

Old First Presbyterian Church



**Sunday
August 24, 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 Chromatic Fugue
Fantasia in D minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Welcome and
Church Life**

Pastor Henderson

Introit

O God, you are my God alone, whom eagerly I seek,
though longing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my body weak.
Just as a dry and barren land awaits a freshening shower,
I long within your house to see your glory and your power.
Throughout the night I live in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;
in darkest hours I meditate how God, my strength, is kind.
Beneath the shadow of your wing, I live and feel secure;
and daily as I follow close, your right hand keeps me sure.

Based on Psalm 63

***Call to Worship**

Betty Voris

Leader O God, you are our God. We seek you.
People **Our souls thirst for you, our bodies long for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**
Leader We have met you in the sanctuary, and beheld your power and glory.
People **Because your steadfast love is better than life,
our lips will praise you.**
Leader We will bless you as long as we live.
People **We will lift up our hands, and call upon your name.**

Based on Psalm 63

***Hymn 649 Amazing Grace**

- 1 **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.**
- 2 **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**
- 3 **Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me save thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 **The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**
- 5 **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.**

**Prayer of
Confession**

Betty Voris

All **We continue to be tempted,
Faithful God.
We are blessed with gifts to use for others,
but we want to keep them for ourselves.
We easily notice the mistakes of those around us,
but do not want to look in the mirror at our lives.
We turn our desires into idols,
so we do not have to recognize how they can damage us.**

Silence is kept.

**Forgive us,
Steadfast God.
Fill the poverty of our spirits
with the richness of your grace.
Feed our selfish hunger
with the bread of compassion for the world.
Pour the living waters of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
into our hearts until they overflow with love. Amen.**

***Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

God is faithful!
God's love is an eternal bargain which will not be broken,
God's grace is the gift which will not be taken back.

All

**Such abundant mercy, such extravagant grace!
Thanks be to God: We are forgiven.**

***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

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



Solo

Ron Harris (born 1941)

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus... is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus... is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus... is in this very room.

***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**

Claudia Garrison

Prayer Partners

Sally Spencer, Mark Spicer and Sam, Rose Marie Springer, Stephen and Sarah Taber, Horngsheng Tu and Hsiaochien Chuang

**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 63

We read the psalm responsively.

Leader

O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Leader

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

People

**So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Leader

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night...

People for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Leader But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;
they shall be given over to the power of the sword;
they shall be prey for jackals.

People **But the king shall rejoice in God;**
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

Scripture Luke 13:1-9

Leader The Word of God in scripture.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word

- *Hymn 441** **Hear the Good News of Salvation**
- 1 **Hear the good news of salvation:**
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love still and cleanse within
 - 2 **All the sins I have committed,**
To my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love still and cleanse within

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude Choral Song

Samuel Wesley (1810-1876)

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 Liturgy

Today's confession was written by Presbyterian pastor and Iona Community member Thom Shuman. Let us keep Thom in our prayers as he grieves the death of his wife Bonnie.

Today's Flowers

Mary Russell has given today's flowers in gratitude for another year of health and happiness!

Today's Coffee Hour

Gabby Beck-Engeser has given today's coffee in gratitude for Old First pastors, staff, elders, deacons, and members.

Mural Planning Meeting, Today

After worship today, 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.

Preaching Together: Maggi and Erwin, August 31

On Sunday, August 31, Pastor Maggi and our parish associate, the Reverend Erwin Barron, will preach together. They will tackle some of the many questions the congregation asked of God during our luncheon last fall. These were some difficult questions posed, and Maggi and Erwin will offer some reflection and exploration of them next Sunday together and on further Sundays as well.

New Website, September 1

Keep your eyes open! Old First Presbyterian Church plans to have our new website up and running for the first of September!

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 24

After Worship Coffee Hour
1:30 pm Mural Planning Meeting
4:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival
7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday August 26

6:00 pm Session Meeting, On Line

Friday August 29

8:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival

Saturday August 30

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival

Sunday August 31

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
4:00 pm O1C: SF International Piano Festival
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