

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 12, 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 Adagio for Strings, Op. 11 Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
Trans. by William Strickland (1914-1991)

Welcome and Church Life

Introit Thankful Hearts Ron Nelson (born 1927)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

John W. Arthur (1922-1980)

***Call to Worship**

Leader When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
People **God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.**
Leader God calls us to talk and pray about those things that confuse us
and to seek God's wisdom.
People **We will talk what is real and hard-love, forgiveness, even money.**
Leader When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,
People **Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.**
Leader When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
People **The Spirit invites us to gather in the house of the Lord**
with open and willing hearts and minds –
where we will met with love.

***Hymn 15 All Creatures of Our God and King**

- 1 **All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 **O brother wind with clouds and rain,
You nurture gifts of fruit and grain,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 **O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 **All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
**Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of
Confession**

It is never easy to admit how foolish we are,
Approaching God.
You have chosen us for yourself,
and we continue to shelter false gods in our hearts.
You promise to be with us in every moment,
but we can find little time for you.
You send your Word to us,
but we are too busy listening to the noise of our culture
to pay attention.
We confess money can delight and scare us
and yet we come to you to learn
and to remember all is a gift from you.

Silence is kept.

Have mercy, Eternal One, and forgive us.
Speak to us, so we might listen,
and in hearing be transformed into your people.
Fill us with holiness,
so we might give ourselves wholly to others.
Enable us to serve you faithfully and completely,
even as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader This is our assurance: God forgives us.
This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.
This is our truth: God is with us always.

People **We will speak the truth.**
We will live the hope.
We will share God's mercy.
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 WARRINGTON

Arranged by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)
and J. Stanley Sheppard (1915-2009)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to send by grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wondering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh to Grace how great a debtor daily I am constrained to be!
Let the Grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wonder, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for the courts above.

Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

***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**

Virginia Webb Pekelnicky

**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**

Carolyn Asbury

Prayer Partners Jemma Fagler, Bill Feister and Judith Ross, Bob Fleming, Ed Frauenheim
and Rowena Richie, Skyla and Julius, Pam and Greg Free

**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.**

- Chant** *We sing the chant twice.*
We will take what you offer, we will live by your words;
We will love one another and be led by you, Lord.
- Scripture** Two Dissonant Readings Regarding Money: James and Ecclesiastes
- Chant** *We sing the chant twice.*
We will take what you offer, we will live by your words;
We will love one another and be led by you, Lord.
- Sermon** Meditation on the Coin Pastor Henderson
- Chant** *We sing the chant twice.*
We will take what you offer, we will live by your words;
We will love one another and be led by you, Lord.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 700** **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**
- 1 **I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 2 **I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 3 **I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 4 **I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- *Litany**
- Leader The Gospel is not: Faith and economics are poles apart.
People The Gospel is this:
All things are held together in Christ.
- Leader The Gospel is not: Wealth is a purely private matter.
People The Gospel is this:
There is nothing hidden which won't be revealed.
- Leader The Gospel is not: Money is the root of all evil.
People The Gospel is this:
Don't be anxious about material wealth.
- Leader The Gospel is not: Give to the poor and look miserable.
People The Gospel is this:
Don't advertise your generosity.
- Leader The Gospel is not: I have come to diminish your pleasure.
People The Gospel is this:
**I have come that my joy might be in you and
your joy be complete. Amen.**
- *Charge and
Benediction**
- *Chant** *We sing the chant twice.*
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We will love one another and be led by you, Lord.

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Sharing God's Love, Welcome, and Justice
on Our Corner, in Our City, and in the World



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Today's Liturgy

The liturgy today is from *Spare Change & Gilt-Edged Grace: A Liturgy Exploring the Relationship Between Faith and Wealth* by Wild Goose Resource Group, a project of the Iona Community of Scotland. The short chant we sing this morning is by John Bell and the Iona Community.

Unloading the Food Barrel

Following worship, we will unload the full food barrel and bag up the groceries to deliver to the SF/Marin Food Bank during the workweek. Please meet at the food barrel in the Narthex after worship to help bag up the food.

Today's Coffee Hour

Jonathan Alan Leonardi has given today's coffee hour in memory of his late wife, Marilyn Francesca Poletti Leonardi, on the 57th anniversary of their wedding day.

Dedicating Our Pledges, Next Sunday

In worship, next Sunday, November 19, we will dedicate our pledge cards. Don't worry if you have already submitted your pledge card. We will all be invited to fill out a commitment card to write down how we will use our time and talents in 2024.

Thanksgiving Day Holiday

This year Thanksgiving Day falls on November 23. Note that the church office will be closed on both Thursday and Friday that week in observance of the holiday.

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.



Little Free Library, Coming Soon

Old First's new Little Free Library will be opening soon, and we're beginning to collect books. Please drop off your contributions to the Little Free Library in the baskets in the church library on the ground floor.

Want to Learn More About Old First?

If you're interested in getting to know and to learn more about the community of Old First Presbyterian Church, please talk with Pastor Maggi. She's passionate about the people of Old First, our Christian faith, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission "on our corner, in our city, and in the world."

This Week at Old First

Sunday November 12

- 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On Line
- 4:00 pm O1C: Nato, Solo Violin
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday November 14

- 6:00 pm Presbytery of San Francisco, On Line

Saturday November 18

- 9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry: Volunteer today!
Simply use the QR-code to the right.
- 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On Line



Sunday November 19

- 11:00 am Worship
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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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 **Twenty-Five (\$25)** 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, December 4.**

- My name: _____
- The total dollar amount of my gift(s): \$25 x ____ = _____
- Here is **one dedication for each Twenty-Five (\$25) 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: Write "Poinsettias" on the memo line of your check or envelope.