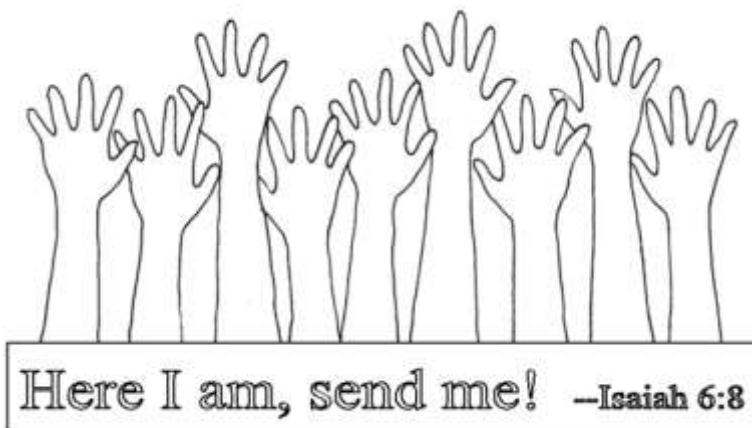


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, July 26, 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 hand it to an usher.*

Silence is requested as we prepare our hearts for worship.

** At the asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude Ciacona and Fugue in D minor, BWV 1178
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Church Life Hsiaochien Chuang

Introit Carl Gotthelf Gläser (1784-1829)
Arranged Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
John-Elliott Kirk, bass-baritone

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

The Shema, Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Paraphrase by David Gambrell (born 1972)

***Call to Worship**

Leader God calls us from ordinary lives.
People **God meets us where we are and invites us to follow.**
Leader We do not come with all the answers.
People **We trust God will give us what we need.**
Leader We do not follow alone.
People **God gives us one another for the journey.**
Leader Come, let us listen for God's voice.
People **Here we are, Lord!**
Let us worship God.

***Hymn 4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you!
all on Earth thy scepter claim;
all in Heaven above adore you.
Infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.
- 2 Hark! the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"
- 3 All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you;
and adoring bend the knee,
while we own the mystery.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Mary Russell

Merciful God,
like Isaiah, we know the ways we fall short.
Like Simon Peter, we sometimes feel unworthy
to stand in your presence.
We admit
that we let our fears and failures hold us back.
We rely too much on ourselves
and not enough on your grace.
We get discouraged
when things don't go the way we hoped.
We forget that you've called us to serve together,
and we try to carry things on our own
that were never meant to be carried alone.
Forgive us, Lord.
Free us from the fears that keep us from following you.
Help us trust your voice when you call us into deeper waters.
Remind us that you know us, you love us,
and you still call us to follow.

Silent Confession

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

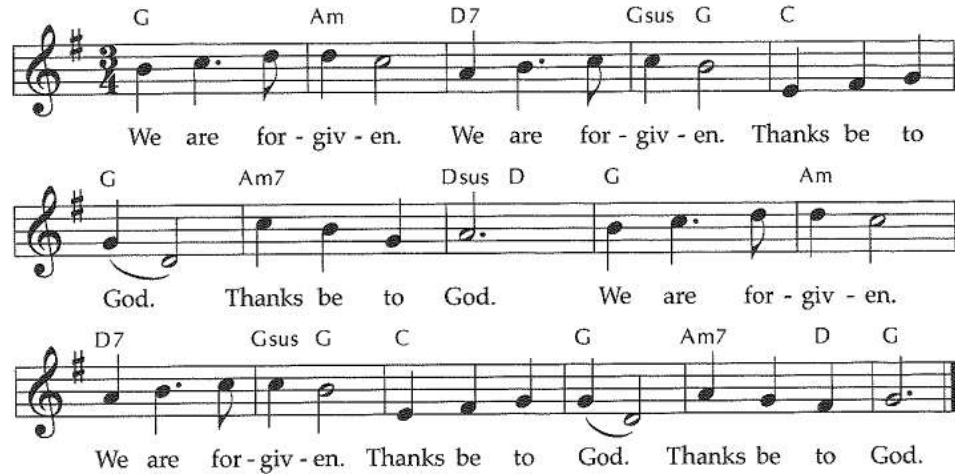
Leader

Hear the good news:
The God who called Isaiah
did not leave him in his guilt.
The Christ who called Simon Peter
did not turn away from him in his fear.
God meets us with mercy, lifts us up with grace,
and calls us again.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn 447**



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

Every time I Feel the Spirit

African American Spiritual

Arranged Joseph T. Jones (1902-1983)

Adapted Melva Wilson Costen (1933-2023)

John-Elliott Kirk, bass-bartone

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.

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.

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.

***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**

Sebastian Dueñas

Leader

The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People

And also with you!

***Hymn 282**

Come Down, O Love Divine

1

**Come down, O Love Divine;
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.**

**O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

2

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

3

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God's grace,
till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of
the People**

Daniel Pearch

Prayer

Roseanne Hoo, Connie Johnson, John and Carmen Josiah,

Partners

Saundra Keyes, Nina Krietzman, Marne Krozek, Jeanne
Kirkwood, Betsy Lutz, Alfred Martin and Harriet MacLean

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

**Moment for
Mission**

Veronica Rodríguez
Ayudando Latinos a Soñar

***Hymn 170 You Walk Along Our Shoreline**

- 1 You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
 We hear your voice of power, “now come and follow me.
 And if you will follow through storm and wave and shoal,
 then I will make you fishers but of the human soul.”
- 2 You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.
 We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.
 We spread your net of gospel across the water's face,
 our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.
- 3 We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name;
 we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain.
 You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
 to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Ciacona in G minor, BWV 1179

Johann Sebastian 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
and for conversation with Veronica Rodríguez in the Munro Room.*

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Today's Flowers

Chris and Cindy Burt have given today's flowers in honor of their New Zealand family.

Today's Surprise Composer: the *Young J.S. Bach*

In 1992, Peter Wollny, now executive director of the Bach-Archiv Leipzig, was researching his doctoral dissertation at Belgium's Royal Library and discovered two undated and unsigned manuscripts. After 35 years of extended research, he identified the copyist as Salomon Günther John (1695-1745), a student of Johann Sebastian Bach while in Arnstadt between 1703-1705, the composer as the young J.S. Bach (1685-1750). Official editions of today's prelude and postlude have been prepared by Aleksa Jacovljevic and are available free of charge at <https://imslp.org/>.



Today's Guest Preacher: Nancy Martin Vincent

Our preacher today is the Reverend Nancy Martin Vincent, D.Min., synod executive of the Synod of the Pacific, the regional body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to which Old First and our Presbytery of San Francisco belong. Before being called to synod leadership, Nancy specialized in transitional ministry, serving congregations ranging from 80 to 850 members and guiding them toward greater health and vitality. She is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and holds a doctor of ministry degree in homiletics (preaching) from the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. Nancy is currently pursuing a diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction at San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo. Nancy lives in Petaluma, California, with her husband, Paul, and their puppy, Yogi.

The Synod of the Pacific

With headquarters in Petaluma, the Synod of the Pacific includes the presbyteries covering northern California, the Central Valley, all of Nevada and Oregon, most of southern Idaho, and a bit of Washington state. For more information on our synod, visit our synod's website: <https://synodpacific.org/>



Today's Moment for Mission: Veronica Rodríguez, ALAS

Veronica Rodríguez from Ayudando Latinos a Soñar (ALAS) offers us a Moment for Mission in worship today. ALAS is a nationally-recognized nonprofit that works with and serves the Latino community on the coast south of San Francisco. It is one of the organizations that Old First supports with our mission giving. Veronica will meet with us following worship to share more about ALAS and its work. To read upon ALAS, visit its website: <https://www.alasdreams.com/>



Today's Soloist: John-Elliott Kirk

For a third time this summer, bass-baritone John-Elliott Kirk fills in as our soloist in worship. John-Elliott currently sings in the chorale with Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale. Most recently he was a guest soloist for Viva la Musica in Los Altos. He sang for 11 years in the Extra Chorus of San Francisco Opera, and has performed in musical theatre throughout the Bay Area with TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, 42nd Street Moon, Hillbarn Theatre, Center REP and New Conservatory Theatre Center.

Today's Coffee Hour

Mary Russell has given today's coffee hour, "Wishing safe and enjoyable travels to all this summer."

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, August 1



Old First and St. Luke's volunteers will staff the Food Pantry this coming **Saturday, August 1**.

Mark your calendars and sign up early! 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>

227th General Assembly of the PC(USA)

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from June 22 through July 2. The General Assembly is the deliberative body for the whole PC(USA), of which Old First is an integral part. See the insert in this bulletin for information about the work and decisions of the General Assembly.

This Week at Old First

Sunday July 26

After Worship Coffee Hour

During Coffee Hour Conversation with Veronica Rodríguez, ALAS, Munro Room

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday July 27

Church Office Closed (Brad on vacation)

Friday July 31

Church Office Closed (Brad on vacation)

Saturday August 1

9:00 am Old First staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry: Sign up today!

Sunday August 2

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

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

Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator