

Old First Presbyterian Church



**Second Sunday in Lent
March 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.*

Prelude Two Chorale Preludes on “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Martha Sojabe (Born 1948)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit

Richard Shepherd (1949-2021)

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all mortals know that you are my disciples
if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35
Lori Yamauchi

***Call to Worship**

Leader

Come as you are.

People

**If you have deep faith
or your faith has run dry,**

Leader

if you know every scripture
or none at all,

People

**if you have calloused hands
and live your faith through good works,**

Leader

or if you kneel at God's feet,
with a million hungry questions,

People

come as you are.

Leader

This is God's house.

People

**None are turned away.
All are welcome here.**

***Hymn 166**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

1

**Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.**

2

**As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.**

3

**And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore in life and death,
O Lord , with us abide.**

4

**Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Lori Yamauchi

God of Grace, we long to do the “right” thing.
We long to make the “right” choice.
We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line.
We long to follow your ways, to please your heart.
In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred
right in front of us.
In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities
to show love.
Sometimes we don’t admit that what is easy for us—
what is our idea of what is right
may not be your way.

Let us confess silently.

Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely.
Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.
For even more than our desire to be right,
we desire to be close to you.
Show us your way. Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

Faithful friends,
God knows your heart.

People

When we mean well and lose our way,
God knows.
When we try to do the right thing and miss the point,
God knows.
When we long to be close to God, and doubt our worth,
God knows.

Leader

You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven.
You have been sent to serve.
This is the good news of the gospel!

People

Nothing can separate us from God’s love.
Thanks be to God!

***Hymn 466**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

To be sung three times: Once by the choir only, then twice by all.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!

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



Anthem

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Ego sum resurrection et vita	I am the resurrection and the life.
qui credit in me	Whoever believe in me,
etiam si mortuus fuerit vivat	even though they die, they will live.
omnis enim vivat et credit in me	For all who live and believe in me
non morietur in æternam	shall not die forever.

John 11:25-26

***Doxology**

DUKE STREET: *For tune, see Hymn 265.*
Arranged by Hal H. Hopson (born 1933)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

**Time with
Our Children**

***The Peace**

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

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Scripture	Luke 10:38-42 (page 67)
Leader	The Word of God in scripture.
People	Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a Christ who teaches, sees, affirms,
and celebrates all of who we are.
We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good
and celebrates every step we take in that direction.
We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties
and is gentle with our concerns.
And we believe in a Christ who looks at us
with undiluted love.
The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners,
but we know love has no limit.
So with God's help,
may we nurture our faith and do good work. Amen.**

Worship Through Holy Communion

**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. ...

Leader And so we gather at your table like angels at your throne,
joining the archangels as they continually sing
anthems of heavenly praise.

People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. ...

Leader Great is the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. ...

Leader All our hungers are satisfied and
every friendship is fulfilled in the company of your Holy Trinity;
we pray the prayer Christ 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.

Gluten-free bread is available from the pastor upon request.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

Ministry and Presence

EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by Martin Luther, 1529

When Je - sus passed near Mar - tha's home she had no
Her sis - ter Ma - ry took a seat to spend time
He said, "You are both gifts to me with diff - erent

hes - i - ta - tion "Please treat my house like it's your own," she
with the tea - cher in - tent - ly listen - ing at his feet, his
ways of be - ing. I won't take that from Ma - ry whose

gave the in - vi - ta - tion She wan - ted all the best
words drew her in - dee - per But Mar - tha took of - fense
place is right here with me. You have no - thing to prove

To serve her hon - ored guest Her check - list grew and grew Her
 At Ma - ry so con - tent With all there was to do She
 So let your heart be moved Just one thing do I need: To

time was all con - sumed With min - i - stry a - bound - ing
 need - ed Ma - ry too And asked for Je - sus' back - ing
 feel your love in deeds Of min - i - stry and pre - sence

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*Charge and Benediction

Choir From The Seven Last Words of Christ
 Clément François Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)
 Christ, we do all adore Thee,
 and we do praise Thee forever,
 for on the holy cross hast Thou
 the world from sin redeemed.

Postlude Toccata in A minor Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)
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.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week at Old First</p>
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Sunday	March 16: Second Sunday in Lent
After Worship	Coffee Hour
After Coffee Hour	New Officers Class
4:00 pm	O1C: Junior Bach Festival Association: the Bay Area's Best Music Students
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	March 18
7:00 pm	Worship Committee, On-Line
Saturday	March 22
9:00 am	Interfaith Food Pantry
5:15 pm	4 th Saturday Community Meal, Fellowship Hall
Sunday	March 23: Third Sunday in Lent
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am	Worship
After Worship	Coffee Hour
After Coffee Hour	Conversation about Old First's Response to Youth and Children
7:15 pm	AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

<p style="text-align: center;">Old First Presbyterian Church</p>

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

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Lent 2025: Everything (in) Between

This year's series for Lent is "Everything (in) Between." The theme of this series are an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed.

Each weekly sub-theme explores two supposed binaries, like "faith & works" or "rest & growth," or "grief & hope." We often consider these ideas to be opposing. However, as we explore these concepts within the scriptures, we find nuance and complexity. We find that these dichotomies are false. We might begin to see a full spectrum instead of black and white. We might find that God is present in between. And so, this season, we invite you to look beyond black and white binaries and easy answers. We encourage you to notice the dichotomies that define our lives, but also imagine where God might be meeting us beyond the categories we create. This theme may resonate with anyone who is in discernment or trying to find their way through an undefined space. It will may speak to anyone who feels as if they are living in a divided world. It is for those who seek a spiritual life that engages with complexity instead of avoiding it. This Lent, we're trusting that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between. —A Sanctified Art

Today's liturgy is adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Today's Coffee Hour

Randy Smith and Andrea Segura Smith have given today's coffee hour, because they thought "Why not!?"

Devotional Cards for Lent

We have devotional cards for Lent focusing on the theme ***Everything (in) Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes***. The theme is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our midst with more faith, intention and openness to be transformed.

Devotional Books for Lent

A limited number of ***Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals For A Life of Imperfection*** by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie are available for \$10.00. You can pay with cash on Sundays putting your money or check into the envelope found with the books in the narthex, or you can use the QR code at the right: remember to select "study book fund."



They will be in the narthex on Sundays, pick on up at church during the week, or you can contact the church office and one can be sent to you.

Fish-Boxes for OGHS

Again this year we join others across the Presbyterian Church (USA) in making our offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, one the four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This offering goes ending hunger, making repair after disasters, and promoting the self-development of all people. Pick up your own fish-box in the narthex today and feed it well all through Lent. Then, on Easter Day, April 20, bring your fish-box to add to the abundance Old First will offer to share with those in need.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, March 22

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on March 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

Conversation about Old First's Response to Youth and Children, March 23

Continuing in our 175th anniversary celebration year, please join Old First for a conversation after worship next Sunday, March 23, about Old First's response to youth and children's needs, past and future. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall following a light meal, which will be provided. Mary Russell (deacon) and Bill Campbell (former member of Old First and elder) will start the conversation and then open it up to discussion.

Old First Staffs the Food Pantry, March 29

Old First staffs the pantry on Saturday, March 29. Sign up to volunteer now!

You can find a link to sign up by using either this QR-Code or the link under the Interfaith Food Pantry heading on Old First's homepage: www.oldfirst.org



New Members/Inquirers Class

Would you like to know about what it means to be a Presbyterian and about membership in Old First? We are looking to hold a class following coffee hour on either **Sunday, March 30, or Sunday, April 6**. For more information, talk with Pastor Maggi and let her know if either of these times work for you.

Red Cards: Know Your Rights

Old First Presbyterian is investing in "Red Cards," small wallet size cards to share the people who fear ICE coming into their homes and lives. These cards have five simple statements that affirm that all people in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have certain rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution.

These cards are created by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (<https://www.ilrc.org>) out of an increasingly complex legal and social challenges faced by immigrants, which created a growing need for expert assistance and training in immigration law and policy. Bill Ong Hing, a well-known immigrant rights attorney, recognized this need and founded the Golden Gate Immigration Clinic in 1979, which later became the ILRC. The center seeks to improve immigration law and policy, expand the capacity of legal service providers, and advance immigrant rights. The ILRC trains attorneys, paralegals, and community-based advocates who work with immigrants around the country. We inform the media, elected officials, and public to shape effective and just immigration policy and law. Our staff works with grassroots immigrant organizations to promote civic engagement and social change.

You can pick up cards to share with the community in the narthex or by contacting the church office.