

Old First Presbyterian Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 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 Chorale Prelude on Jesus Stood Beneath the Cross Max Reger (1873-1916)
Méditation Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Welcome and Church Life Pastor Henderson

Introit Dale Wood (1934-2003)

The Lord reigns! God is robed in majesty!
O, let us come into God's presence with song!

***Call to Worship** Pastor Henderson

Leader We come to worship because we long for mercy.

People **We long for community.**

We long for God.

Leader We come to worship because we need a good word.

People **We need connection.**

We need moral reminders.

Leader We come to worship because we are in between:

People **Hope and grief, faith and doubt,
joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.**

Leader So we come to worship and God meets us here.
People Surely, we are not alone.
Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle!

***Hymn God Plants the Seeds of Love**

Sung to the tune of Come Sing, O Church, in Joy, Hymn 305

This new hymn has been composed by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for our congregation as a part of our 175th Anniversary celebration.

- 1 God plants the seeds of love. God nurtures them by grace—
And so a loving church was started in this place.
God's garden grows.
God's harvest is a blessing as love overflows!
- 2 We've served one hundred years, and seventy, and five—
And here in San Francisco we've helped neighbors thrive.
We've sought to be
A justice-seeking voice in our community.
- 3 We've worked for freedom here, for LGBT rights,
for people who have no safe place to spend their nights—
We've seen the needs.
We've worked for love and justice, planting countless seeds.
- 4 We've heard God's steady call for racial justice, too.
We've marched and sung and prayed, for there is much to do.
'Mid hate and fear,
We seek to build a place of love and welcome here.
- 5 And in this loving place, we do what love inspires:
We sing of faith and hope and love in joyful choirs.
Each song reveals
The good news of the gospel, God— that your love heals.
- 6 The world is changing still; and God, it's by your grace:
We share your justice, love and welcome in this place.
Your garden grows!
Here, as we're nourished, as we plant, love overflows!

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**Prayer of
Confession**

Pastor Henderson

Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous,
show us mercy.

Silence

When we fail to be merciful,
show us what is right.

Silence

When we do not follow Jesus,
lead us back on the right path.

Silence

Again and again, bring us closer to you.
Again and again, show us the way.
Amen.

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:
When we fail to be righteous,

People God is merciful.

Leader When we fail to be merciful,

People God invites us to try again.

Leader Again and again,

People God moves closer to us.

Leader Again and again,

People God shows us the way.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

***Hymn 466**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

To be sung three times 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

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

***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

**Prayers of
the People**

Pastor Henderson

Prayer Daniel Pearch, Donald Pender, Kim Pham, Gordon Phipps, Chloe Pollock,
Partners Phil Pollock, Spencer Pollock, Glen Potter, Dortha Reade

**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.**

Anthem

Pavel Grigorievich Chesnokov (1877-1944)

Arranged and Adapted by Victoria Glaser (1918-1987)

Salvation belongeth to our God,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Isaiah 61:1-4

Leader The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;

**People he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,**

Leader to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;

**People to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—**

Leader to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

**People They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.**

Leader They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;

**People they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.**

Scripture Luke 19:1-10 (page 77)

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Reverend Samuel Lundquist

**Affirmation of
Faith**

**In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers,
Jesus loved by different rules.
He offered mercy.
He invited people to dinner.**

He told stories of love.
 He chose to see the best in others.
 We believe that small acts of mercy and compassion
 have ripple effects in our lives.
 We believe that small acts of righteousness and justice
 are integral to a life of faith.
 So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy,
 inviting people to feast,
 telling stories of love,
 and choosing to see the best in others.
 With God's help, may it be so.

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

***Hymn 726 The Summons**

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
 and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you leave the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***Charge and
 Benediction**

Postlude Toccata: adagio & molto allegro

Georg Muffat (1653-1704)

*During the postlude, you may either depart or take a seat to listen, as you wish.
 However, do please join us in the fellowship hall downstairs for coffee hour.*

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Lent 2025: Everything (in) Between

This year's series for Lent is "Everything (in) Between." Its theme is an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Today's liturgy is adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Sam Lundquist, Today's Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher today is the Reverend Sam Lundquist. Sam first came to Old First in 2018 as a seminary student at San Francisco Theological Seminary and later served Old First and St John's Presbyterian Church as a pastoral resident. In 2022, Sam was ordained a Minister of Word and Sacrament and installed as Associate Pastor at St John's Presbyterian Church at the corner of Lake and Arguello Streets in the Inner Richmond.

Visitor Cards

If you see a visitor, please say "hello" and invite them to fill out a visitor card. The cards can then be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher.



Today's Coffee Hour

AnnieScott Rogers has given today's coffee hour in honor of Maggi, our pastor, and those who keep our community running.

New Members/Inquirers Class, Part 2, Today

Pastor Maggi will lead the second part of a class for new members and inquirers **today after coffee hour**. We will meet in **the library** and a light lunch will be served for those taking part.

History Lives at Old First!

Take a look at the "Gallery Window" by the Sacramento Street entrance for a new display.

O1C: 16th Annual Tribute to Ali Akbar Khan, April 12

Join the Ali Akbar College of Music for an all-day musical celebration to honor the life and work of its founder, legendary sarod Ali Akbar Khan on Saturday, April 12. Afternoon performances (3:00-5:30 pm) will be in memory of Khan's oldest son, sarodiya Ustad Aashish Khan, and of the world-renowned tabla artist and percussionist, Ustad Zakir Hussain. The evening performance (7:30-9:30 pm) will feature Khan's two youngest sons, Alam and Manik Khan, both on sarod, with tabla accompanist, Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri. For more information and tickets, visit the website of Old 1st Concerts: <https://www.olderfirstconcerts.org/> Pastor Maggi heard the rehearsals and reports that the music was "fabulous!"

Learn About Old First's Organ, Next Sunday, April 13

Continuing in our 175th anniversary celebration year, please join Dr. George Becker, organist (and psychiatrist/orthopedic surgeon/Old First elder), for a demonstration and talk about Old First's wonderful organ and its history after worship on Sunday, April 13. Coffee hour treats will be served in the Children's Chapel, so please get coffee and a treat before joining George in the choir loft.

One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Day, April 20

We will receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing special offering on Easter Day, April 20. One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can also make your One Great Hour of Sharing offering by using Old First's on-line donations page (<https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>) or by using the QR-code at right.



Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour, April 20



For Easter Day, April 20, we will plan for an Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour. **Please bring your favorite treats to share!** Whether home-made or store-bought, your contribution to the abundance will be welcome. On Easter morning leave your contribution on the tables in the Fellowship Hall.

4th Saturday Community Dinner, April 26

This month's 4th Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on April 26, the first Saturday after Easter Day. 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

Installation of New Officers, May 11

On Sunday, May 11, Old First will install new officers to serve on Session and on the Board of Deacons. Please join us for worship that Sunday and support these folks who seek to serve Christ and further the mission of Old First.

Holy Week and Easter: Invite Someone!

Holy Week and Easter are wonderful times to invited folks to church. Why don't you think about the family, friends and people in the community whom you could tell about our worship services?

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>). Please pick them up in the narthex or in the church office to share with neighbors, schools, community groups, businesses, libraries, etc. Don't be shy; take as many as want. You will be spreading hope!

This Week at Old First

Sunday April 6: Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 am Worship
 After Worship Coffee Hour
 After Coffee Hour New Members/Inquirers Class, Part 2, Library
 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On-Line
 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 12

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry
 Afternoon and Evening O1C: 16th Annual Tribute to Ali Akbar Khan
 3:00 pm *Instrumental Ensemble*
 4:15 pm *Tabla Ensemble*
 7:30 pm *Alam Khan, Manik Khan, and Pandit Swapn Chaudhuri*

Sunday April 13: Palm Sunday – Holy Week Begins

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 am Worship
 After Worship Coffee Hour, Sanctuary
 12:30 pm Presentation on Old First's Organ and Its History
 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday April 15

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On Line

Holy Week and Easter 2025

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

11:00 am Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 pm Worship

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 pm Worship

EASTER DAY, APRIL 20

10:30 am Choral Prelude

11:00 am Worship

We will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing** special offering on Easter Day.

Remember to bring your well-fed fish-boxes.

We will close worship by congregational singing of the **Hallelujah chorus** from G.F. Handel's *Messiah*. Bring your own score, if you have one. Scores will also be available.

An **Easter Extravaganza Coffee Hour** will follow worship. Please bring your favorite treat to share.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 27

11:00 am Worship with Hymn-Sing

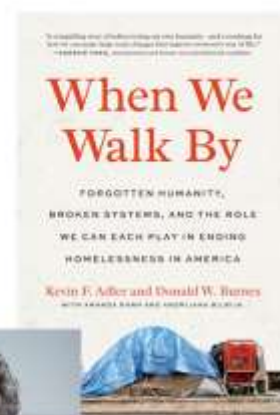
What's your favorite Easter hymn? Look through Hymns 229 to 257 in *Glory to God*.

San Francisco Night Ministry Presents
a collaborative celebration with Miracle Messages:

When We Walk By: Panel Discussion & Book Event featuring Kevin Adler

Old First Presbyterian Church | Wed. Apr. 30 | 7 - 9 pm
Doors 6:30 pm | Panel 7 pm | light reception to follow

Kevin Adler is an award-winning author, sociologist, and founder of Miracle Messages, a non-profit that helps people experiencing homelessness rebuild their social support systems and financial security. Join us for this special evening of discussion and reflection on the care of homeless. We'll be sure to raise a glass in celebration of San Francisco Night Ministry's 60th anniversary, as well as Miracle Messages 10th anniversary.



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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