



Old First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 16, 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 Let Us Break Bread Together African-American Spiritual
Arranged by Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Upon Thy Table, Lord Southern Harmony, 1839
Arranged by Dale Wood (1934-2003)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

The Reverend Erwin C. Barron

Introit

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

***Call to Worship**

Betty Voris

Leader We come today to worship God in all of our diversity:
People Young and old, and all those in between.
Leader God created us all in such amazing variety and range:
People Gay and straight, and all those in between.
Leader God loves us all, especially those in between:
People Black and white, and people of all colors in between
Leader We worship the God who created and loves us in all our variety:
All Let us all worship God united as God's children.

***Hymn 14 For the Beauty of the Earth**

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord, of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord, of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord, of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

- 5 For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord, of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayer of
Confession

Betty Voris

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.

We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us for our tendency
to limit the world to only binary possibilities.

We see only good or bad, day or night, male or female,
beautiful or ugly, us or them, sinners or saints.

O infinite God, forgive us for our desire
to put everything into simplistic, cut-and-dry categories.

Help us to see and appreciate the in-between places.

Silence is kept.

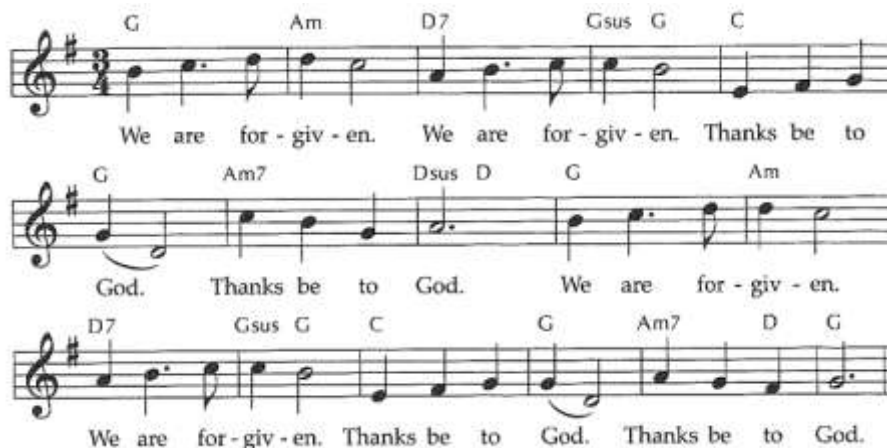
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and
direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader Our God is a forgiving God who loves all of us.
We are assured that we are all God's children in Christ Jesus.

People We are *ALL* forgiven and loved.
Thanks be to God.

***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 address: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>



Interlude

The Swan from Carnival of the Animals, organ and cello
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)
Arranged by Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
Mikhael "Misha" Khalikulov, cello

***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 C. Barron

***The Peace**

Sebastian Dueñas

Leader

The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People

And also with you!

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Scripture

Galatians 3:23-29 (page 178)
Genesis 1:1-5; 9-13; 26-31 (pages 1-2)

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

Saskia de Vries

Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to the
Lord's Table**

**The Great Prayer
of Thanksgiving**

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The leader continues the prayer.

**The Lord's
Prayer**

Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Mikhael "Misha" Khalikulov, cello

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in 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 664 Morning Has Broken

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
 like the first dewfall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
 sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
 born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation; praise every morning,
 God's recreation of the new day!

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude

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 Guest Preacher: Saskia de Vries

Our guest preacher today is 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.

Today's Coffee Hour

Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi have given today's coffee hour in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary, last Thursday, August 13.

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

Next Sunday's Guest Preacher: Carmen Barsody

Our guest preacher next Sunday will be Carmen Barsody, OSF. Carmen was born and raised in Elk River, Minnesota. She studied Theology and Pastoral Ministry at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. In 1983 she spent six months as a Lay Volunteer in Maracay, Venezuela, with the Franciscan Sisters and when she returned from Venezuela she joined the Franciscan Community of Little Falls on April Fool's Day, 1984. She worked as a Pastoral Associate in a predominantly Hispanic parish in Chicago, spent seven years ministering in Managua Nicaragua where she worked with women and youth. In 1998 she co-founded Faithful Fools Street Ministry together with Kay Jorgensen, a Unitarian Universalist Minister, in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco, where she currently lives and works.

After worship next Sunday we will have a chance to hear more about "the Fools" and their ministry in conversation with Carmen. So plan to grab a cup and a snack at coffee hour and then head to the Munro Room.

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 16

After Worship Coffee Hour
 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday August 18

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line

Friday August 21

8:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival 9
 Éva Polgár, Jeffrey LaDeur play Barber, Liszt

Saturday August 22

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line
 5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Sunday August 23

11:00 am Worship
 After Worship Coffee Hour
 4:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival 9
 Alexandre Dossin plays Bernstein, Villa-Lobos, Gershwin
 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
 The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
 Larry Marietta Music Director
 Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator