

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## Eastertide Sunday, May 17, 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>	Le Cygne ( <i>The Swan</i> )	Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		Pastor Henderson
<b>Introit</b>	Sanctus from the <i>Messe solennelle en l'honneur de Sainte-Cécile</i>	Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>
	Dominus Deus sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of hosts.</i>
	Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

**\*Call to Worship**

Cindy Burt

Leader Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

People **We glorify the One who holds our hands  
when we slip.**

Leader Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.

People **Where the doors to grace  
are thrown open so all may enter.**

Leader Come, and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

People **We will tell of the joy and the love,  
of the peace and the hope which are ours.**

**\*Hymn 318 In Christ There Is No East or West**

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
this service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

Prayer of  
Confession

Cindy Burt

Gracious and living God,  
you are not far from any one of us—  
yet we confess how often we have acted  
as though you were.  
We have built altars to unknown gods:  
to comfort, to certainty, to our own understanding.  
We have stood on our own Mars Hills—  
our churches, our platforms, our coffee hours—  
and spoken about you without being moved by you.  
We have proclaimed a God of all nations  
while quietly favoring our own tribe.  
Forgive us for feeling our way along blindly  
when your light is near.

*Silence is kept.*

In your mercy,  
overturn our idols,  
expand our imaginations, and  
draw us closer to you,  
the God who cannot be contained  
in temples made with hands or  
in theologies made with willful pride.  
Amen.

\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness

Leader

Hear the good news:  
The God who made the world and everything in it  
is not a god who stands at a distance demanding satisfaction.  
This is the God who came near—  
and the resurrection is not only a warning,  
it is a promise that mercy is the final word.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God**

**\*Response In God's Sight**

Luscombe/Gaine

*We sing the phrase three times.*

Musical notation for the song "In God's Sight" by Luscombe/Gaine. The notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. Chords are indicated above the staff: F, em, am, dm, C/E, dm, G7, and C. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words split across lines. 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.olderfirst.org/donations/>*



**Anthem** Good News Celebration

*Dedicated to the choirs of Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church*

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Share the Good News Celebration!

Sing God's praises joyfully.

Share with ev'ry tribe and nation,

Christ has come and sets us free.

Sing and praise God! Worthy of our praise is God.

Alleluia! Sing and praise God joyfully!

Witness now with expectation,

Share the Gospel far and near;

Tell of Christ and His salvation,

Spread the news that all may hear.

Share the Good News Celebration!

Share the good news of God's design;

Let us sing with jubilation.

We are branches, God's the vine.

Alleluia, O sing and praise God! Alleluia, O praise the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing and praise God joyfully!

Carlton C. Buck (1907-1999)

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

**Worship Through Hearing God's Word**

**Scripture** Acts 17:22-34 (page 129)

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.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

**Worship Through Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the  
Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer  
of Thanksgiving**

Leader May the God who knows us be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift your hearts to the One who will not leave you stranded.

People **We offer ourselves to God, who is always with us.**

Leader Bless God, all you who love the Lord.


People **We sing praises to the One who loves us.**

*The leader continues the prayer.*

Leader With those who praise you every day,  
with those who have lost all hope,  
we would bring our songs to you:

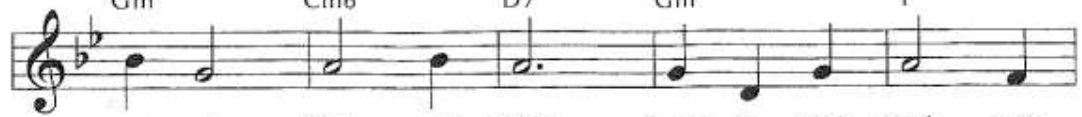
**Hymn 565 Holy, Holy, Holy** *alternate text*

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)  
Gm F Eb F Gm Cm




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)  
Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F




pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)  
Eb F Gm Cm F




full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)  
Gm F Gm F Eb




high - est. God, who made the world and

(D) (A) (Am) (D)  
F C Cm F



ev' - ry - thing in it: Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)  
Gm Cm F Dm7 G



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The leader continues the prayer.*

Leader As we remember the grace with which Christ loved us,  
as we welcome the Comforter he sent to us,  
we proclaim that mystery which is faith:

People **Christ died, doing what was right for us;  
Christ was raised by the One who was in him;  
Christ will come, just as the hope within us  
witnesses to us.**

*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.*



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### Today's Liturgy

Today's call Call to Worship and Eucharistic Prayer are based on the work of the Reverend Tom Shuman, writer of books such as *Bearers of Grace and Justice: Lectionary Liturgies for Year C*.

Today's Prayer of Confession: During her continuing education week, Pastor Maggi took a class called "Real Ministry, Artificial Intelligence." Maggi admits she is a "total luddite" around tech but figured that AI isn't going away and that it makes sense to try to understand it. She began composing the Prayer of Confession by using AI and then making her own modifications.



### Today's Coffee Hour

Erwin Barron says:

*The cards said 'Remember May 21' - cards that were annually distributed by my dad. That day was always a major holiday in the community because my crazy dad loved his birthday so much. I'm giving today's coffee hour to help us remember May 21 and Presbyterian Church elder Bill Barron, who lived and served the church and the world for almost 90 years. Please think of him on May 21.*



### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, May 23

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on May 23. 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)

### Pentecost, May 24

Next Sunday, May 24, is the Day of Pentecost. Please think about wearing reds, oranges and yellows, the colors the "tongues, as of fire," that appeared that first Pentecost, as we celebrate the Holy Spirit in our midst today.

**Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, May 30**



Mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, May 30**, when volunteers from Old First and St. Luke’s staff the Interfaith Food Pantry. **Sign up early so Old First is well-represented!**

To visit the sign-up webpage, simply use the QR-code to the right or click on the link below.



<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/667004851505698018/false#/invitation>

**This Week at Old First**

- Sunday May 17, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday May 19**
- 7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line
- Saturday May 23**
- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
- 5:15 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday May 24, Day of Pentecost**
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Worship
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Monday May 25**
- Memorial Day Holiday: Church Office Closed
- Tuesday May 26**
- 6:00 pm Session, On-Line

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