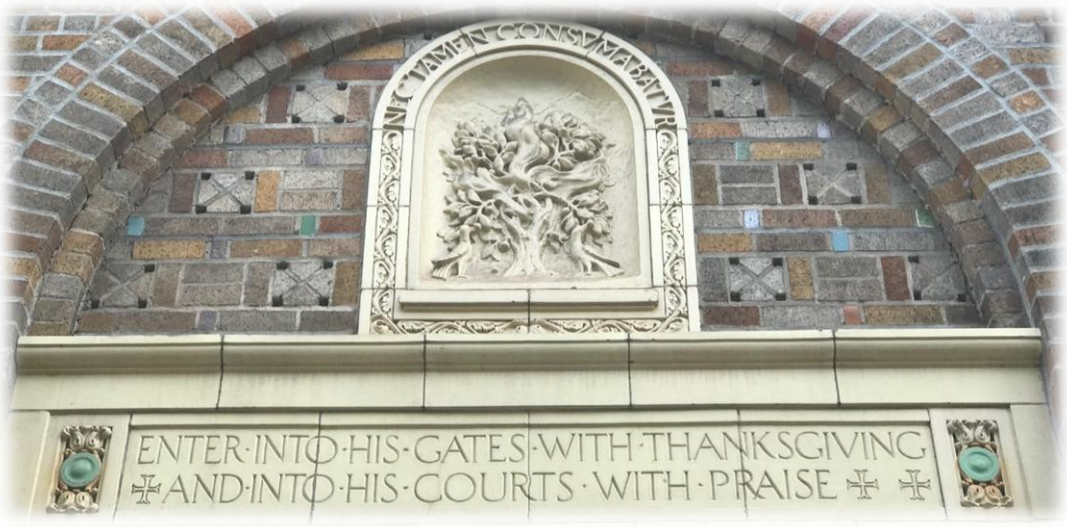
Old First
Presbyterian Church



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 Prière à Notre Dame, Menuet Gothique
From *Suite Gothique* — Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Welcome and Church Life — The Reverend Erwin C. Barron, Parish Associate

Introit — John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)
Descant by David McK. Williams (1887-1978)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise they name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Hebar (1783-1826)

***Call to Worship** Randy Smith

Leader O come, let us sing to THE LORD
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

People **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,**
singing joyful songs of praise.

Leader O sing to THE LORD a new song;
sing to THE LORD, all the earth.

People **Sing, and give praise to God's name;**
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Psalm 95:1-2, 96:1-2

***Hymn 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Prayer of Confession Randy Smith

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offences against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.

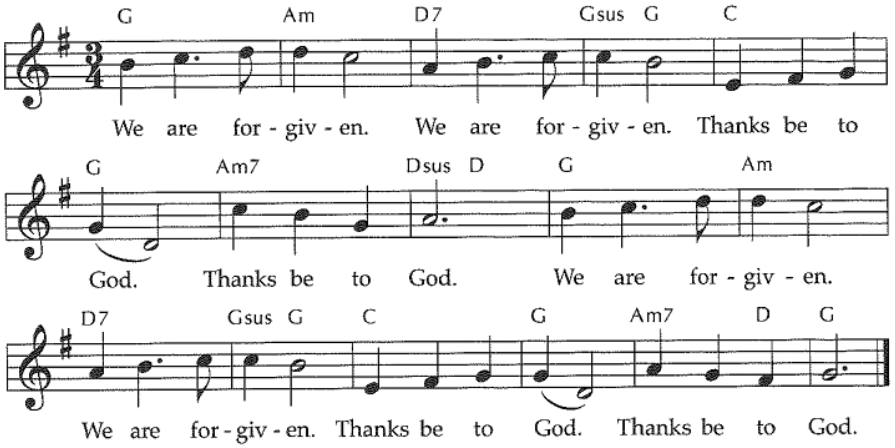
Time for Silent Confession

Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader Hear the Good News!
Who is in a position to condemn?
People **Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,**
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Leader Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
People **The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**
Leader Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
People **Amen.** Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17

***Hymn 447**



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Anthem Vérne de la Peña

Heaven and earth, and sea and air
all their Maker's praise declare.
Wake, my soul, awake and sing,
sing with creation, praises bring!
See, at dawn, the rising sun,
show the wonders God has done!
Moon and star with livery light ,
praise God through the silent night.
Purihin si Yahweh, purihin siya.

[*Pilipino: Let* THE LORD *be praised, praise* THE LORD.]

Heaven and earth, and sea and air
all their Maker's praise declare.
Wake, my soul, awake and sing,
sing with creation, praises bring!
Waters surge and windstorms blow,
thunder, lighting, hail, and snow:
Through their frenzy, even these,
God would praise and God would please.
Purihin si Yahweh, purihin siya.

All these things with curious force,
find them drawn to praise their source:
Wake, my soul, awake and sing,
sing with creation, praises bring!
Purihin si Yahweh, purihin siya.

Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Translation by Madeleine Forell Marshall

***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

Prayers of the People — Rick Wiebe

Prayer Partners: Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia, Tom Culp and Charlie Wagner, Logan Donaldson

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.

Anthem — African American Spiritual
Arranged by Maurice Gardner

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing,
I'm gonna sing when the spirit moves me unto the Lord.
I'm gonna pray, I'm gonna pray,
I'm gonna pray when the spirit moves me unto the Lord.
I'm gonna fly, I'm gonna fly,
I'm gonna fly around in heaven unto the Lord.
I'm gonna feast, I'm gonna feast,
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey unto the Lord.
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing,
I'm gonna sing all over heaven unto the Lord.
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna shout,
O, I'm gonna sing and shout forever unto the Lord.

Psalm 99 *Praise to God for God's Holiness*

Leader THE LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
People **THE LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**
Holy is he!
Leader Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
People **Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.**
Holy is he!
Leader Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
People **He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;**
they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.
Leader O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
People **Extol THE LORD our God,**
and worship at his holy mountain,
for THE LORD our God is holy.

Exodus 33:12-23 *Moses's Intercession*

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 Aging into Mystery Jeanne Choy Tate, PhD

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 66** **Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

Refrain **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.

1 **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. *Refrain*

2 **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. *Refrain*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude Cwm Rhondda Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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, Jeanne Choy Tate

Jeanne Choy Tate is an author, early childhood educator, multicultural curriculum developer, and Presbyterian lay pastor.

Her book, *Something Greater: Culture, Family and Community as Living Story*, was awarded third place in the Presbyterian Writers Guild "First Book" competition. Building on personal experiences in San Francisco's Chinese American community, Jeanne Choy Tate explores the intergenerational childrearing of biblical and Chinese communities as a contrast to America's individualism. At age 19, she crossed the American continent to "find her identity" as a live-in volunteer at Cameron House in San Francisco's Chinatown. Later, as a bilingual/bicultural early-childhood educator, she discovered the interdependent values of Chinese culture to be, in many ways, closer to the values of early biblical communities than modern individualism. These experiences inspired a PhD at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. Building on her experiences as a lay pastor, partner in a biracial marriage, and parent of a bicultural child, Tate writes of life lived on the borders, in the tension between individual and community, between the longing to belong and being one's self. She explores how living stories of culture and faith, dynamic and filled with diversity, create healthy families, bind a society together and speak to the deep hunger of Americans who long to find meaning in something greater than the individual self.

Jeanne is well known to many Old Firsters due to her long association with our church.

Review of Ballot Propositions & Initiatives via Zoom Today and Next Sunday, October 25

Please join Betty Packard Voris, member of Old First and chairperson of the San Francisco Ballot Simplification Council, for a review of the ballot propositions and initiatives on the San Francisco and California ballots **via Zoom at 2:00 pm today and also next Sunday, October 25**. Given the large number of initiatives and their complicated language, we are scheduling two sessions for Betty to explain the initiatives and their implications. (Note: Election Day is November 3.)

To join the Zoom meetings, use either the QR-code to the right or this address:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88276425382?pwd=UT7ja5bu4A3cqXzrYe58ovpBcOtvQL.1

Old First Garage Mural, October 20

Last Saturday, we got a good start on painting the new mural on the wall of our Old First Garage, and Deirdre Weinberg is making progress. The next painting day is **Tuesday, October 20, beginning at 10:00 am.** We will be announcing future dates as we progress with this inspirational mural. If you can help, please let Erwin Barron know.

Pictured left as seen from a church office window: Chris Burt climbing down the scaffolding to meet with one of Old First's many contractors. Artist Weinberg is obscured by trees.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, October 24

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on Saturday, October 24. 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; simply email 4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org

Remembering the Saints, November 1

Each year on the Sunday after All Saints' Day, we remember the members and friends of Old First who have died over the past year – since last All Saints' – and give God thanks for their lives.

This year All Saints' Day, November 1, falls on a Sunday. So please let the church office know of the saints in your life whom you would like to have remembered in worship on November 1. Simply notify Brad in the church office **by next Tuesday, October 27, with a) their names, b) your relationship to them, and c) their dates of death.** Either call 415-776-5552, email brad@oldfirst.org or leave a note in Brad's mailbox in the church office.

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	**October 18**
After Worship	Coffee Hour
2:00 pm	Review of Ballot Propositions & Initiatives with Betty Packard Voris, via Zoom
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	**October 20**
10:00 am	Old First Garage Mural Painting
7:00 pm	Worship Committee, On-Line
Friday	**October 23**
	Church Office Closed
Saturday	**October 24**
9:00 am	Interfaith Food Pantry
1:00 pm	Presbyterian Women, On-Line
5:15 pm	4th Saturday Community Dinner
Sunday	**October 25**
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship
After Worship	Coffee Hour
2:00 pm	Review of Ballot Propositions & Initiatives with Betty Packard Voris, via Zoom
4:00 pm	O1C: Jean Ahn and Ensemble Ari
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	**October 27**
	Church Office Closed
6:00 pm	Session, On-Line

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