

# Old First Presbyterian Church



## The Day of Pentecost May 24, 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.*

**Prelude** Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott  
Andreas Nicolaus Vetter (1666-1734)  
Choral Prelude on Veni, Sancte Spiritus Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

**Welcome and  
Church Life**

Pastor Henderson

**Introit**    **Blest Are Those Who Come to Faith**  
Daniel Charles Damon (born 1955)

Blest are those who come to faith by the things they see.  
Blest are those who have not seen, yet believe in me.

Christ is the light the darkness cannot hide,  
the fire within your heart that shines from deep inside.

Christ lives again, redeeming what was lost,  
and sends the breath of God, the fire of Pentecost.

Blest are those who come to faith by the things they see.  
Blest are those who have not seen, yet believe in me.

**\*Call to Worship** Kurt Schwartzmann

Leader    Let us join in the Spirit alive today.

**People**    **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader    Spirit is in us.

**People**    **We are in Spirit.**

Leader    Spirit calls us to prayer.

**People**    **Spirit calls us to ministry.**

Leader    Spirit cries for peace.

**People**    **Spirit works for justice: So shall we!**

**\*Hymn 66**    **Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

**Refrain**    **Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**  
**Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**

1    **Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,**  
      **out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.**  
**Looked all around me, it looked so fine,**  
      **till I asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain***

2    **Jordan River, chilly and cold,**  
      **it chills the body but not the soul.**  
**There is but one train upon track.**  
      **It runs to heaven and then right back. *Refrain***

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Kurt Schwartzmann

It is easy to see pride and prejudice in other people.

It is tempting to think we're better and smarter than they are.

But God, we are no different.

We too are foolishly proud.

We too are afraid of people who are different from ourselves.

Forgive us, O God.

We are afraid to follow the Spirit in to new ways of being church.

We long for the way things used to be,

while missing your presence here and now.

*Silence is kept.*

Help us to see and celebrate your life-giving Spirit

within the whole creation,

within all people,

at all times,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

Listen! This is the good news spoken long ago,  
yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit:

God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

People

God gives us new hope, new joy, new life—  
this day and in all the days to come.

Thanks be to God! Amen. Amen.

**\*Response**

**In God's Sight**

Luscombe/Gaine

*We sing the phrase three times.*

The image shows musical notation for the response 'In God's Sight'. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has notes for 'In God's sight we are made whole- we are' with chords F, em, and am above. The second staff has notes for 'full of God's love- Al- le- lu- ia, A- men! (In God's)' with chords dm, C/E, dm, G7, and C below.

**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/](https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/)*



**Anthem** Every Time I Feel the Spirit African American Spiritual  
Arranged by Bob Chilcott

Refrain Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
O, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,  
out of His mouth came fire and smoke.  
Down in the valley, on my knees,  
asked may Lord have mercy please. *Refrain*

Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
it chills the body not the soul.  
All around me looked so fine,  
asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Ain't but one train on this track,  
runs to heaven and right back.  
Saint Peter waiting at the gate  
said "Come sinner, don't be late." *Refrain*

**\*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**

**Prayers of  
the People**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Partners Alison Armstrong and Julia, Beth Arnaoot and Liny Adams,  
Carolyn Asbury, Scott Ballantyne, Erwin Barron and Coy  
Abellano, Gabriele Beck-Engeser

**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.**

**Anthem**

Come, Holy Ghost Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.  
Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.  
Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace.  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.  
Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One;  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song.  
Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

John Cosin (1594-1672)

**Scripture** Numbers 11:24-30 (page 125)  
Acts 2:1-21 (page 111)

**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

**An Affirmation  
for Pentecost**

**We believe in a loving God,  
whose Word sustains our lives  
and the work of our hands in the world.  
God is life!**

**We believe in God's Son amongst us  
sowing the seed of life's renewal.  
He lived with the poor  
to show the meaning of love.  
Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit of Life,  
making us one with God,  
renewing our strength with Her own.  
The Spirit is love!**

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

**\*Hymn 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

**Refrain Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free.**

**Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”**
- 2 You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;  
and goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**
- 3 You sang in a stable; you cried from hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**
- 4 You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Postlude Fantasia in C minor, BWV 906 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)**

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

*Please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.*

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### Art on the Cover

The art on the cover is by Stushie, a Scottish pastor, ministering in East Tennessee. Stushie writes: "Art is a creative therapy for me. I started drawing for our church kids years ago and have expanded my art for worship services, church bulletins, newsletters, and even postcard marketing." <https://stushieart.com/>

### Today's Liturgy

Many of the words for worship are gathered by Ruth Burges and by Maren and Maria Tirabassi.

### Farewell to the Choir Till September

As we celebrate Pentecost today, we also give thanks for the choir's contribution of praise and beauty to worship at Old First. This is the choir's last Sunday before they take a well-earned summer vacation. We salute them for their commitment and wish them peace and respite until we welcome them back in September!

During the summer, at least one of our excellent section leaders or a guest soloist will add God's gift of vocal music to our weekly worship.

### Invitation to Visit the Columbarium, Today

After our celebration of Pentecost and in anticipation of Memorial Day tomorrow, please stop by Old First's columbarium after worship today to hear more stories about the lives of those inurned and memorialized there.

### Today's Coffee Hour

Stephen and Sarah Taber have given today's coffee hour "with love for our church family."

### Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, Saturday, 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>

**Singers of the Street, Friday, May 29**

The Singers of the Street (SOS) are performing on Friday, May 29, at 6:00 pm at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1187 Franklin Street (between O'Farrell and Geary).

SOS is the country's first choir for people who are homeless and those who support them and is sponsored by several of our neighboring churches as well as the San Francisco Night Ministry. The suggested donation is \$25.00. All are welcome!

**New Deacons' Parishes**

There are new deacons' parishes and the deacons' assignments may have shifted. Check out who your deacon is by looking at the list posted on the bulletin board in the lobby on the ground floor.

**This Week at Old First**

**Sunday May 24, Day of Pentecost**

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

**Monday May 25**

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

**Tuesday May 26**

6:00 pm Session, On-Line

**Saturday May 30**

9:00 am Old First staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry.

**Sunday May 31, Trinity Sunday**

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday June 2**

8:00 am–8:00 pm Election Day: Old First hosts Precinct 7319, Fellowship Hall.

**Old First Presbyterian Church**

The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor

The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate

Larry Marietta Music Director

Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator