

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

**Worship Through Praising God**

*Easy-to-use earphones 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 give 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, Fugue and Chaconne in C Major, BuxWV 137  
Dieterich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

**Welcome and  
Church Life**

**Introit** The Whole Book of Psalmes, Thomas Este, 1592  
Harmonized by George Kirbye (c.1565-1634)  
Jarron Carlson, baritone

O Lord, our God, how excellent,  
how glorious is your name:  
Majestic in your holiness!  
We sing and praise your fame.

From Psalm 8, Adapted by Fred Anderson (born 1941)

**\*Call to Worship**

Saundra Keyes

Leader We come to worship our God,  
to listen to the One who calls us here.

People **We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days,  
as surely as did our forebears in the faith.**

Leader We come to worship our God,  
to shout with joy to the God of all people.

People **We come to the Creator of all things  
to be bathed in the waters of life.**

Leader We come to the feast of God's faithful,  
to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

People **We come to worship our God,  
to sing aloud to the One who saves us.**

**\*Hymn 367**

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

- 1 **Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.**
- 2 **All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**
- 3 **For the our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.**
- 4 **Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Saundra Keyes

**We are always uncomfortable, Watching God,  
when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor.  
We can be so proper, so good, so well-off,  
that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor.  
We are so busy completing our to-do list each day,  
that we forget to do good when we have the chance.**

*Pray in Silence*

Forgive us, Welcoming God.

Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility

that we may spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior,  
throwing a party for the poor, the damaged,  
the imprisoned, the lost, the oppressed.

May it be our life, our labor, our joy

to live as your forgiven children from this day on. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
Forgiveness**

Leader

This is the good news:

After what God has done for us, what can anyone or anything do to us?

We are new people, graced by our loving God.

People

**Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God,**

**we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn 586**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The image shows a musical score for Hymn 586. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' are written below the treble clef staves. The music is in 4/4 time and features a simple, rhythmic melody.

**Offering**

*Usbers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code at the right.*



**Solo**

I'll Walk With God from *The Student Prince*

Nicholas Brodsky (1905-1958)

Jarron Carlson, baritone

I'll walk with God from this day on.

God's helping hand I'll lean upon.

This is my prayer, my humble plea.

May our God be ever with me.

There is no death, tho' eyes grow dim.

There is no fear, when I'm near to Him.

I'll lean on God forever,

And God will forsake me never.

God will not fail me as long as my faith is strong.  
Whatever road I may walk along.  
I'll walk with God. I'll take God's hand.  
I'll talk with God. God will understand.

I'll pray to God each day – to God  
And God will hear the words that I say.  
God's hand will guide my throne and rod.  
And I'll never walk alone while I walk with God!

Paul Francis Webster (1907-1984), alt.

**\*Doxology**

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**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.**

**Time with  
Our Children**

**\*The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Prayers of  
the People**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith Ross, Ed Frauenheim and Rowena  
Partners Richie, Skyla and Julius, Amberle Gallup, Claudia Garrison

**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**

Psalm 81:1, 6-7 (page 512)  
John 10:10 (page 97)  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 (page 193)

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**

Pastor Henderson

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 751 We Will Rise Up and Follow**

1 From the nets of our labors, through the noise and confusion,  
from city or seashore, Jesus summons us all.

**Refrain** We will rise up and follow,  
Christ before and beside us,  
loving pattern to guide us,  
as we answer the call.

2 When we faint and grow weary from the bearing of burdens,  
with a message of comfort, Jesus summons us all.

3 In the eyes of the stranger—tearful, joyous, or frightened—  
in the face of each neighbor, Jesus summons us all.

4 When we hear words of hatred spreading fear or false witness,  
words that cry to be challenged, Jesus summons us all.

5 In each moment of courage, steadfast even through trembling;  
in the yearning for justice; Jesus summons us all.

6 Like disciples before us, from the city or seashore,  
risking selfless compassion: Jesus summons us all.

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Solo** Today We Are Called to Be Disciples English County Songs  
Harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Jarron Carlson, baritone

May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

H. Kenn Carmichael (1908-1996)

**Postlude** Toccata in C minor Georg Muffat (1653-1704)

*You are invited to leave or to stay for the postlude as you desire.  
Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee.*

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Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice  
on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World



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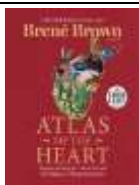
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### Today's Coffee Hour

Jeanne Kirkwood has given today's coffee hour in memory of her mother, E. Jonne Kirkwood, on her mother's birthday, September 1.

### Next Book Discussion Session, September 9: *Note date!*



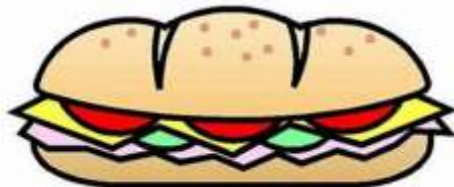
The sixth session of our new book discussion of Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart* will take place via Zoom on Monday, September 9, at 7:00 pm. At this session we'll cover Chapter 8 "Places We Go When We Fall Short" New-comers are always welcome!

If you've downloaded the Zoom App, use Meeting ID: **817 4408 7981** and Passcode: **460421**. If not, simply click on the web address below or enter it into your computer's browser. A live link to this also appears in Maggi's weekly Saturday E-mail.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMW10QT09>

### "Indoor Picnic," Sunday, September 15

Join us for an "indoor picnic" following worship on September 15. Old First will supply the sandwiches and you will bring the side dishes and desserts.



Bring your favorite sides or longed-for treats: green salad, potato salad, watermelon, chips/veggies and dip, cheese and bread, deviled eggs, hand held pies, cookies, cakes, or ice cream! Join us as we continue celebrating Old First's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

### Special Worship Service and Catered Lunch, October 27

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 27, when we will have a special worship service and a catered lunch celebrating Old First's 175 years.

### Coffee Hour

Would you like to support our life together by sponsoring Sunday coffee hour? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street lobby. Choose a date, add your name and dedication to appear in the bulletin, and then make your contribution of \$50 by check or by using the QR-code to the right.



**Report on August Potluck Table Discussion**

*What intrigues you about OFPC, what keeps you coming back?*

Diversity	Focus
Mission	Community, family
Quirky & Plain	Culture, attraction of individuals
Devoted	Choir
Traditional Presbyterian values	Light coming through the stained glass windows
Familiar services	Happy to be welcomed
Community outreach	Friendly, smiling faces
Quirky individuals	Taking care of people
Stone work on the building	Welcoming
Long history	Prayers for all the people
Christ centered sermons	Belonging
Wonderful sanctuary architecture	Willingness to try new things
Preaching	Warmth and welcome
Reaching out	Preaching is a gift
Liked the name, "old" and "first"	Respect for individuals
Involvement	

**This Week at Old First**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 1</b>
After Worship	Coffee Hour
4:00 pm	O1C: 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual San Francisco International Piano Festival Finale: "Cycles of Life," Kindra Scharich, mezzo-soprano; Gwendolyn Mok, piano; Jeffrey LaDeur, piano
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 2</b>
	Labor Day: Church Office Closed
	<i>Note: Book Discussion Rescheduled for Monday, September 9</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 7</b>
9:00 am	Interfaith Food Pantry
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 8</b>
11:00 am	Worship
After Worship	Coffee Hour
4:00 pm	O1C: The Mike Greensill Trio, piano, bass and sax, with vocalist Gale Terminello
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 9</b>
7:00 pm	Book Discussion Session: <i>Atlas of the Hearth</i> , Chapter 8, On-Line

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The Reverend Maggi Henderson	Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron	Parish Associate
Larry Marietta	Music Director
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Kristi Hoerauf	Wedding Coordinator