

Welcome to Our Celebration of Worship

To all who live joyfully and long to share their excitement ... to all who mourn and need comfort ... to all who are weary and need rest ... to all who are homeless and desire sheltering love ... to all who pray or are in need of prayer ... to all who sin and need a Savior ... to all who recognize Christ in their midst and hunger to share God's love with all the world ... Old First Presbyterian Church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says ... WELCOME!

**Those who are able, please stand in body or spirit.
(The congregation is invited to join in speaking or singing **items in bold.**)*

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude *Improvisation* K. Friese

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Opening Prayer

Gathering Song *Spirit of the Living God* Hymn 288
(Sung twice, second time replacing "me" with "us.")

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 9*

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of God's wonderful deeds to all people.

**People: We will be glad and exult in you, O God;
we will sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: For you have maintained my just cause;
sitting on your throne in righteousness and judgment.

**People: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed;
a strong foundation in times of trouble and distress.**

Leader: Those who know God put their trust in God;
for you, O Lord, do not forsake or abandon your children.

**People: Let us sing praises to the Lord, our God,
who does not forget the cries of the afflicted.**

Leader: Giving glory and honor to God, our Lord and our Savior,
let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship God together.

*Hymn 301 *Let Us Build a House*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we live in a world with many challenges in which our selfish desires often go unfulfilled. Far too often, we become wrapped up in our disappointments, allowing difficulties and obstacles to cause us to stumble and fall. We are consumed with worry, fear, and doubt; overwhelmed by what seems wrong in our lives and weighed down with thoughts of what might have been. They become giants in our lives; capturing our attention, captivating our focus, and blinding us to opportunities to know your love, grace, and mercy.

Loving God, give us the strength and courage to face our giants with bold courage rooted in faith. Arm us with the strength of the love of God, anchor us in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and ground us in the grace of Jesus Christ. Free our hearts to love, our minds to serve, and our spirits to worship; that we may live with eternal joy as we claim victory in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ, in whose name we pray ...

(Please continue in silent prayer of confession.)

Together, let all of God's people say ... **Amen.**

Hymn 551 (Kyrie Eleison) *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God acts with justice and mercy.

In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

**All: God forgives us, frees us, and gives us peace.
To God we are ever thankful. Amen.**

*Response of Praise (Hymn 581) *Glory Be to the Father*

*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 1 Samuel 17:4-11 Old Testament, p. 260 / P. 323

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *God Is My Shepherd* A. Dvorah
Ken Duncan, Tenor

Time with Our Young Disciples

Congregational Invitation *(Sung Twice)*

**This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.**

Church school is available for children preschool through 6th grade.

Second Lesson 1 Samuel 17:38-49 Old Testament, p. 261 / P. 324

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"The Voice of Truth"**

*Hymn 612 *We Praise You, O God*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

*Affirmation of Faith — *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *On Eagles Wings* Arr. M. Hayes
Ken Duncan, Tenor

*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Response of Thanksgiving (Hymn 710) *We Lift Our Voices*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

The congregation is invited to share our prayer requests with one another.

*If you would like to share a prayer request, please raise your hand
and the Pastor will invite you to share your need for prayer.*

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Offering of Our Time and Talent

*Hymn 462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Benediction *Sung to the tune of "Edelweiss"*

Come, O Lord, be with us. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.

May our hearts, flow with peace. Come with your love and surround us.

Friendship and love, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.

Bless us now. Bless our friends. Bless all people forever.

*Postlude *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* P. Manz

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor

Elder Amy Means, Lector

Ken Friese, Director of Music

Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory and honor of God by Rod
and Martha Tibbetts in joyful celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary!*

*If you are a first-time guest or returning visitor to our church family, please
allow us to extend a special welcome to you. We invite you to join us in the
Parish Hall after worship for coffee, tea, cookies, and a chance to learn more
about Old First.*

*Please take this opportunity to be greeted by our members and be introduced
to our Pastor, Matthew Means. Thank you for joining us and welcome to our
family of faith!*

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list:

**Mark Mandrakos - recovery from double knee replacement surgery
Gabby (14 years-old) and Parents, Audra & Dave - colon cancer**

Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:

Holly Baptista, Bob and Gail Esser, Dave and Else Haddock, Beth Lange (Sister of Susan Oehrig), Pat Lobasso (Husband of Joan Lobasso), Ken Miller (Husband of Rev. Anne Stewart Miller), Nancy Paloian, Angelica Richter, James Schubauer, and Grace Youngquist.

Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.

If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact Pastor Means.

OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS:

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Jim Colbert	Kerry Degnan	Curt Abbott
Katie Dopico	Jerry Kessler	Tom Bosch
Beverly Elliott	Susan Oehrig	Gloria Burgess
Gretchen Hargis	Gillian Plastaras	Philip Heinz
Amy Girimonti	Melissa Terc	Mark Rapko
Marge Sammis		

Thomas Bosch, *Clerk of Session*
Rev. Matthew Means, *Moderator*

OLD FIRST CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS:

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	Mary Porter	Virginia Greene
	Faith Youngquist	

OLD FIRST CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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Key elements of today's service of worship include ...

Prelude

The pre-service music is an opportunity for us to be called out of the world and into the presence of God, preparing our hearts, minds, and spirits to worship God together.

Welcome / Opening Prayer / Call to Worship

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are called to worship in Spirit and Truth. We pray for an awareness of God's presence in our worship and share a responsive "Call to Worship," based upon the lectionary Psalm of the day.

Confessional Liturgy

Recognizing that all have fallen short of the glory of God by failing to love and serve God perfectly, we are invited to join together in confessing our corporate and individual sin. After sharing the "Prayer of Confession," we sing our desire for God's mercy ("Kyrie Eleison"). We listen for the "Assurance of Our Forgiveness" in Jesus Christ and then proclaim our gratitude both in song ("Gloria Patri") and through the sharing of God's peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ ("Passing of the Peace.")

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings

Given the importance of hearing and heeding God's Word, we pray for God to open our hearts, minds, and spirits to receive and live the Word of God read and proclaimed. We believe that Scripture (the Bible) is the Spirit-inspired Word of God for the people of God. Usually, two Scripture passages are read, each one relating to the Pastor's message as well as the overall spirit, theme, and direction of the service of worship.

Time with Our Young Disciples

Children and their faith growth are very important to our church family. Jesus called God's children to his presence to love and teach them and it is our great joy to do the same! Our children have special time in worship to hear the message in ways that help them consider God's Word for their faith and lives. Those who are between preschool and sixth grade are then given the opportunity to exit worship for a time of church school.

Sermon

The pastor then enters the pulpit to deliver the sermon, which is intended to offer some comment or instruction on the Bible readings in the service and some challenge to the congregation to live the Christian life, understand the Christian faith, or affirm the Christian commitment. The sermon usually lasts between 15 and 20 minutes.

Affirmation of Faith

Following the proclamation of God's Word, we are given the opportunity to respond to God's action in our lives as we affirm the faith we share by reciting the Apostles' Creed.

Offering

*The ministry of Old First is supported by members and friends of the congregation responding to God by giving our financial gifts. The offering is the moment in the service when, out of gratitude to God, members of the community of faith **freely choose** to give financial gifts to Christ's ministry in and through Old First as an expression of our faith.*

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

*One of the great joys of being called to live together as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ is our opportunity to pray for and with one another. We share our prayer requests as a family of faith, gather in a pastor-led prayer, and conclude our prayers by praying the Lord's Prayer **together**, showing our desire to live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.*

Charge and Benediction

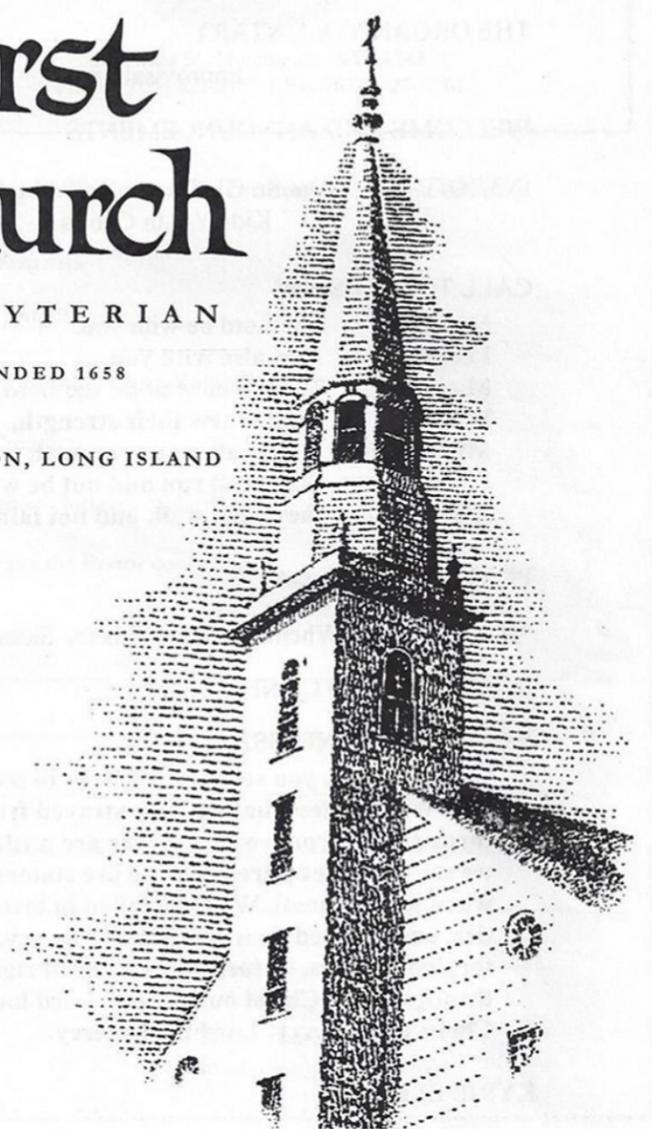
We are sent out into the world with a charge and benediction from the pastor, inviting the spirit of today's worship to go with us as we seek ways to share our faith with others!

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 24, 2018

10:00 AM

1 Samuel 17:4-11

Old Testament, p. 260 / P. 323

⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders.

⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him.

⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight with me and kill

me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.”

¹⁰ And the Philistine said, “Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.” ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Samuel 17:38-49

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³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹ The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field."

⁴⁵ But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.”

⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.