

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 5, 2023

A Season of Stewardship Rooted in Relationship, Grateful in Giving

Worship Through Praising God

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 Choral from Quatre pieces pour orgue, Op. 37

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Sing out a joyful song in praise, and come to celebrate!
With cheerful heart, give thanks to God for goodness ever great.
Sing new songs of joy, to God lift your voice!
Sing new songs of praise, give thanks and rejoice!
Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise:
And with the people of this house, our voices now we raise!

***Call to Worship**

Sarah Taber

- Leader We gather in abundance, away from the rush and the race,
to celebrate the generous spirit that sings without fear
“may all have enough!”
- People We gather to live
into the work of God’s call.**
- Leader We gather in grace,
awake to the sin of despair and degradation,
awake to the chance to be more rooted in our relationship to God.
- People We gather to grow,
to change moment-by-moment, again-and-again.**
- Leader We gather in hope
ready to do more than talk,
ready to be generous people.
- People We gather with vision
ready to make changes our hearts, in our lives, in the world,
ready to be the change God calls us to be.**
- Leader We gather to give
of our time and our talents, of our hope and our energy.
- People We gather to live
rooted in relationship and grateful in giving.**

***Hymn 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’s wisdom,
costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Sarah Taber

O God,
you are always giving to us out of your abundance,
but our hands are too full to receive your blessings.
You are always fulfilling your promise
to provide for us in the present,
but our minds are anxious about the future.
You are always willing to hear our confession,
but our hearts are hardened to your grace.

Silence.

O God of loaves and fishes,
meet the hungers of your people,
and strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

God is the giver of every good and perfect gift.
In the name of Jesus Christ, God's great gift to the world,
we are forgiven.

People

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn 587**

Celtic Alleluia

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering

Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the kiosk in the narthex or this QR-code:



Anthem

Mark Hayes (born 1953)

The Creator will dance over you in joy!
God will take delight in whom God loves.
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, our God, the Creator, exults over you in song!
And God will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God,
for God has answered all my cries.
God's faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.
Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!
Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!
Cast away fear, for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.
Join our Creator in glorious, jubilant song.

***Hymn 609**

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

Reflections Rooted in Relationships, Grateful in Giving

Chris and Cindy Burt

**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**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Partners Austin Coffee and Amanda Roncaglia, Tom Culp and Charlie Wagner,
Augusta Duncan and Dickson Adetuyi and Adeyinka, Jim Fagler and
Lori Yamauchi

**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.**

Scripture Matthew 6:24-34 (NT page 6)
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 37** **Let All Things Now Living**

- 1 **Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

- 2 **By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

***Charge and
Benediction**

Choir

Charles Cronham (1896-1969)

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you,
The Lord give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Postlude Chaconne (C minor)

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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



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Today’s Liturgy

Today’s prayer of confession and assurance of forgiveness are from *Prayers and Liturgies of Confession and Assurance* by Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.

Potluck of Gratitude! Today After Worship

Join us for a potluck luncheon after worship today to kick-off our Season of Stewardship. If you haven’t brought a dish to share, you’re always welcome to join us at table in the Fellowship Hall.

SF/Marin Food Bank Food Barrel

As Thanksgiving – November 23 – approaches, consider helping “top off” our SF/Marin Food Bank food barrel in the narthex. Dry foods as well as foods in sealed metal or plastic containers are welcome. (No glass container please!) Give thanks to God and food to the hungry.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, November 25

This month’s 4th Saturday Community Dinner falls on Saturday, November 25. 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: 4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org

Interfaith Food Pantry, December 2

Sign up now to pitch in when members of Old First and St Luke’s combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry on December 2.

Of course, you can sign up for any or for every Saturday: Simply visit the sign up page by using the QR-code to the right or by visiting Old First’s homepage: www.oldfirst.org and following the link in the sidebar column.



This Week at Old First

Sunday November 5

12:30 pm Potluck Lunch, Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm O1C: Kevin Lee Sun, piano: works by Frederic Rzewski, Hanns Eisler, Hyoshin Na

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Friday November 10

8:00 pm O1C: Matthew Bengtson, Piano

Saturday November 11

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today!
Simply use the QR-code to the right.



Sunday November 12

11:00 am Worship

2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On Line

4:00 pm O1C: Nato, Solo Violin

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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