

# Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday**  
**August 3, 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**    Meditation on SLANE (Be Thou My Vision)  
Irish Ballad; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)  
Organ arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Folk Tune Sketch on AR HYD Y NOS (All Through the Night)  
Welsh Melody, Organ arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

### Welcome and Church Life

Pastor Henderson

**Introit**    When in Our Music God Is Glorified  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)  
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!  
Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

**\*Call to Worship**

Kurt Schwartzmann

Leader Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!  
Sing about the glory of God's name!

People **Tell the world how glorious God is.**  
**Say to God: "How awesome are your works!"**

Leader Everything on earth will worship you;  
they will sing your praises,  
shouting your name in glorious songs.

People **Come and see what our God has done,**  
**what awesome miracles the Lord does for his people!**

**\*Hymn 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore thee**

1 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.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

**Prayer of  
Confession**

Kurt Schwartzmann

All There are so many people that we do not notice or  
that we just pass by, Watching God.  
Some are family and friends we take so much for granted  
that we simply don't take the effort to reach out to  
as months and years flow by.

Others are neighbors:  
 who are beaten down by crushing work  
 or the worries that age brings;  
 who have fallen into the hands of despair;  
 who have been abandoned by those who walk on by  
 or walk out of their lives.  
 Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge:  
 the weary or needy, the poor or complicated,  
 or even the enemy—  
 because they vote or think differently from how we do, or  
 because they remind us  
 of whom we once were or of whom we could become.  
 Rescue us from the power of our sins,  
 O Righteous One of all generations.  
 Pour out your justice on us,  
 rather than your judgment,  
 that we might be moved with pity  
 and spurred to action;  
 that we would hear of the hope that is ours  
 and share it with our sisters and brothers;  
 that we would shower mercy on all we meet  
 even as we have received forgiveness for our sins  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**\*Assurance of  
 Forgiveness**

Leader

Children of the Most High:  
 You are forgiven and brought into the kingdom.  
 Be filled with spiritual wisdom,  
 lead lives worthy of your inheritance,  
 bear fruit in all you say and do and think.

All

**God has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins,  
 setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy.  
 We will go and do likewise.  
 Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn 466**

**Come and Fill Our Hearts** *sung three times*  
**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.*



**Solo** I Love to Tell the Story William G. Fischer (1835-1912)  
Kirsten Fleischmann, mezzo-soprano

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

**Refrain** I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Katherine Hankey (1834-1911)

**\*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.

<b>Worship Through Hearing God's Word</b>
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**Prayers of the  
People**

Betty Voris

**Prayer Partners** Daniel Pearch, Donald Pender, Kim Pham, Gordon Phipps, Chloe  
Pollock, 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.

**Psalm 66** *See pages 499-500.*

**Scripture** Mark 14:26, Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19, James 5:13

**Leader** The Word of God in scripture.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn Sing** *You may use the whole Glory to God hymnal.  
Look for hymns that bring you joy or refresh your spirit.*

<b>Worship Through Responding to God's Word</b>
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**\*Hymn 726** The Summons "Will You Come and Follow Me"

- 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** Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)  
Arr. Herbert Colvin (1920-2011)

*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.*

# We Weep for Gaza's Children

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2025

*Passion Chorale*

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

1. We weep for Ga - za's chil - dren, for in the midst of strife,  
2. O God, we can't im - a - gine a par - ent's pain and grief  
3. We hear the chil - dren's ques - tions—their trau - ma and their pain:  
4. We grieve the aw - ful vio - lence—the aw - ful hun - ger, too.

they're suf - fer - ing star - va - tion; they bare - ly cling to life.  
When hun - gry, bone - thin chil - dren cry out for some re - lief.  
"When will this war be end - ing?" "Can we go home a - gain?"  
But then we sit in si - lence—we don't know what to do.

We grieve that as a na - tion, when chil - dren cry for bread,  
Yet vio - lence halts the shar - ing of food that peo - ple need.  
"Will we die fast or slow - ly when bombs fall from a - bove?"  
God, give us great per - sis - tence to speak and ad - vo - cate.

We don't give food to bless them; we give them death in - stead.  
This wea - pon of star - va - tion—we're see - ing it suc - ceed.  
"Will there be bread here for me and for the ones I love?"  
For you're the God of jus - tice, and jus - tice can - not wait.

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### Today's Coffee Hour

An anonymous grateful neighbor has given today's coffee hour.

### Creeds and Confessions in the Windows, August 10

Mark your calendars now for next Sunday, **August 10**, when Brad Peterson, PhD, our amazing office administrator, will lead a class following coffee hour on the painted glass windows, which surround the sanctuary. Did you know they represent many reformed creeds and confessions from around the world?

### 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner, August 23

This month's 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Community Dinner with our neighbors and friends falls on August 23. 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 us using this address: [4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org](mailto:4thsaturdaydinners@oldfirst.org)

### Mural Planning Meeting, August 24

After worship on Sunday, August 24, we will hold a Mural Planning Meeting in the Munro Room beginning at 1:30 pm to learn about the proposal for a mural on the west wall of our Old First Garage. We will generate ideas for its content and how best to proclaim love and justice in our neighborhood.

### Bible Translation *The Message* Available

*The Message* by Eugene Peterson: Maggi often refers to this translation in her sermons. She ordered copies (big print) which are available in the church office for \$5.00. You can pay in cash, or go to our on line giving, study book fund: <https://new.oldfirst.org/donations/>

### Sign Up to Sponsor Coffee Hour

A Sunday without coffee hour would be too terrible in the month of "Fogust." So help cut the August gloom by sponsoring coffee hour!

Of course, sponsoring coffee hour is also a great opportunity for you to honor someone or to commemorate some event. Sign up today on the bulletin board in the Sacramento Street entry. The cost to sponsor coffee hour is only \$50.00.

<b>This Week at Old First</b>
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**Sunday August 3**

After Worship Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday August 9**

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday August 10**

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

After Worship Coffee Hour, followed by Creeds and Confessions in the Windows  
with Brad Peterson, Sanctuary

2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On Line

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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