

Old First Presbyterian Church



"Sheer Silence" – 1 Kings 19

Sunday, August 9, 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	Frederick Jacobi 91891-1952)
Welcome and Church Life		Randy Smith Moderator, Board of Deacons
Introit		Paris <i>Antiphoner</i> , 1681 Harmonization: La Feillée's <i>Méthode du plain-chant</i> , 1808
	Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor; enter God's presence with thanks and a song! You are the rock of your people's salvation to whom our jubilant praises belong. Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say. Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word, and rejoice in your way! From Psalm 95, The Jubilate Group, 1980	

***Call to Worship**

Randy Smith

Leader In the noise of the world and the storms of our lives,
God calls us to listen.

People **We come yearning to hear the voice that speaks
beneath our fear and beyond our certainty.**

Leader God meets us not only after the storm,
but also in the midst of it.
God is with us not only in wind and fire,
but also in the stillness that holds it all.

People **We open our hearts to the presence of God,
already here among us.**

Leader Take heart. Do not be afraid.
Let us listen together for the living God.

People **With open hearts and listening spirits,
let us worship God.**

***Hymn 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

- 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake they sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- 2 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.

- 3 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Prayer of
Confession

Randy Smith

Listening God, you meet us in stillness and in storm,
yet we confess how difficult it is for us to listen.
We rush to speak
when another person needs to be heard.
We rush to fix
what we do not understand.
We mistake our certainty for wisdom
and our anxiety for urgency.
Too often, we fail to recognize
Your presence in the people and places
we would rather pass by.
We fill silence rather than entering it.

Silence is kept.

Forgive us, gracious God: Quiet the noise within us.
Free us from the need to have every answer.
Give us courage to remain present
when life is uncertain and the waters are rough.
Teach us to listen with the compassion of Christ,
so that through our presence
others may know that they are seen, heard, and loved.
Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Hear the good news:

Christ meets us in the storm.

Christ reaches toward us in our fear.

Christ calls us again into life.

In repentance we turn the ear that simply hears
into the ear that truly listens.

In Christ we are forgiven and made new.

People

Thanks be to God.

May grace open our hearts to listen, love, and begin again.

***Hymn 447**

G Am D7 Gsus G C
We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
G Am7 Dsus D G Am
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
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

***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 Reverend Erwin Barron

***The Peace**

Sebastian Dueñas

Leader

The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People

And also with you!

***Hymn 310**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

- 1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.
- 2 I love thy church, O God.
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.
- 3 For her my tears shall fall;
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.
- 4 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.
- 5 Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of
the People**

Andrea Segura Smith

Prayer Partners Chuck and Emily Olson, Rudy Osuna, Karyn Payne, Daniel
Pearch, Don Pender, Gordon Phipps, Chloe Pollock, Phil Pollock,
Spencer Pollock

**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

1 Kings 19:9–18
*Elijah encounters the wind, earthquake, and fire, and then hears God in the
sound of sheer silence.*

Matthew 14:22–33
*The disciples struggle through the storm; Jesus comes to them across the water
and says, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."*

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 "Listening in the Storm" The Reverend Trent Thornley

Worship Through Responding to God's Word
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***Hymn 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound**

- 1 The church of Christ cannot be bound
 by walls of wood or stone.
 Where charity and love are found,
 there can the church be known.
- 2 True faith will open up the door
 and step into the street.
 True service will seek out the poor
 and ask to wash their feet.
- 3 True love will not sit idly by
 when justice is denied.
 True mercy hears the homeless cry
 and welcomes them inside.
- 4 If what we have we freely share
 to meet our neighbor's need,
 then we extend the Spirit's care
 through every selfless deed.
- 5 The church of Christ cannot be bound
 by walls of world or stone.
 Where charity and love are found,
 there can the church be known.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Toccata pour Grand Orgue Gaston Bélier (1863-1938)

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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Art on the Cover

The image on the cover is *The Provincelands* (Cape Cod dunes) photographed by Tracey Lind on December 2, 2021.

Today's Guest Preacher: Trent Thornley

Our guest preacher today is 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.

More Time with Trent

Please join us in conversation with Trent Thornley, who will meet with us following worship to share more about the **Night Ministry** and its work. Get a cup of coffee and head to the Munro Room.

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.

Next Sunday's Guest Preacher: Saskia de Vries

Next week our guest preacher will be former Old First member Saskia de Vries. Saskia is a neuroscientist who now lives in Seattle, Washington, along with her partner Colleen. She was a member of Old First ~2008-2012 while living in San Francisco. In 2012 she moved to Seattle to work at the Allen Institute. Her career has focused on how the circuits in the eye and the brain process and represent visual information. She is currently the Director of Data and Outreach, driving the open science practices of the Allen Institute. Please welcome Saskia back to Old First next Sunday.

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 4thsaturdaydinners@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>

Old First Garage Mural Commences: August 29

After long planning and preparation, Old First will begin painting a new mural on the wall of Old First Garage facing the Bank of America parking lot at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 29, and we invite everyone to help. (If you're staffing the Food Pantry, stick around and pitch in on the mural, too.)

Further details will soon follow; however, if you're interested in helping, plan to contact Erwin Barron in the last week of August.

See the image to the right for the mural proposal.



Perk Up Coffee Hour!

Can you sponsor coffee hour? For a \$50 contribution, you or a group of you can sponsor this important weekly community-building ministry.

Yes, indeed, hospitality is a ministry! Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entrance to pick a date; then enter your name and a dedication. Your dedication will appear in that Sunday's bulletin. Alternatively, you can contact the church office to find a date and to sign up.

This Week at Old First

Sunday August 9

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)

Tuesday August 11

Presbytery of San Francisco meets at Tri-Valley Presbyterian
Church of Pleasanton: 1:00 pm Registration, 3:00 pm
Worship, 5:00 pm Plenary Meeting

Friday August 14

Church Office Closed (Brad on vacation)

Saturday August 15

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
12:00 pm Memorial for Glen Potter (1930-2026), Sanctuary

Sunday August 16

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