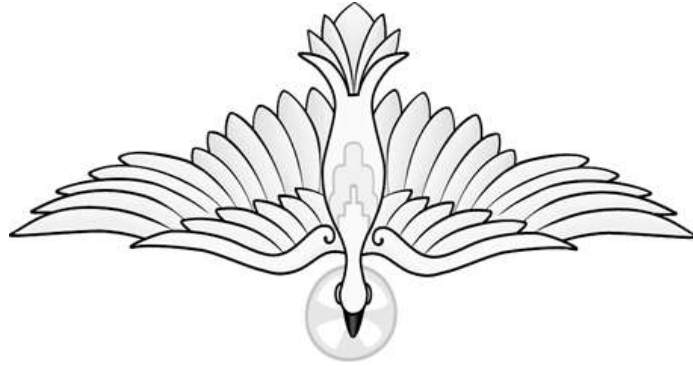


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 8, 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 Partita on WESTMINISTER ABBEY Charles Callahan (1952-2023)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Sanctus from *Messe solennelle en l'honneur de Sainte-Cécile*
Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Sanctus, sanctus, santus Dominus, *Holy, holy, holy Lord,*
Sanctus, sanctus Deus Sabaoth. *Holy, holy God of the Sabbath.*
Hosanna in excelsis! *Hosanna in the highest!*

***Call to Worship** Carolyn Asbury

Leader We come in worship to God,
People in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world
Leader We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
People and who knows by experience what human life is like.
Leader We come with our faith and with our doubts,
People we come with our hopes and with our fears.
Leader We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come,
People and God has promised never to turn us away.

- *Hymn 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**
- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.
 - 2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 - 3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.
 - 4 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
 - 5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Carolyn Asbury

How glibly we say that we trust you, Holy One,
and how quickly our fears silence our words.
We find you at the side of the poor,
while we cozy up to the rich and famous.
You stand behind the counter serving the hungry at the soup kitchen,
while we are stocking our freezers and cabinets till they overflow.
We look down at those whose hands are dirty,
but your hand of mercy pulls them into your embracing love.

Pray in Silence

Forgive us, O Lord, and do good to us
when we have trouble doing good for others.
Surround us with your love; surround us with your grace;
surround us with your peace;
surround us with the Spirit of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Be strong, do not fear!
God comes to fill our parched souls with living water,
to open our eyes to the grace which is ours.

People

God comes, for no other reason than to save us.
This is indeed good news. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn 586**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



Offering

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



Choir

Praise God, Ye Christians

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Edited by Lowell P. Beveridge (1905-1991)

Praise God, ye Christians, all intent,
In heav'n enthroned above.
For God today his Son hath sent
to show all God's great love.

Today the gates are opened wide
To blessed Paradise;
The Keeper now must stand aside,
To God be thanks and praise.

“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen”

Translation by Lowell P. Everidge

***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.

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

**Prayers of
the People**

Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky

Prayer
Partners

Fernando González, David Griffith and Joe Sheffey, Jan Hammock, Eva
and Branch, Soodeh Hedayati, Kristi Hoerauf, Sidney Hollar

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.**

Choir *Sommarpsalm* Waldemar Åhlén (1894-1982)

The earth adorned in verdant robe
Sends praises upward surging,
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers
From winter now emerging.
The sun shines bright, gives warmth and light
To budding blossoms tender,
Proclaiming summer's splendor.

From out the wood, the birds now sing
And each its song now raises,
To join with all the universe
In voicing thankful praises.
With hope and joy their songs employ
A rapturous exultation
In praise of God's creation.

O God, amid these joys of life,
Creation's glory beaming,
Grant us the grace to keep your word
And live in love redeeming.
All flesh is grass, the flowers fade,
And time is fleeting ever;
God's word remains forever.

Translated from the Swedish by Carolyn Jennings (born 1936)
and Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)

Scripture Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (pages 473-474)
Mark 7:24-37 (page 40)

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

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| Worship Through Responding to God's Word |
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***Hymn She Came to Jesus**

Sung to the tune of Hymn 450 – “Be Thou My Vision”

- 1 **She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free.**
- 2 **Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.**
- 3 **God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.**

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***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Traditional Welsh Melody

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love in serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;

Here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008)

Postlude Sortie in E-flat Major from *Vade-mecum de l'Organiste*, Op. 187

Louis-James Alfred Lefebure-Wely (1817-1869)

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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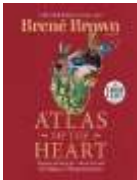
Today's Liturgy

The liturgy is based on work by members of the Iona Community in Scotland and around the world.

Today's Coffee Hour

Linda Reyder has given today's coffee hour to celebrate going "Back to School!"

Next Book Discussion Session, Tomorrow, September 9



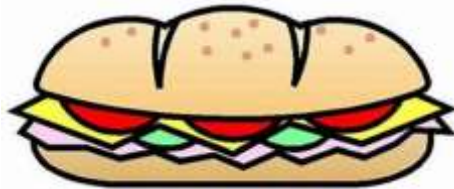
The sixth session of our new book discussion of Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart* will take place via Zoom tomorrow, Monday, September 9, at 7:00 pm. At this session we'll cover Chapter 8 "Places We Go When We Fall Short" New-comers are 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=TVVOUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMWl0QT09>

"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 175th anniversary year.

Old First Choir

Today we thank the soloists who have led music in worship this past summer, as we also welcome back Old First's choir to Sunday worship.

If you missed joining the choir today, you still can! Join others at 9:30 am to warm up your voice and "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." For more information, check in with our music director, Larry Marietta.

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?

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| 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

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| | Sunday | September 8 | |
| After Worship | | Coffee Hour | |
| | 2:00 pm | Board of Deacons, On-Line | |
| | 4:00 pm | O1C: The Mike Greensill Trio, piano, bass and sax, with vocalist Gale Terminello | |
| | 7:15 pm | AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall | |
| | Monday | September 9 | |
| | 7:00 pm | Book Discussion Session: <i>Atlas of the Hearth</i> , Chapter 8, On-Line | |
| | Saturday | September 14 | |
| | 9:00 am | Interfaith Food Pantry | |
| | Sunday | September 15 | |
| | 9:30 am | Choir Rehearsal | |
| | 11:00 am | Worship | |
| After Worship | | Potluck Lunch: “Indoor Picnic” | |
| | 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 |
| Kristi Hoerauf | Wedding Coordinator |