



# Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

April 7, 2024

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# Order of Worship

April 7, 2024

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## REFLECTIONS

In the resurrection we have the presence of the future. The power by which God will finally destroy all suffering, evil, deformity, and death at the end of time has broken into history now and is available— partially but substantially— now. When we unite with the risen Christ by faith, that future power that is potent enough to remake the universe comes into us.

-Tim Keller

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Psalms 147

Leader: Praise the LORD!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God,

**People: How pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**People: He determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.**

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
His understanding has no limit.

**All: Praise the LORD!**

\*Please stand if you are able.

As a courtesy, please set all communication devices to silent. Thank you.

## **HYMN OF ADORATION\***

Trinity Hymnal #2 (1,2,5)

*O Worship the King*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **SONGS OF PRAISE\***

*This Is Amazing Grace*  
*He Will Hold Me Fast*

## **CALL TO RENEWAL**

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Our merciful and gracious God, we come before you as people who need to see you with clear eyes and a believing heart. We need to behold your glory in order to feel our smallness; we need to gaze upon your holiness to feel our sinfulness; we need to see your humble self-sacrifice at the cross in order to know how truly loved we are. We love and cling to our brokenness instead of your righteousness and grace. Instead of believing and resting in you and your gospel, we trust in ourselves and our own efforts. Instead of loving you and one another, we ignore you and mock, despise, and reject those around us for their weaknesses. Instead of forgiving because we have been forgiven by you, we hold grudges and cling to bitterness and self-preservation. Lord Jesus, thank you for taking our place under the curse that our sin merits. Help us to live lives that abide in Christ and are truly a grace to those around us. Amen.

## **PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

## **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, Jacob, for you, Israel, are my servant. I have made you, you are my servant; Israel, I will not forget you. I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

## **SONG OF RESPONSE\***

*Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)*

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TIME OF COMMITMENT

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## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Giving an offering is one way for members and friends of BAPC to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please do not feel under any obligation to give.*

Online  
*Please visit  
[bapc.org/give](http://bapc.org/give)*

Cash or Check  
*Lobby box or mailed  
to the church office*

Text Message  
*Text "Give" to  
833-921-6502*

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Empty Now*

Martin

## **DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 103. If you and your child have not yet received matching security tags, please accompany them to the table in the lobby for check-in.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

<sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

<sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## MESSAGE

*Elder Chris D'Souza*

*The Most Epic Bible Study Ever*

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION**

*Communion is the family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(concluding with 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 and ever. Amen.

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE \***

Trinity Hymnal #32 (1,2,3)

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## **BENEDICTION \***

## **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those  
who love the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



## **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Enable me not to be intimidated by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Please guide me, teach me, and reveal to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF BELIEF**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I believe that you lived a perfect life so that through faith in you I might be received by God and declared righteous. I thank you that when you died on the cross you endured the punishment I deserve because of my sin, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and embrace you by faith as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR THOSE OVERCOME WITH SIN**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Help me not to be deceived by offers of false satisfaction and to delight in You more than anything else. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR COVENANT CHILDREN** (Not Yet Admitted to the Lord's Supper)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you. Please work in my heart to believe the gospel for myself, not just because my parents believe. Give me a longing to know Jesus better and to serve Him with my whole heart. Amen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Welcome! We're glad you are here with us today.  
To find out more about our upcoming events, studies, and more  
please visit [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements)**

Today	Communion Sunday	10:30am
Today	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
4/9	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	7:30pm
4/10	Women's Bible Study	10am & 7pm
4/10	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
4/10	Discover BAPC	7pm



### **New Adult Class - Begins Today at 9am**

Join us for an 8-week interactive training on evangelism and discipleship! The first 5 weeks will focus on Scripture study, Gospel sharing techniques, and building confidence using these tools. The final 3 weeks will cover discipleship basics, including understanding how people change and discipling through difficult topics such as anxiety and fear.



### **Sunday Supper - Tonight at 5:30pm**

You're invited to our monthly fellowship dinner at 5:30pm, as we grow in community with one another! Ham will be served as the main dish; side dishes and desserts are welcome. We hope to see you there!



### **2024 Directory - Begins Next Week**

We're updating our directory for 2024! If you have moved or changed your contact info, please reach out to the church office at [bapc@bapc.org](mailto:bapc@bapc.org). If you'd like to be added to this year's directory, please reach out to Whitney at [wkelly@bapc.org](mailto:wkelly@bapc.org). Directory photos will be taken after worship on April 14, 21, & 28.

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## VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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### **Elder of the Day**

Today: Chris D'Souza  
Next Week: Curtis Briggs

### **Deacon of the Day**

Today: Steve Ramsey  
Next Week: Dennis Radford

### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Clay McCarty  
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

### **Communion Preparation**

April: Jack + Heather Amuny  
May: Kathy Felts

### **Greeters**

Today: Cathy Mahlstedt  
+ Kris Benavides  
Next Week:

### **Infant Nursery**

Today: Kathy Felts  
Next Week: Connie D'Souza

### **Toddler Nursery**

Today: Owens Family  
Next Week: Bouck Family

### **Children's Church**

Today: Kroese Family  
Next Week: Simpson Family

**MEN'S MINISTRY**



**Men's Bible Study**  
**Friday, April 19th at 7pm**

Grow in your knowledge of and love for God's word and get connected to other men at BAPC! Our study meets on the 3rd Friday of the month in Room 88 (Adult Sunday School Room).



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, April 27th at 8am**

Join us for breakfast, a devotional, and a chance to connect with other men who are also seeking to live for Christ.

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**



**Pizza and Prayer**  
**Friday, April 12, 6pm**

Students in 5th-12th grade are invited to a night of DIY pizza, yard games, and a chance to hang out with all of our youth at the Stahl's house! For address, please contact the church office or pick up a directory in the lobby.



**VBS Registration Now Open**  
**June 3-7, 9am-12pm**

To register your children up for VBS, please visit [bapc.org/vbs](http://bapc.org/vbs). If you're able to help with this year's VBS, even for a day or two, please scan the QR code to the left or visit [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements).

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**



**Ladies' Patio Party**  
**Saturday, April 20th at 10am**

Food, fellowship, and fun! Bring your favorite snack or appetizer to share and meet us at the Ramsey home. Come and go as your schedule permits! If you need the address, please contact the church office or pick up a directory from the lobby.



**I & II Peter and Jude Study**  
**Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

Join us for study and grow in authentic community with us as we seek to understand and apply the truths in I & II Peter and Jude! Classes meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm (Zoom), as well as Wednesdays at 10am and 7pm (at BAPC).

MISSIONS UPDATE



**April Missionary of the Month**  
**Michael and Lindie Wadhams**

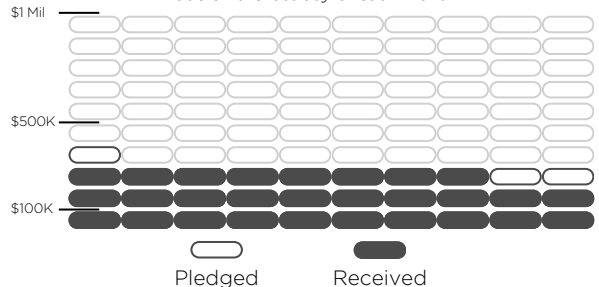
Throughout April, please be in prayer for the Wadhams, who reside in Washington and serve the Lummi and Nooksack tribes there, as well as the Tohono O'odham people of Arizona. Please join us in praying that the Lord would raise up Native American church leaders to shepherd their people, that he would strengthen the local churches that serve these tribes, and encourage the teams serving these people, as they seek to foster relationships of trust and respect, demonstrating God's love for the tribes through deeds of mercy and hospitality.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

**Initial Goal Period**  
**November 2023-2024**

Amount Pledged: \$311,070  
 Amount Received: \$286,781  
 Current Mortgage Balance: \$720,923

*Additional principal payments will be made on the last day of each month.*



Pledge Cards Collected: 17

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

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## Adults

Putting Our Bibles Together, Room 88

## 9th - 12th Grade

Judges, Youth Room

## 5th - 8th Grade

Implementing God's Word, Room 91

## 3rd - 4th Grade

Worshiping God, Room 104

## 1st - 2nd Grade

Living Together, Room 102

## PreK - Kindergarten

Living in Gods Family, Room 107

## Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

Infant Nursery, Room 106

*\*Children in PreK-2nd grade begin the Sunday School with a time of singing and musical instruction from our Choir Director, Kathy Wright.*

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## GIVING UPDATE

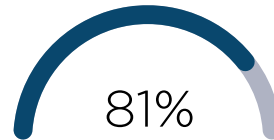
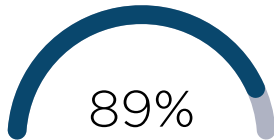
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### Monthly Giving

March Giving Goal: \$64,411  
March Actual Giving: \$57,507  
Amount Under: (\$6,904)

### Annual Giving

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760  
Received as of 3/24/24: \$550,770  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$131,990)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$0)



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## STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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Chris Yates, Pastor  
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations  
Whitney Kelley, Director of Communications & Media  
Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting  
Hannah Stahl, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries  
Kathy Wright, Director of Choirs

**Elders**  
Curtis Briggs  
Chris D'Souza  
Mike Smith

**Deacons**  
John Cover  
Dennis Radford  
Steve Ramsey

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