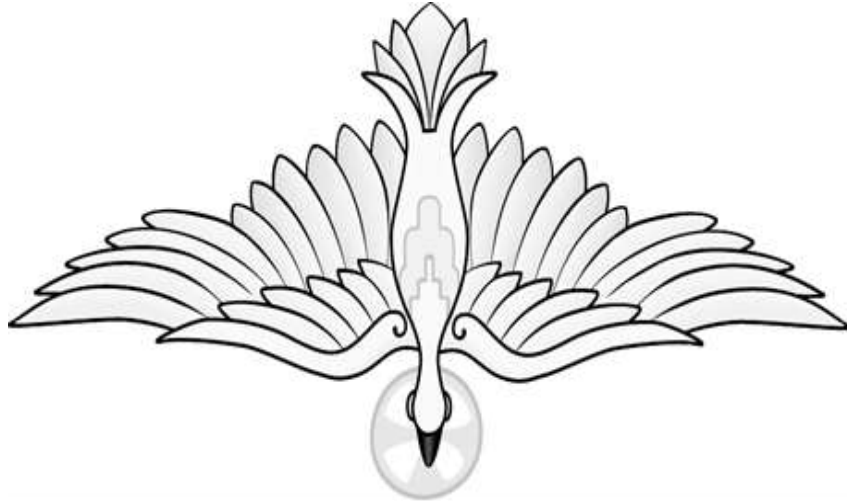


Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 15, 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 Two Voluntaries Frederick C. Werlé (1910-1997)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Jubilate Deo omnis terra. *Rejoice in God, all ye lands.*
Servite Domino in lætitia *Serve the Lord in singing.*
Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

From Psalm 100

***Call to Worship**

Michael Berg

Leader We come here today not because we are clever
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

People **We come here not because we are wise,
but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

Leader We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found
among those who humbly serve as Jesus did,
and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come
from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

People **O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts
and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

***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, treat 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**

Michael Berg

All we need to do is open our mouths, Teacher of Hearts,
to show that we give our tongues free rein.

We claim we love others,
but speak bitter words to them.

We think we are good and gracious people,
but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or those we fear.

We often pass on gossip and convince ourselves
that it ours to share, that we are merely passing along
common knowledge or needed news.

We are quicker to speak of judgment for others,
rather than being voices for justice.

We think we are above gossiping
but we are in the very thick of it.

Silence is kept

But with your gracious mercy, Tender-Hearted God,
you can put out the wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words.
With your help we can pause and consider before we speak.
You can stop the biting words on the tips of our tongues
and transform them into whispers of peace and love.
You can open our ears so that we can hear
all that your Teacher of Grace and Hope, Jesus the Messiah,
has to share with us, in these moments and all those to come.
Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Can we handle it – the good news?
the fact that God's grace can transform us?
that God can teach us new songs?
that God can fill us with hope and joy?

People

**It is hard to believe it, which perhaps why it is hard to accept it.
But God loves us, God has mercy on us, God is with us.
Thanks be to God: We are forgiven!**

***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

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Christ, He requires still, whereso'er He comes,
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

***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

Scripture Proverbs 11:13, 20:19 (pages 560, 568)
Ecclesiasticus 19:5-6, 12
James 3:1-12 (page 216)

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

Worship Through Holy Communion

**Invitation to
the Lord's
Table**

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

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

Leader Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the God of Peace.
People It is right for us so to do.

The leader continues the prayer.

The Lord's Prayer **Our Father in heaven,**
 hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not lead us into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. 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.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn** **O Lord, May All We Say and Do**
 Sung to TALLIS' CANON, Hymn 675
- 1 **O Lord, may all we say and do**
 Reflect the faith we have in you;
 For faith is meant to change the way
 We live our lives from day to day.
 - 2 **God, may we open wide the door**
 And welcome people who are poor;
 And may we share with them our bread,
 For faith without good works is dead.
 - 3 **Just as a spark can start a fire,**
 Our words can damage or inspire;
 We pray for wisdom from above
 To speak and act in gentle love.
 - 4 **May we not covet earthly things**
 Or seek the riches this world brings;
 May we not boast of all our plans,
 For, Lord, our lives are in your hands.
 - 5 **O Lord, possessions rust away,**
 But your love fills us every day;
 Through prayer and service in your name,
 May we live out the faith we claim.

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***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Mrs. H.H.A. Beach, née Amy Marcy Cheney (1867-1944)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.

Not as the world giveth give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled.

John 14:27

Please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for lunch to continue our celebration of Old First's 175 years of worship and service. There is enough food for all. Please come!

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on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World



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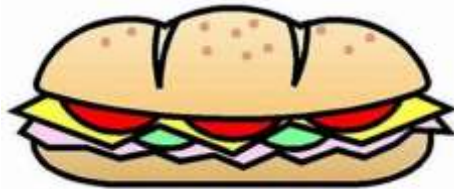
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Today's Liturgy

Today's call to worship was written by Bruce Prewer: <http://www.bruceprewer.com>

"Indoor Picnic," Today

Join us for an "indoor picnic" following worship. Old First has supplied the sandwiches and others the side dishes and desserts. Join us as we continue celebrating Old First's 175th anniversary year. There is enough food for all.



4th Saturday Community Dinner, September 28

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner takes place Saturday, September 28. Can you help serve the meal and feast with our guests at the dinner? Volunteers are welcomed from 4:30 pm on. Let us know you can help: 4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org

Thank You, Old First!

Old First received these thanks from the Reverend Sam Lundquist: "Just wanted to extend TONS of gratitude to Old First for hosting the Presbytery meeting in August. Multiple people in the Presbytery Meeting Group reflected on how great the Old First officers and congregants were. Thank you!"

And More Thanks!

Old First received another thank-you from one of the deCycles who stayed over-night at Old First July 3 to 5 during the deCycles' West Coast bicycle pilgrimage:

My name is Griffin Samek and I am a student rider with the DeCycles group. Thank you so much for providing the DeCycles with a wonderful place to stay on our journey from Seattle to Los Angeles this summer. I really appreciate your generosity and kind heart. Without you, this trip would not be possible!

Griffin Samek, DeCycles Rider

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.



This Week at Old First

Sunday September 15

After Worship “Indoor Picnic,” Fellowship Hall – There is enough food for all.
Please join us!

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday September 16

11:00 am Finance Committee, On-Line

Tuesday September 17

6:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line

Friday September 18

8:00 pm O1C: N Blanco y Negro Piano Duo: Mirta Gómez and Sahily
Cánovas, piano with special guest Jennifer Redondas, violin

Saturday September 21

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line

Sunday September 22

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

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