

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday
August 10, 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 Aria

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Introit

Pastor Henderson

English Folk Melody

Harmonized by Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Our hope, our life are in the Lord,
our God we honor and confess.
Why crave renown or opulence?
They fade, those things we now possess.

Beyond this age of shame and sham,
we glimpse a better destiny:
The Lord will lift us free from death
to dwell in praise eternally.

Adapted from Psalm 49

***Call to Worship**

Mary Russell

Leader We trust in God,
People and so we hope in God.
Leader We hope in our God,
People and so we offer our hearts
that our God might fill them with grace.
Leader Every time, we trust, we hope, we come to God,
People God is waiting for us... every time.

***Hymn 264**

At the Name of Jesus

- 1 At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2 Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;
- 3 Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.
- 4 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

**Prayer of
Confession**

Mary Russell

All You hold nothing back from us, Amazing God,
yet we are determined to cling to what we have accumulated.
We spend so much time eating out,
we cannot feel the deep ache our hunger for you causes.
You invite us to set aside our old ways, and walk with you,
but unknown paths fill us with fear.
Have mercy on us,
Bread of Heaven.
We come to you, of grace and hope,
not for our personal satisfaction,
but for the joy of recognizing the One who calls us to new life,
and for the grace to share this joy with everyone we meet.

Silence is kept.

**This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather
turn fetid swamps into pools of crystal-clear water,
bonds of sin into cords of compassion,
sinners into servants.

All God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life.
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

Columbian Harmony, 1829
Arranged by Carsten Gerlitz (born 1966)
Sergey Khalikulov, bass

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

John Newtoun (1725-1807) and *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

***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**

Jeanne Kirkwood

Prayer Partners

Linda Reyder, AnnieScott Rogers, Mary Russell, Amir Sadeghi, Kurt Schwartzmann, Pam Sebastian, Randy Smith and Andrea Segura Smith

**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 49:1-12 *We read the psalm responsively.*

Leader Hear this, all you peoples;
 give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**People both low and high,
 rich and poor together.**

Leader My mouth shall speak wisdom;
 the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**People I will incline my ear to a proverb;
 I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

Leader Why should I fear in times of trouble,
 when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**People those who trust in their wealth
 and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Leader Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
 there is no price one can give to God for it.

**People For the ransom of life is costly
 and can never suffice,
 that one should live on forever
 and never see the Pit.**

Leader When we look at the wise, they die;
 fool and dolt perish together
 and leave their wealth to others.

**People Their graves are their homes forever,
 their dwelling places to all generations,
 though they named lands their own.
 Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
 they are like the animals that perish.**

Scripture Colossians 3:1-12

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word
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***Hymn 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus's wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude Toccata in Classical Style Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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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Today's Coffee Hour

Linda Reyder has given today's coffee hour with blessings for going back to school.

Creeds and Confessions in the Windows, Today

After coffee hour today Brad Peterson, PhD, our office administrator, will lead a class on the painted glass windows, which surround the sanctuary. Did you know they represent many reformed creeds and confessions from around the world?

4th Saturday Community Dinner, August 23

This month's 4th 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

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.

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.

This Week at Old First

Sunday August 10

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

Saturday August 16

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall

1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On Line

Sunday August 17

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

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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