

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, June 21, 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	Adagio cantabile from Piano Sonata No. 8, Op. 13 Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Welcome and Church Life	Pastor Henderson
Introit	Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916) Chelsea Hollow, soprano
	Rejoice ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

***Call to Worship**

Saundra Keyes

Leader Christ says, if you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,
come to me and I will give you rest.

Take the yoke I give you.

People Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.

I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.

This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Leader Christ calls us to come to worship,

People To rest from the things that are troubling us,

Leader To learn what Christ can teach of life,

People To realize what we can offer to others,

Leader And so to return into the world to serve.

People Let us worship God!

***Hymn “We Played the Flute!” the Children Said**

Sung to the tune of Hymn 265 ‘Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun’

1 **“We played the flute!” the children said—**

“You would not dance or join our game!

We wailed like those who grieve the dead,

And yet you would not do the same.”

2 **When John would fast for many days,**

The crowds would murmur and condemn;

Yet they complained at Jesus’ ways:

“He eats and drinks with those who sin!”

3 **Forgive us, Lord, what we expect!**

We want a faith that we control—

Yet faith is not what we direct,

For it's your grace that makes us whole.

4 **And when we let our burdens go**

And take your yoke, and learn from you,

We'll find your rest, and then we'll know

Your way, not ours, will see us through.

Biblical Reference: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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Prayer of
Confession

Sandra Keyes

Why do we keep messing up, O God?
We know what is right but keep choosing the wrong.
We wrestle with our consciences
but get pinned to the mat every time.
We argue with our desires but they always win the debate.
There's just something inside of us
that keeps us from being us,
those little nudges which just get pushier,
those whispers of seduction getting louder and louder.
But just when we think we are lost,
Jesus comes along and says,
'let me show you what I have learned.'

Silence is kept.

And, by your grace, Forgiving God,
we find our way home.
No longer burdened by our foolishness,
no longer distracted by the trolls of life,
no longer alone,
as we walk with the One who came to rescue us
from ourselves, Jesus our beloved sibling. Amen.

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader God promises us life, grace, forgiveness, and hope.
And God never goes back on any promises.
This, my friends, is our good news.

People Thanks be to God, who never gives up on us,
but whose love is always wrapped around us.

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

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (F major/D minor) and a common time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the response: "In God's sight we are made whole- we are". Chords indicated above the staff are F, em, and am. The second staff is also in treble clef and contains the melody for the second line: "full of God's love- Al- le- lu- ia, A- men! (In God's)". Chords indicated below the staff are dm, C/E, dm, G7, and C. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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/>*



Solo From *Messiah* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Chelsea Hollow, soprano
Come unto Him, all ye that labor, that are heavy laden,
And He will give you rest.
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him;
For He is meek and lowly of heart:
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29

***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 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (page 11)

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.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. God, who made the world and
ev' - ry - thing in it: Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

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

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

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

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.*

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 851 **Come, Bring Your Burdens to God
Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God,
for Jesus will never say no.**

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Postludium from *Tryptich for Organ*

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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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Today's Liturgy

Today's call to worship is from the website of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand: <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/> The confession comes from PC(USA) pastor Thom Shuman.

Today's Coffee Hour

Larry Marietta has given today's coffee hour in thnkssgiving for all that Old First Presbyterian Church does.

227th General Assembly of the PC(USA)

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Monday, June 22, through Thursday, July 2. The General Assembly is the deliberative body for the whole PC(USA), of which Old First is an integral part. Church members from our own Presbytery of San Francisco will be taking part in its work. See today's bulletin insert for more information and remember those participating in the assembly in your prayer. For more information, see the insert in this bulletin.

Planting Trees in Polk Gulch, This Saturday



Old First and our neighbors, St Luke's Episcopal Church, will help **Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF)** plant trees in our neighborhood on **Saturday morning, June 27**, using a grant from Trees of Faith.

We're hoping that Old Firsters will volunteer to work as a team with the professionals from FUF that day from **8:45 am to 1:30 pm**. The variety of tasks means that folk of all strengths and statures are welcome and needed.



If you wish to volunteer, sign up on-line using the Old First sign-up webpage at the FUF. **Even if you signed up on the sheet circulated at church, you'll need to sign-up on-line.** FUF will then keep us together as a team. Use either the QR-code to the left or the link below.

<https://www.friendsoftheurbanforest.org/events/oldfirstpresbyterianchurch-communitytreeplanting>

4th Saturday Community Dinner, This Saturday

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on June 27, this Saturday. 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

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, July 11



Though the Interfaith Food Pantry will closed on the 4th of July for the holiday, Old First and St. Luke's volunteers will staff the Food Pantry the following Saturday. So mark your calendars and sign up to volunteer on **Saturday, July 11.** **And 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>

Pastor Henderson's Sabbatical: July through October 2026

One part of Pastor Maggi's terms of call is the provision for a sabbatical every four years of service: a time of retreat, renewal, and revitalization. Her last sabbatical was in 2022. The coming months will mean rest and renewal for Maggi and revitalization for the church too.

During Maggi's sabbatical, Erwin Barron will be our anchor preacher, preaching twice a month. Once a month one of our mission partners will take the pulpit. We will also hear from Laura M. Cheifetz, the transitional executive presbyter of the Presbytery of San Francisco, and from Nancy Martin, the synod executive of the Synod of the Pacific. Old First's own elders and deacons will also undertake much of the care for our community, and four neighboring clergy will be on call for pastoral emergencies. Maggi's last Sunday with us before her sabbatical is Sunday, June 28. She will be back for worship at Old First again on November 1, All Saints' Day. Meanwhile, plan to include Maggi in your prayers over the coming months of her sabbatical.

On Fathers' Day: A Prayer for All Who Father

Loving God, today we give thanks for every person who has nurtured, guided, protected, and loved as a father. We pray for biological fathers, adoptive fathers, foster fathers, stepfathers, single fathers, same-sex fathers, and the father-figures who showed up when it mattered most. We pray for those whose experience of fatherhood is complicated by grief, estrangement, or pain. And we pray for fathers who are still growing – who are still learning to love well. May our community be a place where every family is seen, honored, and welcomed. Amen.

This Week at Old First

Sunday June 21

After Worship Coffee Hour

4:00 pm O1C: Jason Sia, piano, plays Debussy, Chopin, Ravel and Gershwin

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday June 23

6:00 pm Session, On-Line

Saturday June 27

8:45 am Tree Planting with Friends of the Urban Forest Gather at St Luke's Episcopal Church, 1755 Clay Street, between Polk and Van Ness Ave.

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Old First

5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall

Sunday June 28

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

4:00 pm O1C: Duo Soriga: Josephine Lee, soprano, Hwayoung Shon, gayageum (Korean string instrument)

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Old First Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor

The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate

Larry Marietta Music Director

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