

Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday
February 4, 2024**

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	Land of Rest	Traditional, arranged by Dale Wood (1934-2003)
Welcome and Church Life		
Introit	Enter into God's gates with thanksgiving, And into God's courts with praise!	Roger McMurrin (1939-2023) Psalm 100:4a

***Call to Worship**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Leader How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

People **We long to be where You are,
to stand in Your very presence,
and to behold You, face to face!**

Leader And so we have come to this place today.

People **We have gathered together to worship You,
to offer the praise which belongs to You alone.**

Leader Bless us as we worship You together,

People **and as we open our hearts and minds
to Your presence among us.**

Leader For You alone are God,

People **the One in whom we trust.**

***Hymn 307 God of Grace and God of Glory**

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Kurt Schwartzmann

God, our sun and shield:
we may long to be in your house,
but our deeds show how tough it is for us to live there.
Called to follow,
we search for paths to take us back to our old ways.
Given the words of eternal life,
we weakly proclaim the gospel to others.
Offered the path of salvation to walk upon,
we stumble down the rocky roads of our world.
Creating God, we have hunger, thirst and longing for many things
but not often does our soul long for your presence.
Teach us to have a focus on you,
the discipline to turn to you in prayer even when it is not easy
and to listen for your answer, your word, your guidance.

Silence is kept.

Forgive us, Guardian of our lives.
Strengthen us with your Spirit,
so we may serve your people with all that brings them life.
Let your Word, Jesus Christ,
the One we have come to believe and know is our Lord and Savior,
be confirmed in us in every word, every deed,
every thought, every moment in the days to come. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Today hear the words of eternal hope;
today we will trust in the One who hears your prayers,
and showers grace and forgiveness upon us.
People **Today, we are set free to serve God's people,**
and to sing God's praises. Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 583** **Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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



Anthem It is Well with My Soul Philip Bliss (1838-1876)
Arranged by John Ness Beck (1930-1987)
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well with my soul.

My sin –O the joy of this glorious thought–

My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” – it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well with my soul.

Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)

***Doxology** *Sung to the Tune OLD HUNDREDTH*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you 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**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Partners Mary Russell, Amir Sadeghi and Saeedeh Heidari, Kurt Schwartzmann,
Pam Sebastian, Randy Smith and Andrea Segura Smith, Sally Spencer

**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 Psalm 84 (pp. 513-514)

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 402** **How Lovely, Lord**

- 1** **How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.**
- 2** **In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.**
- 3** **A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
and from the life shall rivers of blessing overflow.**

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**Prayer and
Call to Order**

Pastor Henderson
Erwin Barron, Acting Clerk

**Election of
Officers** *Nominees for Deacon: Nina Berg, Eder Dueñas (Class of 2027)*
*Nominees for Elder: Tom Culp (Class of 2025), Lori Yamauchi (Class of 2026),
Sam Cheng, Sidney Hollar, Virginia Webb-Pekelnicky (Class of 2027)*
Nominating Committee Members: Annie Scott Rogers, Mary Russell, Betty Voris

Budget *Overview*

Vote *Pastor's Compensation Package*

**Charge and
Blessing**

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

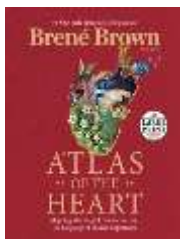


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New Book for 2024: *Atlas of the Heart* Starting Today and Tomorrow



A new book discussion begins in February. The book will be Brené Brown's *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connections and Language of the Human Heart*. Beginning with February, we will meet once a month to discuss one chapter from the book until we've finished the whole book.

Each month you can choose to attend either an in-person meeting or an on-line meeting.

- We'll hold the in-person meeting on the **first Sunday** of each month in the library **after coffee hour**.
- We'll hold the on-line meeting on the **first Monday** of each month on Zoom at **7 pm**.

We'll hold the first in-person meeting **today** after coffee hour. We'll hold the first on-line meeting **tomorrow**, at 7 pm.

Next month we'll hold the in-person meeting on Sunday, March 3, and the on-line meeting on Monday, March 4.

Here is the link to the Monday night sessions via Zoom; it can also be found in Maggi's weekly E-mail on Saturdays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744087981?pwd=TVVQUVptVldlMll1T2VFQ2ZMMWl0QT09>

Dismantling Structural Racism, This Saturday

The West Region Antiracism Group will be holding a hybrid gathering about dismantling structural racism on this coming Saturday, February 10, 12:00 noon to 3:30 pm, at Old First. The guest speaker will be the Reverend Floyd Thompkins, lead pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Marin City. A panel of five cross-cultural partnerships and coalitions will speak about their work to dismantle structural racism.

Please join us in -person or via Zoom. Please register by the end of today, February 4, using this link: <https://forms.gle/yyLBStA2nbsNjNv26>

Old First Staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry, This Saturday

Sign up now to pitch in when members of Old First and St Luke’s combine to staff the Interfaith Food Pantry this coming Saturday, February 10. 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.



Ash Wednesday Worship, February 14

This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. Join us at Old First that day for Ash Wednesday worship at 6:00 pm.

Potluck Lunch, February 18

Start looking forward to a potluck lunch on, Sunday, February 18. Food and fellowship make an amazing combination.

Memorial Service for Doris Bebb, February 25

Old First will remember our member Doris Bebb, who died on January 1, with a memorial service on Sunday, February 25, at 1:00 pm.

Ballot Proposition Review, February 25

Old First member, Betty Packard Voris, is chair of the San Francisco Ballot Simplification Committee. She will hold a review of the state and city propositions that will appear on the March ballot on Sunday, February 25, at 3 pm. Please join Betty for this informative discussion via Zoom on February 25:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87826096016?pwd=YWRydDVWSXIUK1pBeVdCUFIEWmR0QT09>

This Week at Old First

Sunday February 4

- After coffee hour Book Discussion Group, Library
- 4:00 pm O1C: Circadian String Quartet, Program 2 The Personal and the Political: Schumann and Shostakovich
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Monday February 5

- 7:00 pm Book Discussion Group, On-Line

Saturday February 10

- 9:00 am Old First staffs the Interfaith Food Pantry. Simply use the QR-code to the right to sign up!
- 12:00 noon Presbytery of San Francisco: West Region Antiracism Leadership Team, Fellowship Hall

Sunday February 11

- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm O1C: Kitka, “Wintersongs”
- 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday February 14

- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

