

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## The First Sunday in Lent February 22, 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** Break Thou the Bread of Life (BREAD OF LIFE)  
O Bread of Life from Heaven (INNSBRUCK)

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

### Welcome and Church Life

#### Introit

Processionale, 1697

Thou we adore, O hidden Savior, thee,  
Who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,  
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,  
To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see thy face,  
The vision of thy glory and thy grace.

Attributed to Thomas Aquinas (c.1225-1274)

Translated by James Russell Woodford (1820-1885)

**\*Call to Worship**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Leader If God threw a party,  
**People all would be invited.**  
Leader If God hosted a dinner,  
**People there'd be a seat saved for each of us.**  
Leader If God prepared a banquet,  
**People a cheer would go up when you arrived.**  
Leader This is the good news:  
**People God is throwing a party, making sure there is enough wine for all.**  
Leader God is hosting a dinner.  
Leader **God is preparing a banquet.**  
**People And all are invited.**  
**People Let us worship this invitational God.**

**\*Hymn 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

- 1 Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins  
and close by you to stay.
- 2 As you with Satan did contend  
and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere,  
in you to conquer sin.
- 3 And through these days of penitence,  
and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore in life and death,  
O Lord, with us abide.
- 4 Abide with us, till when this life  
of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

Prayer of  
Confession  
People

Kurt Schwartzmann

Gracious God, you invite all of us to your table:  
the faithful and the doubting, the restless and the hopeless,  
the addicted and the lonely, the lost and the confused.  
You invite all of us,  
regardless of who we are or where we've been,  
but we fail to do the same.  
When given the opportunity,  
we are guilty of casting judgment on our neighbors.  
We draw lines, assume the worst, create cliques,  
and accept exclusion.  
Forgive our harmful ways.  
This Lent, show us how to love others the way you love us.  
With hope we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness

Leader

Friends, no matter how many times we mess up,  
no matter how many times we lose our way,  
no matter how many times we decline God's invitation,  
God will never stop inviting us to the table.  
There is and always will be a seat saved for you.  
So join me in these good news words:

All

**We are forgiven, again and again.**  
**We are invited, again and again.**  
**We are loved, from beginning to end.**  
Thanks be to God,  
the one whose invitation of love is always given.

\*Response

In God's Sight

Luscombe/Gaine

*We sing the phrase three times.*

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response: "In God's sight we are made whole- we are". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "full of God's love- Al- le- lu- ia, A- men! (In God's)". Chord symbols are placed above and below the notes: F, em, am, dm, C/E, dm, G7, C.

**Offering** *Usbers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code to the right or this URL:*  
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**Anthem** Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)  
Thou hast turned my laments into dancing;  
Thou hast stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
That my spirit may sing psalms to thee and never cease.  
I will confess thee forever, O Lord my God. Psalm 30:11-12

**\*Doxology** Genevan Psalter, 1551  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

**Time with  
Our Children**

**\*The Peace**  
Leader Peace be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Scripture** Luke 14:15-23 (pages 72-73)

John 2:1-12 (page 87)

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "When All Are Invited, It Catches Us by Surprise"

Pastor Henderson

## Worship Through Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,  
the one who invites us all the banquet

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise  
for such in invitation of love.**

*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.***

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

**\*Hymn 769 For Everyone Born**

1 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead...

**Refrain** And God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

2 For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair...

3 For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong...

4 For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live...

5 For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free...

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

*During the postlude please reflect on these questions:*

“When have you felt a surprising invitation? When have you felt included?”

*Next, write your answer on one of the leaf post-it notes and place it on the poster.*

**Postlude** Grand Chœur (AUSTRIA) Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

*You may either depart or take a seat to listen to the postlude, as you wish.*

*However, do please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.*

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### A Sanctified Art

This morning's call to worship, confession and assurance of forgiveness are adapted from texts by the Reverend Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).

### Today's Coffee Hour

David Lundberg has given today's coffee hour.

### Devotionals and Fish-Boxes for Lent

Please pick up a set of daily devotional cards and a fish-box for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in the narthex.

You can also access a weekly on-line devotional booklet from A Sanctified Art, which you can find in Pastor Maggi's weekly email or on Old First's website. You can visit our website using either the QR-code on the right or this address: <https://www.oldfirst.org/index>



### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, February 28

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on February 28. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? **Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on.** Food service begins at 5:15 pm. Let us know that you can help. E-mail this address: [4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org)

### This Week at Old First

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 22, First Sunday in Lent</b>
After Worship	Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 24</b>
6:30 pm	Session, On-Line
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 28</b>
9:00 am	Interfaith Food Pantry
5:15pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 1, Second Sunday in Lent</b>
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship
After Worship	Coffee Hour
4:00 pm	O1C: Chopin Birthday Gala
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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