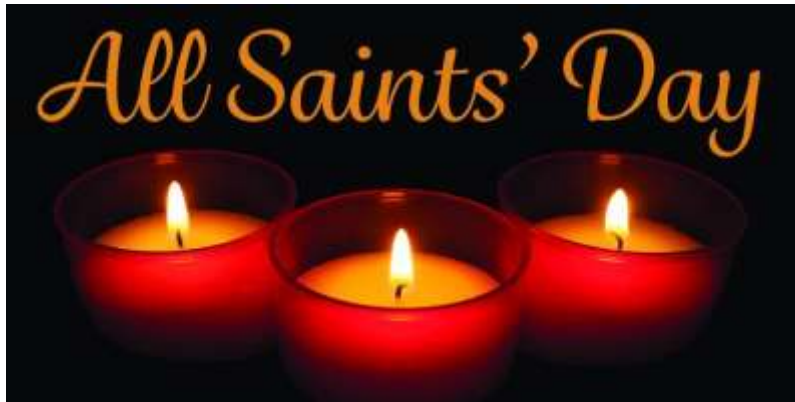


# Old First Presbyterian Church



## November 2, 2025 Stewardship Season: Be a Hopeful Giver

### 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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Du bist die Ruh'	Franz Schubert (1797-1828) Arranged by Raymond Herbek (1924-2014)
	Gammal fäbodpsalm från Dalarna	Oskar Lindberg (1887-1955)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		Mary Russell
<b>Remembering the Saints</b>	<i>See insert.</i>	Erwin Barron Lori Yamauchi
<b>Introit</b>	Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessings on him who comes as King in the name of God. Peace in heaven. Hosanna in the highest.	Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)
		Luke 19:38

**\*Call to Worship**

Virginia Webb Pekelnicky

Leader

We gather to lay down our burdens and open our hearts:

**People**

**Together, in hunger and in need, God's people.**

Leader

We stand within the Great Cloud of Witnesses,  
All the Saints known and unknown:

**People**

**As we remember and proclaim God's love, we are sustained.**

Leader

We surrender, held in God's continuing mercy:

**People**

**To the unfolding of the Holy Spirit within and around us,  
we live in trust as we follow Jesus.**

**\*Hymn 326**

**For all the Saints**

1

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

2

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight:  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir Alone

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

5

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Virginia Webb Pekelnicky

**Holy and merciful God,  
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,  
our shortcomings,  
and our offences against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us  
for all we have done to displease you.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Forgive our sins, and help us  
to live in your light, and to walk in your sways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

Hear the Good News!  
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,  
and Christ died for us, rose for us, reigns in power for us,  
and prays for us.

People

**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

**\*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!**

**Moment of Hope:  
Stewardship 2026**

**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**

Andrew Lloyd Webber (born 1948)

Pie Jesu, *Blessed Jesus,*  
qui tollis peccata mundi, *you take away the sins of the world,*  
dona eis requiem. *grant them rest.*

From the Latin mass for the dead

**\*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**

Erwin Barron

Prayer Partners

Amberle Gallup, Claudia Garrison, Fernando González, Jan Hammock, Eva and Branch, Soodeh Hedayati, Saeedeh Heidari, Kristi Hoerauf

**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**

Ephesians 1:11-23 (page 180-181)

Luke 6:20-31 (page 60)

Leader

The Word of God in scripture.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

John Brett, Chaplain  
San Francisco Night Ministry

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

**\*Hymn      Old First Presbyterian Church Anniversary Hymn:  
God Plants the Seeds of Love**

*Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

*Commissioned by Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco,  
on our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Sung to the tune of Hymn 305, "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"*

- 1 **God plants the seeds of love. God nurtures them by grace—  
And so a loving church was started in this place.  
    God's garden grows.  
    God's harvest is a blessing as love overflows!**
- 2 **We've served one hundred years, and seventy, and five—  
And here in San Francisco we've helped neighbors thrive.  
    We've sought to be  
    A justice-seeking voice in our community.**
- 3 **We've worked for freedom here, for LGBT rights,  
for people who have no safe place to spend their nights—  
    We've seen the needs.  
    We've worked for love and justice, planting countless seeds.**
- 4 **We've heard God's steady call for racial justice, too.  
We've marched and sung and prayed, for there is much to do.  
    'Mid hate and fear,  
    We seek to build a place of love and welcome here.**
- 5 **And in this loving place, we do what love inspires:  
We sing of faith and hope and love in joyful choirs.  
    Each song reveals  
    The good news of the gospel, God— that your love heals.**
- 6 **The world is changing still; and, God, it's by your grace:  
We share your justice, love and welcome in this place.  
    Your garden grows!  
    Here, as we're nourished, as we plant, love overflows!**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude** Rigaudon

André Campra (1660-1744)  
Arranged by Gustave Ferrari (1872-1948)

*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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### God Loves A *Hopeful* Giver: Stewardship 2026

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a HOPEFUL giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*

– 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 tweaked just a bit

Paul declares that “God loves a cheerful giver,” but this Stewardship Season we’re playing with the idea of God’s love for a HOPEFUL giver. Because God has blessed us in abundance, we can be hope-bearers in the world. Today’s speaker for our Moment of Hope is Lori Yamauchi.

### Today’s Guest Preacher

Today we welcome guest preacher SF Night Ministry chaplain John Brett (he/hym/hys).

John began work with the SF Night Ministry in 2014 as part of their first Clinical Pastoral Education cohort. John has accompanied unhoused neighbors in a variety of settings, including as former Program Director of The Gubbio Project. John is a seminarian with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Prior to his present ministry, John completed a BA in Spanish and Performance Studies at Dartmouth College and served as the Executive Director of a regional legal aid program in Washington State. His favorite ministry experience to date involves offering spiritual care while in drag at a taco truck. Each year John chaplains at Burning Man through Camp ReligiousAF. At Old First many of us know John through his leadership coordinating our monthly 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner.

### Spoken and Remembered: Banners in the Sanctuary

The banners hung around the sanctuary carry the names of 296 people who died on the streets of San Francisco in 2024. There are dozens more we don’t know.

For decades, an interfaith community in the Tenderloin has come together annually around the Winter Solstice to read the names of neighbors who have died on the streets that year. The Annual Vigil remains an intentional interfaith ceremony of mourning and memory that gives voice and name to the conditions and vulnerabilities of homelessness in San Francisco.

Since 2020, the arts collaborative Skywatchers – with help from various local community organizations – has sewn fabric banners for every loved one lost. Take a moment, look at the memorial banners, and consider the lives they represent.

### Today’s Coffee Hour

Betty and Steve Voris have given today’s coffee hour in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Visiting the Columbarium, Today

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 after worship today to learn about some of Old First's many saints.

### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn Now in the Hymnal

Thanks go to Chris Burt, Cindy Burt, Mary Russell, Randy Smith, Sarah Taber and Lori Yamauchi for pasting the text of Old First's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn, "God Plants the Seeds of Love" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, into the back cover of our hymnals.

### 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.

You needn't have come to the first meeting to enjoy this one. Please join us!

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

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

### New Member/Inquirer Classes, December

Curious about Old First? Or the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Interested in becoming a member of the church? Send an E-mail to the church office ([brad@oldfirst.org](mailto:brad@oldfirst.org)) and Brad will pass your name along to Pastor Maggi. She will be leading New Member/Inquirer Classes this coming December. Watch the announcements for upcoming dates and times.

### This Week at Old First

#### Sunday November 2, All Saints' Sunday

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

#### Friday November 7

8:00 pm O1C: Ensemble for These Times: soprano, cello, piano, violin

#### Saturday November 8

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry

#### Sunday November 9

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am Worship  
After Worship Coffee Hour  
2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate  
Larry Marietta Music Director  
Jarron Carlson Composer-in-Residence  
Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator