



Old First Presbyterian Church

November 10, 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

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit Praise God with Sound Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Praise God with sound, all nations, sing, all people, praise our Maker.
God's grace and love salvation bring; God's mercy is unending.
What God has pledged will honored be; God's word has never failed us.
So cheerfully praise, glad hymns now raise to our God, who reigns forever.
Hallelujah forever.

Adapted from Psalm 117, Virginia Stroh Red, alt.

***Call to Worship**

Rick Wiebe

Leader In the darkest valley,
People at the banquet table,
Leader in the hard work of life,
People in our moments of ease,
Leader When decisions go the way we want,
People and when they do not,
Leader in our day-to-day reality,
People at times set aside—
Leader like this time, now—
People for worship, for listening, for paying attention,
for comfort and consolation,
Leader with every step we take,
People goodness and mercy follow us
and our cup overflows with love.

***Hymn 649 Amazing Grace**

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me save thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

**Stewardship
Moment**

God is Still Writing Our Story Through Justice

Tom Culp

Prayer of
Confession

Rick Wiebe

Holy God, we confess
that we do not always love our neighbor.
We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.
We confess that we have been hurt by others.
We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation are at times
just impossible for us.
We know that nothing is impossible in you.
We come to you, seeking healing and wholeness for us.
Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others,
to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.
For your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death.
He rose again, and came with the message of peace
to those who had denied him and abandoned him.
May we walk in his ways.
Amen.

Based on Romans 8:29-39

*Assurance of
Forgiveness

Leader

For nothing is impossible with God.
There is no place we can go, no end of the earth we can run to,
where God cannot find us.

People

**There is nothing on earth or beyond death
that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Leader

We are forgiven. We are loved.

People

**We are reconciled to God.
Let us go and live with the love of God
in our words, thoughts and actions.**

*Hymn 586

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

The image shows a musical score for Hymn 586, 'Al-le-lu-ia'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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



Anthem Cause Us, O Lord Ron Nelson (1929-2023)

Cause us, O Lord our God, to lie down each night in peace,
and to awaken to renewed life and strength. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Lord, help us to order our lives by thy council,
lead us in the paths of righteousness.
Lord, be thou a shield about us, protect us.
Save our world from sorrow, hate, and from war.
Curb thou within us the will to do evil.
Shelter us beneath the shadow of thy wings.
Cause us, O Lord our God, to lie down each night in peace,
and to awaken to renewed life and strength. Amen.

From the Book of Prayer

***Hymn 609**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**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**

Lori Yamauchi

Prayer Amir Sadeghi and Saeedeh Heidari, Kurt Schwartzmann, Pam Sebastian,
Partners Randy Smith and Andrea Segura Smith, Sally Spencer, Mark Spicer and Sam

**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 Prayer of St. Francis Allen Pote (born 1945)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.

Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there's despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let there be light.

Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Amen.

Psalm 23

Leader You, Lord, are my shepherd:

I shall not want.

**People You make me lie down in green pastures;
you lead me beside still waters.**

Leader You restore my soul;
you lead me in right paths for your name's sake.

**People Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

Leader You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Scripture Mark 12:38-44, Romans 8:31-39

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 God, Whose Love is Always Stronger**

1 God, whose love is always stronger
 Than our weakness, pride and fear,
 In your world, we pray and wonder
 How to be more faithful here.
 Hate too often grows inside us;
 Fear rules what the nations do.
 So we pray, when wars divide us:
 Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

2 Love is patient, kind and caring,
 Never arrogant or rude,
 Never boastful, all things bearing;
 Love rejoices in the truth.
 When we're caught up in believing
 War will make the terror cease,
 Show us Jesus' way of living;
 May our strength be in your peace.

3 May our faith in you be nourished;
 May your churches hear your call.
 May our lives be filled with courage
 As we speak your love for all.
 Now emboldened by your Spirit
 Who has given us new birth,
 Give us love, that we may share it
 Till your love renews the earth!

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***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir Pax Dei C. Whitney Combs (1859-1940)

Remain with us, O Peace of God,
 that we may bear our daily load, nor feel the strain.
Strong in thy might we triumph find,
 thy calmness gives the quiet mind,
 thy benediction, comfort kind.
O Peace of God remain.

Postlude

*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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On our Corner, in Our City, and in the World**

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This Week at Old First

- Sunday November 10**
After Worship Coffee Hour
2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
4:00 pm O1C: Lynn Schugren, piano
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
- Monday November 11**
11:00 am Finance Committee, On-Line
- Tuesday November 12**
7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line
- Saturday November 16**
9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Ground Floor
1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line
- Sunday November 17**
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship
After Worship Coffee Hour
4:00 pm O1C: "Each Moment Radiant - A Lieder Alive Liederabend,"
Heidi Moss Erickson, soprano, John Parr, piano
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Today's Liturgy

The call to worship is based on work by Joanna Harader and posted on *Spacious Faith*. The prayer of confession and assurance are by the Reverend Mindi Welton-Mitchell, executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin: <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

Today's Coffee Hour

Cindy and Chris Burt have given today's coffee hour in honor of the 175th Anniversary Committee.

Turkey Chefs Needed: 4th Saturday Community Dinner, November 23

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner will be a Thanksgiving extravaganza on Saturday, November. Can you take a turkey home to cook for the meal? We supply the turkey and you supply the home cooking! It will also be helpful if you carve it into pieces and bring it to church before that Saturday. If you can cook it early, we can even put it in the church freezer. Let Pastor Maggi know that you can help.

SF Interfaith Council 35th Anniversary, November 26

The San Francisco Interfaith Council will celebrate its 35th Anniversary at its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, November 26, 7:00am, at the Hotel Kabuki, 1625 Post Street at Laguna in San Francisco. To buy tickets to the breakfast or to donate to the Interfaith Council, visit: <https://go.dojiggy.io/prayerbreakfast2024/Campaign/Details>. You can also use the QR-code to the right.



Advent Begins December 1

We are looking for folks who would be like to be a part of our Advent season by being **readers and candle-lighters**. We need at least two people each of the four Sundays of Advent, December 1, 8, 15, and 22. However, families, friends, folks coming home for holidays, or folks who sit in the same pew with you are welcome to sign up together! Look for Chris Burt in the sanctuary or at coffee hour. He'll have the sign up sheet.

Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas

Once again, a garden of poinsettias will beautify Old First's sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, and you can contribute to this garden by using the form below.

Each of your contributions of **Thirty (\$30)** for these plants will be acknowledged by a dedication in the bulletin on the Sunday before Christmas.

Please return the information requested below with your payment by placing them in the offering plate or delivering them to the church **no later than Monday, November 25**.

- My name: _____
- The total dollar amount of my gift(s): \$30 x ____ = _____
- Here is **one dedication for each Thirty (\$30) contribution** I'm making – please indicate “in honor of” the living, or “in memory of” the dead, or “in gratitude for” some blessing.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

NOTE: If you use a check, write “Poinsettias” on the memo line. Alternatively, you can make your payment on Old First's donations page: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/> (See also QR-code to right.) Just choose “poinsettias” from the “select giving opportunity” drop-down box.

