

Old First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 14, 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	Charles Callahan (1951-2023)
Welcome and Church Life		Pastor Henderson
Introit	From <i>Messe Solennelle en l'honneur de Ste. Cécile</i>	Charles Gounod (1818-1893)
	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>
	Dominus Deus Sabaoth:	<i>Lord God of hosts:</i>
	pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
	Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
*Call to Worship		Randy Smith
Leader	God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.	
People	God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.	
Leader	God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.	
People	Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever, let us worship God together.	

*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

Randy Smith

O Most Patient God,
 we recognize how much we need you for life itself.
But how often have we behaved
 as if we did not know or even care about you?
How often have we become
 the ones who do not carry out justice?
How often have we tried to dominate others
 or at the very least ignored others' needs
 even as you stand with them?
How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation
 or at the very least made no effort to recycle, to reuse,
 not to over-consume
 in our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters?
How often have we hidden from you
 or looked lost from your presence to others?
Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way.

We reflect in silence on our sufferings and fears.

All Loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek.

Shower your mercy upon us.

Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

Amen.

**Assurance of
Forgiveness**

Leader

My friends, when we are lost,
all is not lost.

God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,
gathering us into the people of God.

All

Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

***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.



Anthem

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

My God, I love Thee;

Not because I hope for heav'n thereby,

Nor yet because who love Thee not

Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me

Upon the cross embrace;

For me didst bear the nails and spear,

And manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,

Should I not love Thee well?

Not for the hope of winning heav'n,

Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,

Not seeking a reward;

But as Thyself hast loved me,

O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love,

And in Thy praise will sing;

Solely because Thou art my God,

And my Eternal King.

17th century Latin, translated by Edward Caswell (1814-1878)

***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**

Prayer
Partners

George Becker and Christo Bresnahan, Michael and Nina Berg, Lisa
Bigley, Courtney Blake, Chris and Cindy Burt, Carol Carter, Mary Carter

**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.**

Scripture

Luke 15:1-10

Leader
People

The Word of God in scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Henderson

Worship Through Responding to God's Word
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***Hymn 173 A Woman and a Coin**

- 1 A woman and a coin: the coin is Lost!
 How much it means to her, what time and toil,
 what part it was to play in here bright dreams!
 Am I that treasured coin worth search four?
 I'm found, and you rejoice! What love! What love!
- 2 A shepherd and a sheep: the sheep is lost!
 Far from the flock, the one in hundred cries,
 then, risking life, the shepherd's voice and staff!
 Am I that treasured sheep worthy dying for?
 I live, and you rejoice! What love! What love!
- 3 A parent and a child: the child is lost!
 The parent feeds on memories and hope,
 The prodigal, on husks and one last chance.
 Am I that treasured child worth waiting for?
 I'm home, and you rejoice! What love! What love!
- 4 Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost;
 you gave your only son at what a cost;
 your Spirit welcomes home the tempest-tossed:
 now we can be all you were dreaming of.
 We're safe, and you rejoice! What love! What love!

***Charge and
Benediction**

Postlude The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

*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 call to worship is from the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Welcome Back, Old First Choir!

The Old First Choir has resumed its rehearsals and musical leadership at worship. The choir will rehearse each Sunday at 9:30 am and sing at the worship service at 11:00 am. If you have thought about joining the choir, why not come when you can and enjoy the camaraderie of singing a wide variety of classical and contemporary choral music? There's no audition or strict attendance policy. Questions? Please see Larry after worship service or E-mail him: larrymarietta@gmail.com

Today's Coffee Hour

Steve and Sarah Taber have given today's coffee hour.

All-Church Read: Reyes-Chow's *Everything God about God is True*

This fall we will read together *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith*, by Bruce Reyes-Chow. Maggi reports "This book is a joy to read and was like a drink of water to my parched spirit." Author Brian D. McLaren says "Bruce names the parts of religion that so many of us are trying to get away from, and he introduces an understanding of faith in God that so many of would like to be part of. Highly recommended!"

You can get an electronic copy of the book for your Kindle or a paper copy from your local bookstore. We also have some paper copies available in the narthex or from the church office for just \$10.00.

We will offer an on-line meeting via Zoom, likely starting September 18 or 21. Waiting to hear from you!

Let Maggi know of your interest either by E-mail: maggi@oldfirst.org or in person.

New Website, This Month

Keep your eyes open! Old First Presbyterian Church plans to have our new website up and running this month!

Dedicating the Refurbished Steinway, October 5

On Sunday, October 5, we will enjoy coffee hour in the sanctuary and following that dedicate, learn about, and hear our newly refurbished Steinway concert grand piano.

This Week at Old First

Sunday September 14

After Worship Coffee Hour
 2:00 pm Board of Deacons, On Line
 4:00 pm O1C: Lieder Alive! Peter Grünberg and John Parr, piano four-hands, works by Mendelssohn, Brahms, Mozart and more
 7:15 pm AA Friendly Circle, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday September 16

7:00 pm Worship Committee, On Line

Saturday September 20

9:00 am Interfaith Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
 1:00 pm Presbyterian Women, On-Line
 8:00 pm O1C: Sixth Station Trio Genshin Impact in Concert! *Program 1*, Katelyn Tan, piano Anju Goto, violin Federico Strand Ramirez, cello

Sunday September 21

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
 After Worship Coffee Hour
 4:00 pm O1C: Sixth Station Trio Genshin Impact in Concert! *Program 2*, Katelyn Tan, piano Anju Goto, violin Federico Strand Ramirez, cello
 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