richie, Skyla and Julius

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 19:1-10 (page 77)

Leader

The Word of God in scripture.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 726**

The Summons "Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you leave the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Recessional

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

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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Art on the Cover

The art on the cover of the bulletin is by Edmond Manning.

Today's Coffee Hour

Tom Culp in gratitude for leadership and clergy at Old First Presbyterian Church.

Today's Flowers

Mary Russell has given today's flowers in thanksgiving "For the Beauty of the Earth" in autumn.
(See Hymn 14 in *Glory to God*.)

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 this Wednesday, October 29**, with a) their names, b) your relationship to them, and c) their dates of death: 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/> or use this QR-code.



Resuming Standard Time, November 2: Fall Back!

Daylight Saving Time will end this coming Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 am, at which time, we set our clocks back to 1:00 am and resume Standard Time. Though most of our devices will make this time change automatically, remember to let your manual clocks “fall back” one hour.

Visiting the Columbarium, November 2

As we remember the members and friends of Old First who’ve died over the past year – since last All Saints’ – please stop by the columbarium to learn about some of Old First’s many saints.

Reading “Everything Good about God is True,” November 20



This fall Old First is reading *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith* by Bruce Reyes-Chow. We will meet next on Thursday, November 20, and will be reviewing Chapters 2, 3, and 4.

Here’s Zoom link for the on-line discussion:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82503762693?pwd=dj73bJDDwFfuGDmovXiyw3OynkKV5a.1>

This Week at Old First

Sunday October 26

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

Saturday November 1, All Saints’ Day

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
12:00 noon – 8:00 pm O1C: Old First Concerts Gala Event! Sarah Cahill, Robert Schwartz, Sixth Station Trio, Monica Chew, Wooden Fish Ensemble

Sunday November 2, All Saints’ Sunday

Wee Hours Standard Time Begins: “Fall Back” One Hour
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 7:00 pm

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