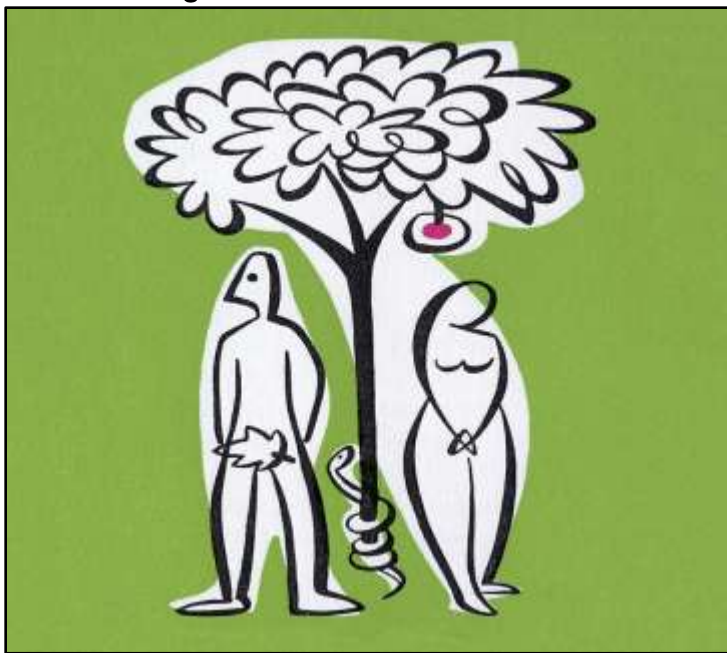


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, August 2, 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	Three Quiet Preludes	Alec Rowley (1892-1958)
Welcome and Church Life		The Reverend Erwin Barron Parish Associate
Introit		Lanny Wolfe (born 1942) Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

Surely the presence of our God is in this place;
we can feel thy mighty power and thy grace.
We can hear the brush of angels wings, we see glory on each face;
surely the presence of our God is in this place.

***Call to Worship**

Horngsheng Tu

Leader

God created human beings
and placed us in the Garden of Eden

People

We worship the God of Creation.

Leader

God gave us all good things.

People

We worship the God who loves us generously.

Leader

We fell short of God's expectations
and ate of the tree giving us the knowledge of good and evil.

People

We worship the God who grants us free will

Leader

God gave us Jesus to redeem us and forgive us.

People

We worship the God who saves.

All

Let us worship God!

***Hymn 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.**

2

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Words,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Horngsheng Tu

**O God, we walk in this world,
aware of good and evil all around us.
We have eaten of the tree and have free will.
In that freedom, help us to choose the good,
even though we too often choose the bad.**

We are tempted with selfish desires that injure others.
 We look the other way and remain apathetic toward evil.
 We benefit from unjust systems that hurt the marginalized.
 We accumulate more than we need,
 while others have nothing.
 We complain about our own pains, frustrations and problems
 endlessly.

Silence to reflect on our temptations

Like Adam and Eve, we find ourselves
 cursed and outside of the garden, tempted by evil.
 But we long for your garden of goodness.
 Forgive us, O God,
 and help us change for the better. Amen.

***Assurance of
 Forgiveness**

Leader

God's judgement on all of us
 follows the trespass of Adam and Eve.
 But, thanks be to God, we receive the abundance of grace
 and the free gift of righteousness through Jesus Christ.

People

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

***Hymn 447**

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Offering

*Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your
 offering electronically using the QR-code to the right or this
 address: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>*



Solo

Venanzio Raunzzini (1746-1810)

Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

Lord, how long wilt thou forget me?

Lord, how long wilt thou hide from me thy face?

Turn thee not away from me,

for I ever will seek for thy redeeming grace.

When mine enemies have cried with derision,

and have mocked me saying: "Where is now thy God?"

I have trusted in thy mercy, believing thou wilt not forsake me.

Lord, hear my cry!

Adapted from Psalm 13

***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**

One Person's Sin Changed Every Life

Sung to the tune of "Just As I Am, Without One Plea," Hymn 442

1

One person's sin changed every life;

When Adam strayed, we too were lost.

The world soon filled with death and strife

And every person bears the cost.

2

Not satisfied with what you gave,

Your people sought to be like you.

Those early humans disobeyed —

Their story is our story, too.

- 3 Then, God, in love you sent your Son,
 For as in Adam we did fall,
 So through the faithfulness of One,
 Salvation was your gift to all.
- 4 O God, we've seen what death can do,
 And now with joy we know rebirth.
 In Jesus Christ, you make us new
 And give your life for all the earth.

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Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of
the People**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Prayer Partners	Larry Marietta, Maryam, Dianne Middleton, Cheryl Min, Pierre Moyé, Martin Musch, Lois Nason, Bryan Nichols and Robin Currier
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**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 Portions of Genesis 2:7-3:24
 Romans 5:12-19

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	“That Darned Tree!”	The Reverend Erwin Barron
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Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 370 This Is My Father's World**

- 1 This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
 all natures sings, and round me rings
 the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees of skies and seas,
 his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 and earth and heaven be one.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Pæan: A Song of Triumph Oliphant Chuckerbutty (1884-1960)

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 on the lower level.

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Today's Coffee Hour

Sally Spencer has given today's coffee hour with gratitude for Erwin, Brad, Victor, the Session and Deacons, who do all that is needed in Pastor Maggi's absence.

Next Sunday's Guest Preacher: Trent Thornley

Next Sunday, August 9, our guest preacher will be the Reverend Trent Thornley. Trent is the Executive Director and the ACPE Certified Clinical Pastoral Educator at the San Francisco Night Ministry. He is an ordained Buddhist Dharma Leader in a Dzogchen Nyingma lineage and an ordained minister in the Metropolitan Community Churches.

To visit the NightMinistry click here: <https://www.sfnightministry.org/>
Or use the QR-code at right.



For over 12 years, Trent has been teaching and working with the Enneagram and is today past president of the International Enneagram Association. For more information, visit www.livingenneagram.com or use the QR-code at left.



Trent has resided in his beloved city of San Francisco for more than three decades.

Memorial for Glen Potter, August 15

Long-time Old First member Glen Potter died peacefully on Friday, July 24, at home. We will remember Glen at a memorial service in the sanctuary at Old First at 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 15. The service will be followed by a catered luncheon in the fellowship hall. If you can join us for the luncheon, please let Dan Joraanstad know before August 8, either by sending an email to djoraanstad@gmail.com or by calling him at 415-706-7104.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, August 22

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on Saturday, August 22. 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; send an email to 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, August 29



Old First and St. Luke's volunteers will staff the Food Pantry on **Saturday, August 29**. So 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.

If you haven't already read the two-page report about the work and decisions of the General Assembly from The Presbyterian Outlook, pick one up in the narthex.

This Week at Old First

Sunday August 2

After Worship Coffee Hour

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Friday August 7

Church Office Closed (Brad on vacation)

Saturday August 8

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry

Sunday August 9

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

2:00 pm Board of Deacons via Zoom

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday August 10

Church Office Closed (Brad on vacation)

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