

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 *Lord, Prepare Me (Sung Twice)* Hymn 701

Call to Worship — *from Psalm 51*

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God; according to your steadfast love, forgive our sinful disobedience.

People: For we know our transgressions and our sins are always before us.

Leader: Against God alone have we sinned, so God is justified in God's judgment against us.

People: God desires truth in our souls and wisdom in the secret places of our hearts.

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

People: Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit away from us.

Leader: Rejoicing in the God of our eternal forgiveness and salvation, let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship our God together.

*Hymn 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you prepare a table for us, but we want to assign seats. You offer a banquet, but we want to write the guest list. You invite all to join your feast, but we make excuses for why we cannot come. You provide enough for us, but we want more than enough, even as we see others unable to fill basic needs. We consume, but fail to give thanks, share our blessings, or carry one another's burdens. We are offered a sacrament, but we manage to make it all about ourselves. We set our own tables that you so rightly desire to overturn.

Loving God, forgive our table manners. Turn our meals into celebrations, our feasts into fellowship, and our consumption into communion. As we gather around reminders of your grace, may we remember your sacrificial love and be driven to share it with others. In your mercy, strengthen us to offer ourselves in thought, word, and deed, as living examples of our Christ. Overflow our hearts with the joy of walking alongside you and open our eyes to your presence through bread, cup, and water. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Christ ...

(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 Ephesians 4:1-16 New Testament, p. 193 / P. 236

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *Simple Song (Mass)* L. Bernstein
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 John 6:24-35 New Testament, p. 98 / P. 119

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **"What Are We Doing?"**

*Hymn 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

** When you reach the end of the first three verses, return to the top of the page.
Verse 4 of the hymn is printed at the bottom of the page.*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

The Sacrament of Baptism *Cameron James Machtel*

Meaning and Institution

* Vows

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed (See Next Page)*

Prayer for Blessing

The Baptism

Welcome

*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 *I'll Walk With God* N. Brodsky
Ken Duncan, Tenor

*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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.

The Words of Institution

Communion

All are invited to hold the bread and cup so that we may commune together.

Prayer after Communion

Offering of Our Time and Talent

*Hymn 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

*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 *Postlude in D* C. Armstrong Gibbs

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list:

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

Holly Baptista, Bob and Gail Esser, Dave and Else Haddock, Pat Lobasso (Husband of Joan Lobasso), Mark Mandrakos, 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:

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Rev. Matthew Means, *Moderator*

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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.*

Communion / The Lord's Supper

*We are blessed to be nourished - physically and spiritually - at the Lord's Table by bread and grape juice. These are visible reminders of the invisible grace of God, reminding us of the love of God, shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our invitation to the Lord's Table is for **all who trust and believe in Jesus Christ**.*

Charge and Benediction

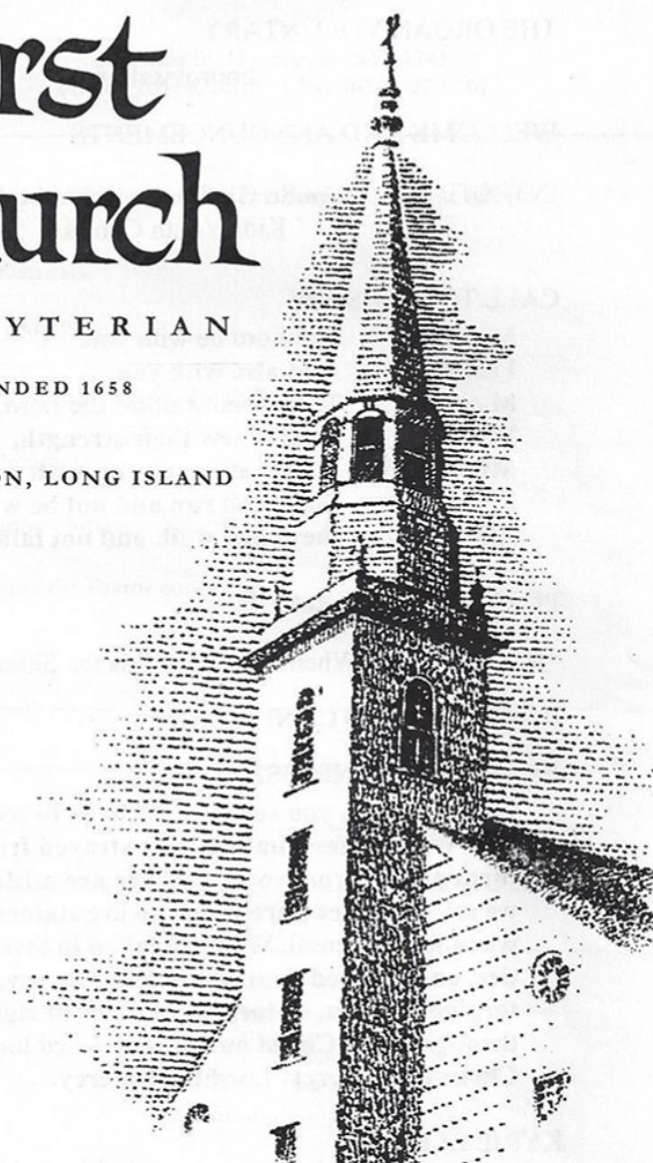
We are sent out into the world with a charge and benediction from the pastor, inviting the spirit of today's worship to go with us as we seek ways to share our faith with others!

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION AND

BAPTISM OF CAMERON MACHTEL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018

10:00 AM

Ephesians 4:1-16

New Testament, p. 193 / P. 236

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 6:24-35

New Testament, p. 98 / P. 119

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”

³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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Thanks be to God.