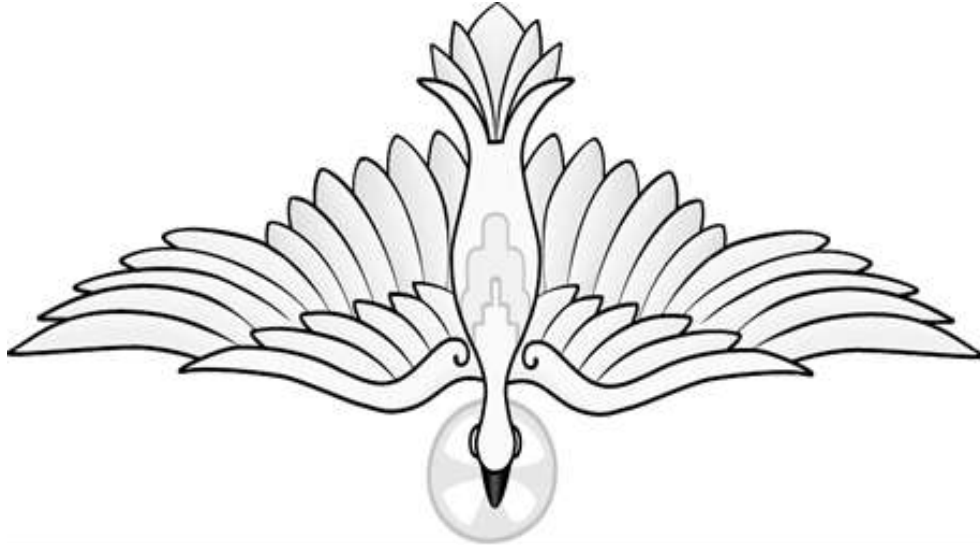


# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Eastertide Sunday, April 12, 2026

### Worship Through Praising God

*Easy-to-use headphones 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>	Andante, Opus 33, No. 4	Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		Pastor Henderson
<b>Introit</b>		G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Michael Desnoyers, tenor
	Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.	Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932) Translation by R. Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

**\*Call to Worship**

Tom Culp

Leader Christ is risen, risen indeed. Alleluia.  
Risen in quiet and mysterious darkness  
before the chorus of the dawn.  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Leader Risen with glory and grace in reserve,  
and authority beyond measure.  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Leader Risen to prove that violence is no solution;  
to offer us peace and life in all its fullness.  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Leader For God has taken into his own flesh the sin of the world.  
The last laugh is God's laugh; God has the last laugh:  
For freedom comes beyond the cross,  
for peace comes from beyond the violence,  
for friendship comes beyond the betrayal,  
for life comes beyond the crushing of life.

The first laugh and the last laugh are God's.  
And God has made laughter for us.  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**\*Hymn 245 Christ the Lord is Risen Today!**

- 1 "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
- 3 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
- 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

When our faith stands at the grave,  
grieving for a stone that's rolled away,  
forgive us.

*A moment of silence*

When our faith is short of understanding  
though the truth is there to see,  
forgive us.

*A moment of silence*

When our faith, beset by doubt,  
sees no further than an empty tomb today,  
forgive us.

*A moment of silence*

Bring to mind the cry of Mary, "I have seen the Lord!"  
and grant us faith to believe! Amen.

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader

Christ is Risen!

The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.

Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!"

People

We have seen Christ, too,

in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift,

in every choice to restore life in this world.

We are called to this new life,

a life of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Leader

You are forgiven;

accept your forgiveness

and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life.

People

We will walk forward on this journey of faith,

knowing our siblings in faith walk with us too.

**\*Response**

**In God's Sight**

Luscombe/Gaine

*We sing the phrase three times.*

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Chords above the staff are F (under G4), em (under Bb4), and am (under C5). The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). Chords below the staff are dm (under G3), C/E (under A3), dm (under Bb3), G7 (under C4), and C (under Bb3). The lyrics are: "In God's sight we are made whole- we are full of God's love- Al- le- lu- ia, A- men! (In God's)".

**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/>*



**Organ Interlude**

**\*Doxology**

**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  
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you!  
And also with you!

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Prayers of the People**

Sarah Taber

Prayer Partners

Chloe Pollock, Phil Pollock, Spencer Pollock, Glen Potter, Linda Reyder, Sally Spencer, AnnieScott Rogers, Mary Russell, Amir Sadeghi

**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**

Mark 16:1-8 (page 51)

Leader

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God within us,  
For the Word of God among us:

**People**

**Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn Sing**

*Choose an Easter hymn to sing. See Hymns 229 to 257 in Glory to God.*

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

**\*Hymn 247    Now The Green Blade Rises**

- 1    Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2    In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3    Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green,
- 4    When our hearts are wintry, thieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

**\*Easter Response**

Leader    Lord of life, you walk this journey with us and through us:

**People    Lead us, Lord, lead on.**

Leader    Journeying within, and wrestling with the world,

**People    Lead us, Lord, lead on.**

Leader    Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path you have opened for us:

**People    Lead us, Lord, lead on.**

Leader    And let us rejoice that every place is your place;

**People    In the name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.**

**Postlude    Rigaudon** André Campra (1660-1744)

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

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

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### This Morning's Liturgy

Much of the liturgy today is drawn from *Eggs and Ashes*, editors Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill, Wild Goose Publications, The Iona Community. The prayer of confession was written by John Birch and the assurance, by Mindi Welton Mitchell.

### Larry Marietta Out Till May

Larry Marietta, our beloved music director, will be gone for the Sundays from April 19 to May 3 while recovering from surgery. "God's blessing and our prayers go with you, Larry!"

### Book Discussion: "Everything Good about God is True," April 16

The next session in our discussion of *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith* by Bruce Reyes-Chow will be this **Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. We will discuss Chapters 17, 18, 19, and 20. The link for the Zoom meeting is this:

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

This will be our last book class. What would you like to read next? –Pastor Maggi

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

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on April 25. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? **Volunteers are welcomed from 4:45 pm on.** Food service begins at 5:15 pm. Let us know that you can help. E-mail this address: [4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org)

### Good Friday Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing

You can still make your contribution to the Good Friday Offering or to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering we received on Easter Day:

Our **Good Friday offering** goes to Life for Relief and Development (LIFE), nonprofit responding to the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. **One Great Hour of Sharing** supports work serving individuals and communities confronted by disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, migration, and refugee status.

To contribute to either offering you can use **Old First's donation page**: simply click this link - <https://www.oldfirst.org/donations/> - or use the QR-code to the right. Select "Good Friday – Special Offering" or "One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter" from the Donate To drop-down dialog box. And if you fed a "fish box" during Lent for One Great Hour of Sharing, simply bring it to the church.



### **New Member/Inquirer Classes**

Curious about Old First? Or the Presbyterian Church (USA)? Interested in becoming a member of the church? Then let Pastor Maggi know: You can speak with directly, or send an E-mail to the church office - [brad@oldfirst.org](mailto:brad@oldfirst.org) - and Brad will pass your name along to her. She will be leading New Member/Inquirer Classes again soon.

### **Sign Up to Sponsor Coffee Hour**

A Sunday without coffee hour would be out-of-place during joyful Eastertide. So help keep the joy of Easter's fifty days going by sponsoring coffee hour!

Of course, sponsoring coffee hour is also a great opportunity for you to honor someone, to remember someone, or to commemorate some event. Sign up today on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry. The cost to sponsor coffee hour is only \$50.00.

### **This Week at Old First**

- Sunday April 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**  
11:00 am Worship  
After Worship Coffee Hour  
2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line  
4:00 pm O1C: Lieder Alive! "Concert Confidential"  
with Jeffrey LaDeur, piano  
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Saturday April 18**  
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry  
1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line
- Sunday April 19, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**  
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 am Worship  
After Worship Coffee Hour  
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