

Old First Presbyterian Church



October 13, 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	Humoresque “L’organo primitivo” (Toccatina for Flute) Toccatina	Pietro Yon (1886-1943) Georgi Mushel (1909-1989)
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit	From <i>Four Introits</i> The word of the Lord to the prophet: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy your old shall dream dreams and your young shall see visitations.	Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

You will receive pow'r when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you
and you shall be my witnesses
to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord to the prophet: Amen.

Joel 2:28-29, Acts 1:8

***Call to Worship**

Lori Yamauchi

Leader

Welcome to this place:

People

**where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.**

Leader

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

People

**where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

Leader

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

People

**where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

***Hymn**

God Plants the Seeds of Love

Sung to the tune of Come Sing, O Church, in Joy, Hymn 305

This new hymn text has been composed by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for our congregation as a part of our 175th Anniversary celebration. We will introduce two verses of the hymn each week, culminating in the entire Old First Presbyterian Church hymn on our anniversary Sunday, October 27.

- 1 **God plants the seeds of love. God nurtures them by grace—
And so a loving church was started in this place.
God's garden grows.
God's harvest is a blessing as love overflows!**
- 2 **We've served one hundred years, and seventy, and five—
And here in San Francisco we've helped neighbors thrive.
We've sought to be
A justice-seeking voice in our community.**
- 3 **We've worked for freedom here, for LGBT rights,
for people who have no safe place to spend their nights—
We've seen the needs.
We've worked for love and justice, planting countless seeds.**
- 4 **We've heard God's steady call for racial justice, too.
We've marched and sung and prayed, for there is much to do.
'Mid hate and fear,
We seek to build a place of love and welcome here.**

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Prayer of
Confession

Lori Yamauchi

We have not been your people, Preparer of Peace.
When we could see our brother Jesus in others,
we turn away from those who are unlike us, who scare us.
When we could offer peace to those around us,
we break our promises,
we hoard grudges in our hearts,
we pander to prejudice.
When we could speak of hope,
we fling words that shatter another's heart.
When we could live as one with all people,
we try to push them as far away from us as possible.

Silence is kept.

Redeem us, Lover of Peace,
and pour out your grace upon us.
May the warmth of your tenderness melt our frozen souls,
may the balm of your words mend any broken hearts we have hurt,
may we be as trusting and vulnerable as a little child,
as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Brother,
into your kingdom of joy. Amen.

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader

The forgiveness of God be upon you;
the peace of Christ rest upon you;
the grace of the Holy Spirit be the gift which is placed in your life,
this day and forever.

People

From this day to the end of eternity, we are God's children,
citizens of God's kingdom,
brothers and sisters of the Prince of Peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn 586

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The image shows the 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 key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia'. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

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



Anthem Prayer from Moses in Egypt

Tania D'Amelio, soprano, Kirsten Fleischmann, alto
Chester Paddock, tenor, Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Solo & Chorus To heav'n thy glorious dwelling, to Thee, O God and guide,
appealing bend thy servants, their hopes to thee confide.

Quartet O God, O God!

Solo & Chorus Our many sorrows vanish, thy grace the healing balm;
thou art our firm reliance, our hearts, oh Sovereign, calm.

Quartet Great God, great God!

Solo & Chorus O thou whom all revere, God, upon the earth, on high,
regard our supplication. Hear, Sovereign, Israel's cry.
O hear thou our beseeching, thy face, God, do not hide;
grant us thy loving mercy, our Sovereign, God, and guide.

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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**

Tom Culp

Prayer Alfred Martin and Harriet MacLean, Larry Marietta, Maryam, Dianne
Partners Middleton and Logan Donaldson, Cheryl Min, Pierre Moyé, Lois Nason

**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

James Winfield

Sing aloud to God our strength.
Sing for joy to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song. Sound the timbrel.
Bring forth the lyre and play upon the harp.
Blow the trumpet and raise the organ's lofty sound.
All voices and instruments of music give praise to God.
Sing aloud to God our strength.

Psalm 81:1-3

Scripture Psalm 103:1-17 (pages 523-524)
Mark 10:13-16 (page 43)

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 Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 488 I Was there to Hear Your Borning Cry**

- 1 I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.**
- 2 When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.**

3 In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

4 I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Three-fold Amen

Anonymous Danish

Postlude God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

You may depart or stay to listen to the postlude as you wish.

However, do please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee hour.

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Today's Cover Art, Scripture, and Liturgy

The art on the bulletin cover is by Sarah Hornsby.

The scripture passages read today come from *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church-A Multi Gospel Single-Year Lectionary* by Wilda C. Gafney.

Today's liturgy was written by the Reverend Thom Shuman and is based on today's passage from Mark. Currently, Shuman is involved in transitional (interim) ministry and always on the lookout for new challenges and positions, especially in or near Columbus, Ohio. How blessed we are in the life of Old First to have been served by good transitional ministers over the years. Thank God for those who are called to interim ministry.

Today's Introit

This morning's introit is from a collection of *Four Introits* by the American composer, Ned Rorem. The dedication reads: "Commissioned by Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, California on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary."

Writing on Our Timeline

Last week's questions for the timeline on the wall in the church were "When did you join the church?" – tell us your name and the year – and "Can you name a memory of a favorite worship service?".

For this week, **tell us a memorable even that involved children at Old First or name a child that grew up in the church who left an imprint on you.** And on the "future" panel, **write a hope for the children of Old First or a hope for Old First to offer children in the future.**

Today's Coffee Hour

Today's coffee hour has been given by Mary Russell in celebration of Old First Presbyterian Church's 175th anniversary year.

Display Case by the Sacramento Street Entrance: What Do You See?

As you enter or depart the church using the Sacramento Street entrance on the lower level, take a moment to look at the display case and see what historical pictures and items are now on display. For the last few months, you have enjoyed pictures from choir retreats at Zephyr Point in the 1940's. What do you see there now?

Peace & Global Witness Offering

It's not too late to make your offering Peacemaking Global Witness offering! Just use the envelope included in this bulletin. (If you write a check to Old First, be sure to put *Peace & Global Witness* on the memo line.) Alternatively, you can give by

- using Old First's donations webpage (use the QR-code to the left);
- donating on-line at the Presbyterian Church (USA) website; or
- texting PCUSAPEACE to 41444 on your smartphone.



Ballot Proposition Review, October 20

Betty Packard Voris, Old First member and chair of the San Francisco Ballot Simplification Committee, will lead a ballot proposition review next Sunday, **October 20, at 2:00 pm via Zoom**. Betty will review the content of the San Francisco and California ballot propositions in this year's general elections. You may want to wait to complete your ballot until after this review, so you can vote in a more informed manner.

Please join us for the discussion and bring your San Francisco (if you're a SF resident) and California voter information guides. For the Zoom invitation, check Pastor Maggi's weekly Saturday E-mail or call the church office.

Guest Preacher Keenan Kelsey, October 20

This October we're celebrating with worship led by various pastors who've served our church over the years: Next Sunday we will welcome **the Reverend Keenan Kelsey** next week to our pulpit. Keenan came to ordained ministry from our own Old First community and served as the pastor at Noe Valley Ministry for many years.

Celebrating Our 175th Year, October 27

Our church is proud to be celebrating 175 years of continuous mission here. We have been sharing "God's Love, Welcome, and Justice" here on our corner, in our city and in the world for longer than any other Protestant Church in California!

Our big celebration will be on **October 27 with a Gala 175th Anniversary Worship Service and Luncheon**. Worship will celebrate our years of ministry, look forward, and sing our newly commissioned hymn text written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. After worship, we will enjoy a gourmet, catered luncheon, share greetings from previous leaders, and give a celebration champagne/sparkling cider toast. Watch your mail for an official invitation. To help pay for the luncheon, we are asking a \$30 donation, or whatever you can afford to pay. Mark your calendars and let us know if you are coming by E-mailing us at 175th@oldfirst.org with your number of attendees.

SF Night Ministry Gala in the Streets, November 1

The San Francisco Night Ministry invites everyone to join them on November 1 for their Gala in the Streets!

The Night Ministry will celebrate with Community Night Walks beginning at 6:30pm at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, O'Farrell Street between Franklin and Gough. The walks will depart in groups, walking into the Tenderloin to experience the sights and sounds of the streets and to meet some of the people who form our ministry.

If you cannot or do not wish to walk, meet us at 7:30 pm at the Tenderloin Museum (398 Eddy Street at Leavenworth), where the Community Night Walks will all reconvene. The celebration will continue with festive remarks, awards, dessert, and a champagne toast in honor of the Night Ministry's *next* 60 years.

There's no cost to participate, though an RSVP is encouraged: programs@sfnightministry.org

Remembering the Saints, November 3

Each year on All Saints’ Sunday, we remember the members and friends of Old First who’ve died over the past year – since last All Saints’ – and give God thanks for their lives. Please let the church office know of the saints in your life who you would like to be remembered this coming All Saints’ Sunday, November 3. Simply E-mail Brad **by October 31** with their names, your relationship to them, and their dates of death: brad@oldfirst.org

We Need *New Pictures of Old First*



The photos we have of life at Old First are a little outdated. For example, the confirmation kids in the photo on the left (taken in 2015) are now all young adults at college. Compare the photo below of the Frauenheim-Richie family!

Old First needs new pictures of our life together: worship, meals, group activities. Pull out your cameras (aka smartphones) and get some candid shots of Old First’s members and friends engaged in our ministries “on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World.” Simply send your pictures of Old First at work and at play to our office admin: brad@oldfirst.org



This Week at Old First

- Sunday October 13**
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
- 4:00 pm O1C: Ives Collective, strings and piano
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday October 15**
- 6:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line
- Saturday October 19**
- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line
- Sunday October 20**
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Worship
- After Worship Coffee Hour
- 2:00 pm Ballot Proposition Discussion with Betty Voris via Zoom
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Old First Presbyterian Church

- The Reverend Maggi Henderson Pastor
- The Reverend Erwin C. Barron Parish Associate
- Larry Marietta Music Director
- Jarron Carlson Composer-in-Residence
- Brad Peterson Church Office Administrator
- Kristi Hoerauf Wedding Coordinator