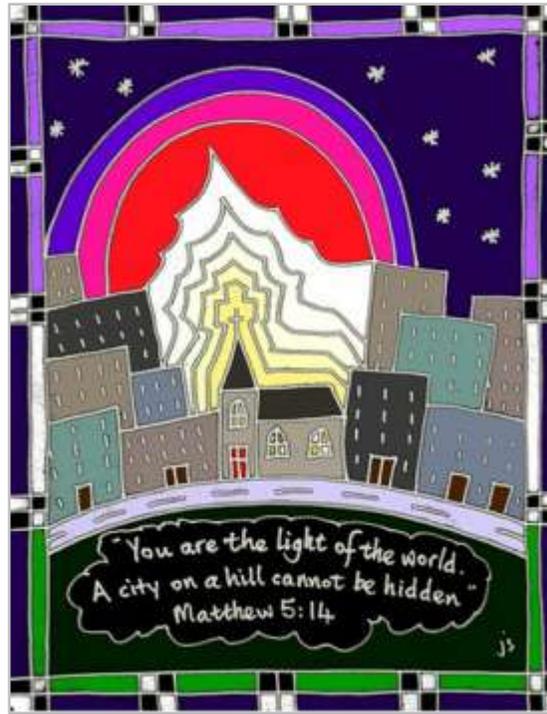


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, February 15, 2026

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	Great Day We Shall Overcome: 6 Variations	Adolphus Hailstork (born 1941) Gaël Liardon (1973-2018)
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit	O Praise the Lord O praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, give thanks to God for bountiful is he, because his loving kindness lasts to all eternity.	Glen D. Wissner

***Call to Worship**

Sidney Hollar

Leader Called to be light,
People **we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**
Leader Called to be salt,
People **we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.**
Leader Called to live in God's reality,
People **we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.**

***Hymn 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Sidney Hollar

People **God of Light,**
we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.
We follow the dim light of the world of success and fortune.
We follow the dusky light that calls us
to be more religious by following rules.
We follow the fading light of personal salvation.
Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love
for all the world.
Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,
who commanded us to love one another.

Let us confess silently.

People **Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice,**
in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.
In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader God will show us the way to God's realm.
Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our Light of salvation!
People **God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes,
and fills our emptiness with hope and joy.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

***Response In God's Sight** Luscombe/Gaine
We sing the phrase three times.



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 The Secret of Christ Richard Shephard (1949-2021)
For a long time I have held my peace,
but now will I speak.
I will lead the blind in a way they know not,
in paths that they have not known I will guide them.
I will turn their darkness into light,
and I will persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts,
that we may share the secret of Christ
with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage,
following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen.

***Doxology** GREENSLEEVES: For tune, see Hymn145

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the Son of Mary.**

**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**

Mary Russell

Prayer Partners

Augusta Duncan and Dickson Adetuyi and Adeyinka, Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi, Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith Ross

**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 Matthew 5:13-20 (page 4)

Response

Refrain from *Christ, Be Our Light!* Hymn 314

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

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Today's Coffee Hour

Lori Yamauchi and James Fagler have given today's coffee hour with gratitude for Larry Marietta, Old First music director, and the Old First Choir section leaders/soloists, Chelsea Hollow, Kirsten Fleischmann, Michael Desnoyers, and Sergey Khalikulov.

Folding Fish Boxes, Today

Today during coffee hour you can help fold fish boxes for gathering your coins for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins, February 18, 1:00 pm



Lent starts with **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. Old First's worship service on Ash Wednesday will take place from **1:00 to 1:30 pm**.

Book Discussion: "Everything Good about God is True," February 19

The next session in our discussion of *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith* by Bruce Reyes-Chow will be on **Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 pm (the usual time)** via Zoom. We will discuss Chapters 11, 12 and 13. The link for the Zoom meeting is this:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82503762693?pwd=dj73bjDDwFfuGDmovXiyw3OynkKV5a.1>

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, February 21



Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, February 21**, 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.



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This Week at Old First

Sunday February 15
After Worship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm O1C: Sixth Station Trio, piano, violin, cello –
Music from “Howl’s Moving Castle”
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday February 16
Presidents Day: Church Office Closed

Tuesday February 17
7:00 pm Worship Committee, On Line

Wednesday February 18, Ash Wednesday
1:00 pm Worship

Friday February 20
8:00 pm O1C: Ensemble “Les Six”

Saturday February 21
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

Sunday February 22, First Sunday in Lent
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour
4:00 pm O1C:
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
Larry Marietta Music Director
Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator