

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, June 28, 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 Voluntary William Selby (1738-1781)
Mark My Alford: A Favorite Air with Variations
James Hewitt (1770-1827)

**Welcome and
Church Life** Pastor Henderson

Introit Johann Crüger (1598-1662)
John-Elliott Kirk, bass-baritone

This is the day the Lord hath made;
the hours are all God's own.

Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.

Hosanna in the highest strains
the church on earth can raise!

The highest heavens in which God reigns
shall now resound with praise.

***Call to Worship**

Horngsheng Tu

Leader In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth—
and on the seventh day, God rested.

People We come today to remember that rest is holy.

Leader In a world that measures our worth by our productivity,
God says: You are enough. Come and rest.

**People We bring our weariness and striving,
our exhausted bodies and restless minds.**

Leader We heard last week that Jesus said,
“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

**People We answer that invitation.
We lay our burdens down.**

Leader The Sabbath was not made as a rule to keep,
but as a gift to receive.

**People A gift for all people: the overworked and the overlooked,
the burned out and the worn thin.**

Leader So let us worship the God who rested.

**People The God who invites us to stop, to breathe, to simply be.
May this hour be sabbath for our souls.
May we leave differently than we arrived.
Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn 22 God of the Sparrow**

1 God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

2 God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature say Woe
How does the creature say Save

3 God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

- 4 God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
- 5 God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
- 6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Prayer of
Confession

Horngsheng Tu

God, we confess our ordinary faults –
the call to a friend never made,
the smile withheld, the gossip spread,
the road rage– real even if unspoken,
the unnecessary critical words, the time wasted,
the New Year's resolution broken before summer.

Silence is kept.

God, forgive us and make us sensitive, aware, and caring;
in Christ's name. Amen.

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

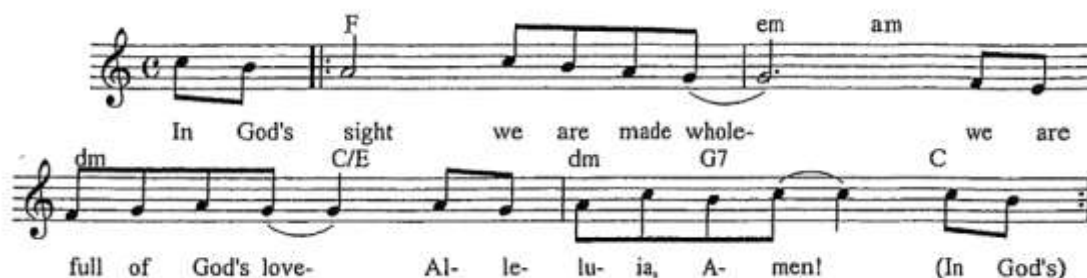
Leader God forgives our small infractions as well as our great failings.
God guides us into repentance and a change of heart.

People **Our God is patient. Our God is forgiving.**
Thanks be to God!

***Response In God's Sight**

Luscombe/Gaine

We sing the phrase three times.



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/)*



Solo Be Ye Kind, One to Another Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980)
John-Elliott Kirk, bass-baritone

Be ye kind, one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
Even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.
Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking,
Be put away from you, with all malice.

Ephesians 4:32, 31

***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 and Responding to God's Word

**Prayers of
the People**

Steve Taber

Prayer Augusta Duncan and Dickson Adetuyi, Adeyinka Adetuyi, Jim
Partners Fagler and Lori Yamauchi, Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith
Ross, Maggi Henderson

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 Scripture Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Leviticus 25:4,
 Matthew 11:28, Hebrews 4:9-11

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**

***Hymn 726 The Summons "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you leave the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Worship Through Commissioning for Sabbatical

Lori Yamauchi,
Clerk of Session

People of God, by virtue of our baptism God calls us to mission, ministry, and holy labor in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. At certain times, God also calls us to occasions of Sabbath rest and reflection so that we might be renewed for Christian service. As we prepare to send Pastor Maggi forth on her sabbatical, we gather to ask God's blessing upon her, and upon us.

Erwin Barron,
Parish Associate

People

Erwin

People

God traces our journeys and resting places,

and is acquainted with all our ways.

God will preserve our going out and our coming in,

from this time forth and forevermore.

Randy Smith,
Moderator,
Board of Deacons

Let us pray.

God of all wisdom, send your blessing on our congregational community as we enter this time of our pastor's sabbatical. Guide our leaders through challenges that may arise. Give all of us discerning and prayerful hearts, spirits ready to understand and quick to forgive, ears to listen for your word, and voices to speak the truth. Make us bold to live out your Gospel as we seek to do your will.

People

Amen.

Lori

Elders and Deacons of the church, you have been chosen to care for the congregation, to involve all members of the congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support so that Christ's mission is carried out, and thus to share God's love, justice and welcome on our corner, in our city and in the world. Will you continue faithfully to carry out these duties of the offices to which you have been called?

Elders and
Deacons

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Erwin

Pastor Maggi, are you ready to step away from the obligations of daily parish life and to engage in this period of sabbatical? Will you take time for reflection and rest in the life-giving experiences that await you? And will you embrace the renewal of the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love you promised in your ordination vows?

Pastor Maggi
Henderson

I will, and I ask God to help me.

People **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

People Amen.

Postlude

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

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Today's Liturgy

Today's Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness are from *Before the Amen*, M. and M. Tirabassi, editors. The Commissioning for Sabbatical is adapted from the 2019 *Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program Guide*.

Today's Flowers and Coffee Hour

Today's flowers in worship and today's coffee hour have been given by Lori Yamauchi and Jim Fagler in honor of the Reverend Maggi Henderson, our pastor, as she prepares for a well-deserved sabbatical.

227th General Assembly of the PC(USA)

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, through Thursday, July 2. The General Assembly is the deliberative body for the whole PC(USA), of which Old First is an integral part. See today's bulletin insert for more information and remember those participating in the assembly in your prayer.

Church Office Closed Monday, July 6

Independence Day falls over the weekend. The church office will observe the holiday and be closed on Monday, July 6.

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.



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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, the Reverend Erwin Barron, our parish associate, 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 the Reverend Laura M. Cheifetz, the transitional executive presbyter of the Presbytery of San Francisco, and from the Reverend 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.

Today is Maggi's last Sunday with us before her sabbatical. She will be back for worship at Old First again on November 1, All Saints' Day. Include Maggi in your prayers over the coming months of her sabbatical.

Next Sunday, July 5, Erwin Barron will preach.

This Week at Old First

Sunday June 28

After Worship Coffee Hour and Departure of the Pride Parade Marchers

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

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday July 4

Independence Day Holiday: No Interfaith Food Pantry

Sunday July 5

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday July 6

Independence Day Holiday Observed: Church Office Closed

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