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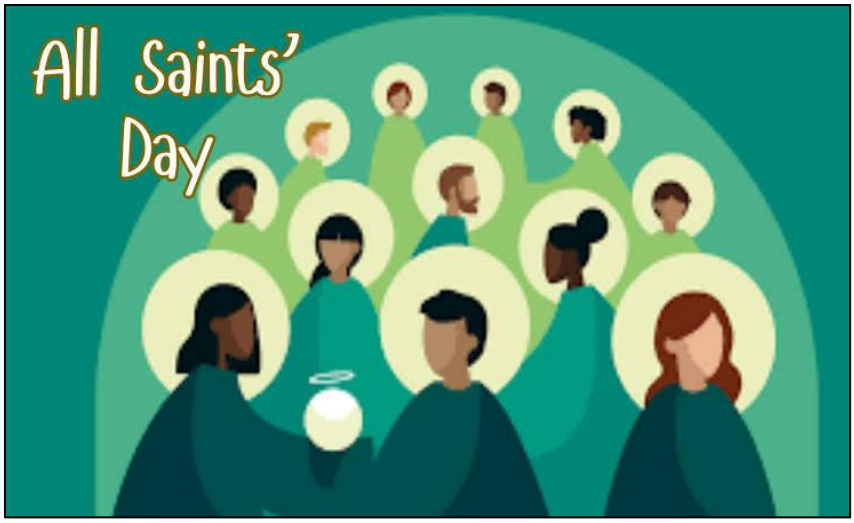


November 1, 2026

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 Prelude and Trumpetings — Myron J. Roberts (1912-2004)

Welcome and Church Life — Erwin Barron and Pastor Henderson

Introit When the Saints Go Marching In — African-American Spiritual, Arranged by Michael Desnoyers

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in.
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the stars fall from the sky…

***Call to Worship** Pastor Henderson

Leader We have come to affirm our historic faith:
People To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.
Leader We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living:
People To respond in thanksgiving
to the mighty works of God in our lives.
Leader We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures:
People To whose name be blessing and honor,
glory and power forever and ever.
All Let us worship God!

From Ruth Duck's *Bread for the Journey*

Remembering the Saints 2025-2026

Kurt Schwartzmann and Pastor Henderson

Leader Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders us
and the sin that so easily entangles,
and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us
with our eyes fixed on Christ. –*Hebrews 12:1-2*

Name	Date of Death	Remembered By
Pat Amdur	March 7, 2025	Old First Members
Dortha Mae Reade	May 23, 2025	Old First Members
Virginia Formichi	July 23, 2025	Betty Voris, her friend
Steve Barker	October 15, 2025	Bill Campbell, his cousin
Joseph McGuire	December 2025	Hsiaochien Chuang, his friend
Rob and Michele Reiner	December 14, 2025	Carolyn Asbury
William "Bill" Tunnicliffe	January 15, 2026	Christopher Burt, his cousin
Todd Shade	January 2026	Horngsheng Tu and Hsiaochien Chuang, his neighbors
Carolyn Phleger	February 2026	Sidney Hollar, her friend
Carolyn Zeisler	March 22, 2026	Lori Yamauchi, her friend
Andrew Golemon-Mercer	April 27, 2026	Old First Members
Merle Bettenhausen	April 29, 2026	Betty Voris, his friend
Cynthia Baker Ovens	April 30, 2026	Kristi Hoerauf, her friend

Rita R. Semel	May 13, 2026	Maggi Henderson, her friend, and Old First Members
Roger Knight	May 29, 2026	Mary Russell, friend of Carolyn Clark Knight, his widow
Sue Goldberg	June 2026	Sidney Hollar, her friend
Stephen Murray	June 12, 2026	Rick Wiebe, his friend
Clint Reilly	July 18, 2026	Betty Voris, his friend
Glen Potter	July 24, 2026	Old First Members
Lord Ha	August 2026	Sidney Hollar, his friend
Kitty Fleishman	August 16, 2026	Betty Voris, her friend
Dolly Parton	August 25, 2026	Old First Members
Allen Habel	August 27, 2026	Betty Voris, his neighbor
Jennifer Sugg	September 2026	Sidney Hollar, her friend
Robert Goethals	September 2026	Rick Wiebe, his friend
LaVerne Silverman	September 2026	Betty Voris, her friend
Gloria Steinem	September 3, 2026	Old First Members
Jigger Sirois	September 23, 2026	Betty Voris, his friend
Douglas Stevenson	September 23, 2026	Keely Stevenson, his daughter
Patrick Stewart	October 28, 2026	Old First Members
Dolores Huerta	October 28, 2026	Old First Members

Please add the names of other saints whom you remember, either silently or aloud.

Leader And let the people say:

All **Alleluia. Amen.**

***Hymn 326** **For all the Saints**

1 **For all the saints who from their labors rest,**
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;**
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight:
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir Alone — O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,**
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession — Pastor Henderson

O loving God,
we so want to be the instruments of your peace
that St. Francis reminded us to be.
But too often,
we fall short.
Sometimes where love is desperately needed,
we join others in sowing hatred.
In the many places of despair in our world,
we have trouble sowing hope.
When our world can seem only dark and evil,
we struggle to bring light.
And with so many people in pain and sadness and struggle
sowing joy seems almost impossible.

Silent reflection

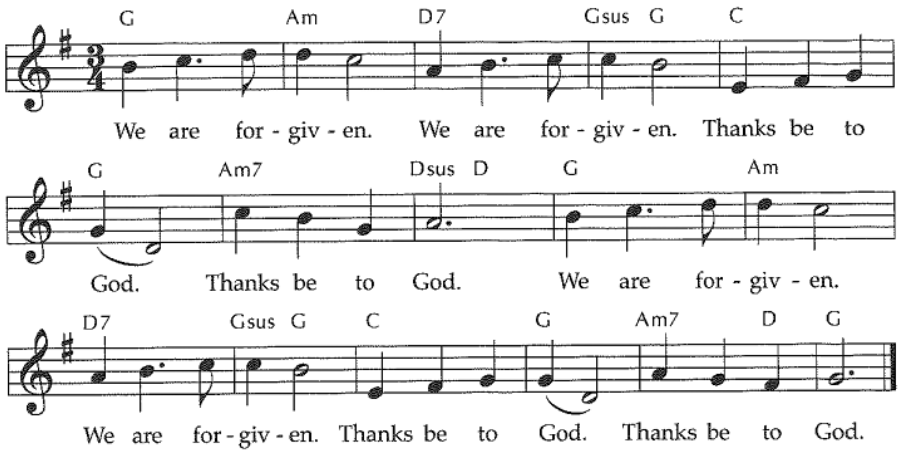
Remind us, O God, what St Francis told us:
in loving, we are loved, in giving, we receive,
in pardoning, we are pardoned.
Help us remember
that we are your communion of saints in this world.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader — We know that with God's blessing
we can follow St Francis in sowing love, pardon, light, and joy.

People — **Thanks be to God!**
We are forgiven and are empowered to be saints.

***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

Duet No. 7 Oscar Franz (1843-1886)

Selection from *Romance*, Op. 36 Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Yolanda Zheng and Owen Sheridan, French Horn

***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!**

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Prayers of the People

Sidney Hollar

Prayer Partners Eder Dueñas, Angela Mayor and Sebastian Dueñas Mayor, Augusta Duncan and Dickson Adetuyi and Adeyinka, Jim Fagler and Lori Yamauchi, Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith Ross

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 Gloria in Excelsis
From *Heiligmesse* (1796) Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

Gloria in excelsis Deo	*Glory to God in the highest*
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.	*and peace on earth to people of good will.*
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,	*We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,*
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi	*we glorify you, we give thanks to you*
propter magnam gloriam tuam,	*for your great glory,*
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,	*Lord God, heavenly King,*
Deus Pater omnipotens.	*God the Father almighty.*
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,	*Lord only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,*
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,	*Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*
qui tollis peccata mundi,	*you, who take away the sins of the world,*
miserere nobis;	*have mercy on us;*
qui tollis peccata mundi,	*you, who take away the sins of the world,*
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	*receive our supplication.*
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	*You, who sit at the right hand of the Father,*
miserere nobis.	*have mercy on us.*
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,	*For you alone are holy,*
tu solus Dominus,	*you alone are the Lord,*
tu solus Altissimus,	*you alone are the Most High,*
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu	*Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit*
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	*in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Acts 2:37-47 *The First Converts, Life among the Believers*

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 *Paul's Salutation to the Corinthians*

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 "Our Communion of Saints" Erwin Barron

***The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Welcome after Sabbatical

Leader Today we give thanks to God
for the work God gives this congregation and
for the leadership Pastor Maggi Henderson provides.
We ask God's blessing on us and on Pastor Maggi
as she returns to us from this Sabbatical time.
We give thanks to God for using this intentional time apart
for growth and rest both for Pastor Maggi and for our congregation.
We give thanks to God for bringing Pastor Maggi
back into our community safely,
and we look forward to the new things
that God is doing in our midst as we seek together
to know and love God, to walk in the ways of Jesus, and
to share our gifts to serve all people.

People **Maggi, we rejoice that God**
has brought you back into our presence refreshed
and we welcome you with open arms.

Pastor Henderson It is good to be back among God's people
at Old First Presbyterian Church.
During this sabbatical time, I have rested and played,
read and walked, explored the U.S. and the world,
and explored many things right here.
I have looked back on my ministry
and dreamed about the future.
I am so grateful for this gift of sabbatical time.
I have missed you and look forward
to hearing your stories and to sharing mine with you, and
to hearing and seeing how God has been working in our midst.

People **We thank the Lord for this time apart**
and for this time of returning.

Returning the Pastor's stole

Laying-On of Hands** *The people move toward the center aisle, placing a hand on Maggi's shoulder or the shoulder of a person closer to her. The leader prays and the congregation responds with* ***Amen!

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 730** **I Sing a Song of the Saints of God**

1 **I sing a song of the saints of God,**
patient and brave and true,
who l toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they love and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they are all of the saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one two.

2 **They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,**
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus's sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

3 **The lived not only in ages past;**
there are hundreds of thousands still;
and the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one two.

***Charge and Benediction** Pastor Henderson

Postlude Te Deum Laudamus Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

Andrea Segura Smith and Randy Smith have given today's coffee hour in honor of Old First's deacons and the great work they do.

Election Day Polling Place, November 3

For this year's General Election on Tuesday, November 3, Old First is once again a polling place for San Francisco's **Precinct #7319**. If you reside in Precinct #7319 or need to fill out a provisional ballot, you can vote in person here. If you've filled out a mail-in ballot, you can drop it off here. And, if you've already voted, then "thank you!"

Election Day Open-Church, November 3

A few years ago we opened the sanctuary of our church for prayer on election day, the session would like to do that again. Our fellowship hall is a polling place for our neighborhood so we have lots of folks in the building. In the last election, many stopped in the sanctuary to pray before or after voting (sometimes by mistake, but that was good). Of course, we will do no electioneering or promotion of candidates.

To have the church open for prayer, **we need volunteers to sit and welcome folks** and keep an eye on things. If anyone can also play some music during the time, that would be wonderful. The polls **open at 7:00 am** before Brad starts his office hours at 9:00 am, so whoever can be present in the early morning will need a key-card to get upstairs from the lower level. (The polling station will, of course, have the Sacramento Street entrance propped open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.)

If you can volunteer, please let Erwin Barron know by email (erwin@oldfirst.org) or click on this link/use the QR-code to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YtpYJRfwyjwNsUqC6BS6QzsOqSMz5qU0/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112800702978534438755&rtpof=true&sd=true

Old 1st Concerts Gala, November 7

Old First Concerts will hold its **Festival Gala 2026** on **Saturday, November 7**, from **2:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. The gala will consist of three sets of music punctuated by two intermissions. Artists to be featured include the 2025 Opera America Composer of the Year **Jake Heggie**, pianists **Przemek Winnicki, Thomas Schultz, Robert Schwartz, Jeffrey LaDeur, Keisuke Nakagoshi, Sarah Cahill,** and **Monica Chew**, chamber ensembles **Sixth Station Trio, Broderick Ensemble,** and **Strobe**, and composer **Sahba Aminikia**, who has had numerous works of his premiered on the series over the years.

Admission is free, though Old First Concerts hopes for your generosity in donations toward their mission. For more information about the gala and other concerts, visit Old First Concerts' website: https://www.oldfirstconcerts.org/

Old First Garage Mural

We have a good start on the new mural on the wall of our Old First Garage, and Deirdre Weinberg and volunteers continue making progress. The primer and the background color have been applied. Now the pattern will be sketched out with black paint and filling in the various colors will follow.

We'll announce future dates as we progress with this inspirational mural. If you can help, please let Erwin Barron know.

Pictured left: Artist Deirdre Weinberg sketching the pattern.

Homework Assignment: Reflecting on Sabbatical

Our four-month sabbatical is coming to an end. Today Pastor Maggi returns refreshed and full of ideas. We join with her again in sharing God's love, justice, and welcome in ministry together. But let's not forget that we, too, have been on sabbatical, taking this time to reflect on our faith and who we are as God's church in the world.

Next Sunday, November 8, Maggi and Erwin will have a dialogue sermon sharing what we have learned, experienced, and observed as a pastor and as a church. To do that, we would like your ideas.

We have been through some significant events. We discovered a 50-year-old film about Old First and watched together over a delicious barbeque lunch. We said goodbye to some long time members and struggled through health issues with otehrs. We've begun painting an amazing new mural. We have welcomed visitors and guests. We shared communion with Christians worldwide standing around comunal tables. We have had a wonderful variety of wonderful preachers and worship leaders.We learned about life in-between from Saskia, aging into the mystery of God from Jeanne, speaking the voice of faith and conscience to the AI creators from Michael Pappas, and more from other preachers. We have re-examined and explored differing ideas about common Christian terms and beliefs in Erwin's sermons.

So ponder all of this and please let us know what you remember, what you experienced, what you discovered during this four-month sabbatical.

You can pick up the questions to consider in the narthex as you leave worship and also on the website, for which you can use the QR-code at right or this address: https://www.oldfirst.org/ Simply scroll down to "We need your sabbatical reflections" to find both the questions to consider and a button to email your response to Erwin Barron. Your responses are welcome **through this Thursday, November 5.**

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	**November 1, All Saints' Day**
After Worship	Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	**November 3**
7:00 am to 8:00 pm	General Election, Precinct #7319, Fellowship Hall
Saturday	**November 7**
9:00 am	Interfaith Food Pantry
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Old 1st Concerts Gala - Three Sets of Music - More Than Six Ensembles and Soloists: Free Admission
Sunday	**November 8**
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship
After Worship	Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Board of Deacons, On-Line
4:00 pm	O1C: Lieder Alive! Olivier Zerouali, baritone; Ji Youn Lee, piano
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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