

# Old First Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday**  
**February 16, 2025**

## 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.*

<b>Prelude</b>	Petite pastorale Champenoise	Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)
	Communion, Op. 8	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
<b>Welcome and Church Life</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law.	Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)
	This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to love one another.	
		James Villa Blake (1842-1925)

**\*Call to Worship**

Harriet MacLean

Leader The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil, for you Lord, are with me.**

Leader You prepare a table in the presence of my enemies,  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

People **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life.**

Leader Let us worship the God of life and light!

Based on Psalm 23

**\*Hymn 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

1 **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty.  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.**

2 **Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.**

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Harriet MacLean


Leader Shepherd God, you guide us in paths of righteousness.

People **The darkness beckons and we often succumb to its seductions,  
following paths of evil.**

Leader Let us walk as children of the light,  
laboring on behalf of what is just and good.

People **Save us from complicity in the works of darkness:  
from partnership with injustice, indifference, and self-interest.**

*Let us confess in silence.*

Leader	<p>The choice Moses gave the Israelites  is the choice awaiting every person of faith:  “I set before you life and death, blessing and curse;  therefore choose life.”</p>	
People	<p><b>May all that we do and say  bear witness to the God of justice and compassion.  May our lives be spent in the service  of the one who brings salvation,  who calls us to put aside the darkness and to live in the light. Amen.</b></p>	
<b>*Assurance of Forgiveness</b>		
Leader	<p>God has called us and will lead us,  Even in the wilderness places.</p>	
People	<p><b>Through Christ, we trust that God loves us  and will always be with us.</b></p>	
Leader	<p>Arise then, people of God! We are free.</p>	
People	<p><b>Our future is open, in the living love of our Redeemer!  Praise be to God.</b></p>	
<b>*Response</b>	<p>HYMN TO JOY: <i>For tune, see Hymn 611.</i></p> <p><b>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  God of Glory, Lord of love!  Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  opening to the sun above.  Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  drive the dark of doubt away.  Giver of immortal gladness,  fill us with the light of day.</b></p>	
<b>Offering</b>	<p><i>Ushers will now receive the offering. You may also make your offering electronically using the QR-code at the right.</i></p>	
<b>Anthem</b>	<p>David D. Mairs (born 1943)</p> <p>God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  that who so believeth in Him shall not perish,  but have everlasting life.  For God sent His Son into the world  not to condemn the world,  but the world might be saved through Him.</p> <p>John 3:16-17</p>	
<b>*Doxology</b>	<p>DUKE STREET: <i>For tune, see Hymn 265.</i>  Arranged by Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)</p> <p><b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  Praise God, all creatures here below;  Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;  Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!</b></p>	

**Time with Our  
Children**

**\*The Peace**

Leader Peace be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Scripture** Amos 5:14-15, Romans 12:1-12

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Henderson

<b>Worship Through Holy Communion</b>
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**Invitation to the  
Lord's Table**

**The Great  
Thanksgiving**

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also over you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The leader continues the prayer.*

Leader And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

**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.***

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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- \*Hymn 772      Live into Hope**
- 1      **Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!**
  - 2      **Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.**
  - 3      **Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.**
  - 4      **Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

**\*Charge and  
Benediction**

**Choir**

Jim Stratthdee (born 1941)

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.

**Postlude**

Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*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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### Today's Worship Service: International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Today's service was inspired by the International Holocaust Remembrance Day service on January 27 hosted by the Russian-Speaking Jewish Community on Geary Boulevard, which I attended.

In 2005 the United Nations called for an International Holocaust Remembrance Day to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps and the conclusion of the Holocaust. The Secretary General said, "The International Day in memory of the victims of the Holocaust is thus a day on which we must reassert our commitment to human rights. We must also go beyond remembrance, and make sure that new generations know this history. We must apply the lessons of the Holocaust to today's world. And we must do our utmost so that all peoples may enjoy the protection and rights for which the United Nations stands."

I am thankful also for resources about the day shared by the Reverend Doug Huneke, Pastor Emeritus of Westminster Church in Tiburon. Doug was my campus pastor at the University of Oregon and first introduced me to Holocaust studies, and shaped how I came to understand God in a world filled with darkness and evil but also light and hope.

Pastor Maggi

### Today's Cover

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This quote was discovered on the wall of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews sought refuge from the Nazis and collaborators.

### Nico Lang, Author of New Book on Trans Youth in Conversation Fabulosa Books, TODAY, 5:00 pm

Nico Lang, longtime LGBTQ+ news and politics reporter will speak this afternoon at 5:00 pm at **Fabulosa Books, 489 Castro Street**, about their recently released book ***American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era***. The book chronicles the lives and experiences of seven diverse families of trans youth in seven different states (several of whom are families of faith) and offers an unprecedented glimpse into the lives of these extraordinary young people, and it also presents a message of hope at a time when we all really need it.

# REAFFIRMING SANCTUARY



## Thursday, February 19

**11:00 AM: Interfaith Sanctuary Press Conference**

*Location: St. Mark's Lutheran Church (1111 O'Farrell St., SF)*

**11:45 AM: Procession through Japantown**

**12:15 PM: Interfaith Vigil commemorating the 83rd Day of Remembrance**

*Location: Christ United Presbyterian Church (1700 Sutter St., SF)*

**RSVP: [bit.ly/ReaffirmingSanctuaryRSVP](http://bit.ly/ReaffirmingSanctuaryRSVP)**

Sanctuary is a sacred tradition across many faiths of welcoming immigrants and standing against actions that would tear families and communities apart then and now.

Through interfaith prayer and ritual, we gather to reaffirm sanctuary for and be in solidarity with all immigrants and to honor the legacy of the Japanese immigrant and Japanese American families who were forcibly separated and relocated to incarceration camps in 1942.



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### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, February 22

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on February 22, this coming Saturday. 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; E-mail: [4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinner@oldfirst.org)

### Conversation about Our Response to Racism and Poverty, February 23

Please join Old First for a conversation after worship next Sunday, February 23, about Old First's response to racism and poverty, past and future. The conversation will be held in the Fellowship Hall following a light lunch, which will be provided. Steve Taber, church historian, and Lori Yamauchi will start the conversation and open it up to discussion.

### But What About Coffee Hour?

We need sponsors for coffee hour! Right now, we have nobody signed up.

For a mere \$50 contribution, you can sponsor this important weekly community-building ministry. Use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entrance to pick a date; then enter your name and a dedication. Your dedication will appear in that Sunday's bulletin. Alternatively, you can contact the church office to find a date and to sign up.

### This Week at Old First

#### **Sunday February 16**

After Worship Coffee Hour

4:00 pm O1C: LIEDER ALIVE! Charlotte Kelso, soprano, Peter Grünberg, piano: Schubert, Wagner, Mahler, Marx

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

#### **Monday February 17**

Presidents Day: Church Office Closed

#### **Tuesday February 18**

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line

#### **Saturday February 22**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry.

5:15 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

#### **Sunday February 23**

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am Worship

After Worship Coffee Hour

4:00 pm O1C:

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday February 18**

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On-Line



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The Reverend Maggi Henderson	Pastor
The Reverend Erwin C. Barron	Parish Associate
Larry Marietta	Music Director
Jarron Carlson	Composer-in-Residence
Brad Peterson	Church Office Administrator
Kristi Hoerauf	Wedding Coordinator