



Old First Presbyterian Church

November 17, 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	Elevation Communion	Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869) Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit	Louis Bourgeois (c.1510-1559), harmonization, <i>The Hymnal</i> , 1940 Bread of the world in mercy broken, Wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed; so may your feast become the token that by your grace our souls are fed.	
		Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

***Call to Worship**

The Reverend Erwin Barron

Leader You are our security, O Lord; we find refuge in you.

People Everything that is good comes from you, Lord.

Leader You give us guidance and make our heart glad.

People You lead us on the path of life.

Leader In your presence there is fullness of joy.

People In your kingdom there is fulfillment forever. Amen!

***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.

Stewardship

Moment

God is Still Writing Our Story Through Love

Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky

**Prayer of
Confession**

The Reverend Erwin Barron

We have to admit, Holy Listener,
that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others,
rather than being provoked to love them.

When we are called to encourage those around us,
too often our actions and words discourage them.

Offered lives of peace and hope,
we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption.

Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving.

Keep us on the path of faithfulness,
so we might find those whom we are called to serve.

Give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered
to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you.

We keep silence.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader

This is the good news:

God gives us hope, God gives us peace,

God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

People

Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to love others and to serve all who are around us. Amen.

***Hymn 586**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Offering

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



Anthem

Eugene Englert (1931-2024)

I am the Bread of Life.

They who come to me shall not hunger,
and they who believe in me shall never thirst.

I am the living Bread that has come down from heaven.

If people shall eat of this Bread, they will live forever.

And the Bread I will give is my flesh,
is my flesh for the life of this world.

John 6:35, 51-52

***Hymn 609**

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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

Psalm 16

Leader "Protect me, O God,
for in you I take refuge."

People **I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

Leader As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

People **Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

Leader The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

People **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

People **I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

People **"For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit."**

Leader "You show me the path of life."

People **"In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore."**

Scripture Mark 12:38-44 (pages 46-47)

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 May God watch over you!

People And also over you.

Leader Offer your hearts to the One who creates new life for those who are empty.

People We bring our lives to God, the restorer of new life.

Leader People of God, give thanks to the One who gives us all things.

People We praise the One who is abundant beyond all expectations

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader We join our voices as we sing to you:

People Holy, holy, holy! Lord God of grace!

All creation is filled with the bounty of your love.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who has not left us without hope.

Hosanna in the highest!

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader We speak of that mystery we call faith:

People Christ died, once, and it was for all;

Christ was raised, once and for all;

Christ will return, for those who wait for him,

to bring them home to God.

The leader continues the prayer.

Leader God in Community, now we pray the prayer your son taught us:

The Lord's Our Father in heaven,

**Prayer 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 70*What does the Lord Require of You**

We sing the song once through, all together.

After that, we sing it as a round three times. The choir begins the round.

The congregation should watch the tenor section leader for their cue to start.

What does the Lord require of you?**What does the Lord require of you?**

**Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.**

**To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.**

***Charge and
Benediction****Choir**

William P. Rowan (born 1951)

Go and follow Christ's example,
not to vanquish, but to heal.
Mend the wounds of sin's divisions.
Servant love to all reveal.
Roles and ranks shall be reversed;
justice flow for all who thirst.
Go and follow Christ's example.
Forge a world of last made first.

Mary Louis Bringle (born 1953)

Postlude

Chaconne in D Major

Louis Couperin (c. 1626-1661)

*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 17

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

Tuesday November 19

6:00 pm Session Meeting, On-Line

Saturday November 23

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Ground Floor

5:15 pm 4th Saturday Community Dinner

Sunday November 24

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Thursday November 28

Thanksgiving Day: Church Office Closed

10:00 am 20th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service,

Presidio Chapel, 130 Fisher Loop in the Presidio

Friday November 29

Church Office Closed

Today's Coffee Hour

Jeanne Kirkwood has given today's coffee hour in honor of all the saints.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, November 23

Turkey Chefs Needed: 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 dinner?** We supply the turkey and you supply the home cooking! It would be helpful if you carved it into pieces and brought it to church **by 12:30 pm, Saturday, November 23.** And if you can cook it early, we can put it in the church freezer. Let Pastor Maggi know that you can help.

Volunteer Staff Needed: And we also need volunteers to staff the dinner. **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

Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service, November 28

The 20th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service, sponsored by the San Francisco Interfaith Council, will be held at 10:00 am at the Presidio Chapel, 130 Fisher Loop in the Presidio.

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.

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, December 7

Members of Old First and St Luke's combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on Saturday, December 7. Mark your calendars now: We need your helping hands! To sign up simply use the QR-Code to the right.



175th Anniversary Slide Show and Video Montage

You can now view a slide show of the 175th Anniversary Worship Service and Lunch held this past October 27 along with the video montage of clergy and young adults sharing their greetings and memories of Old First which was shown at the lunch.

To view the **slide show**, use this link –

<https://youtu.be/Lub7UYv7b6g> – or the QR-code to the right.



To view the **video montage** of greetings, use this link –

<https://youtu.be/IaEhp2wtTKw> – or the QR-code to the left.



You can also find the slide show and the video montage on Old First's Facebook page.

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.

