



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 18, 2024

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Order of Worship

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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

We are not called to govern, as Nehemiah did, with an iron hand, but we ought to be equally inflexible, decided, and resolute for God, and for His holy will.

-Charles Spurgeon

The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are anger and courage. Anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are.

-St. Augustine

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

**People: The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.
Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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HYMN OF ADORATION*

Trinity Hymnal #38 (1,2,3)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Isaiah 43

TIME OF RENEWAL

CALL TO RENEWAL

Isaiah 55:6-8

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions - seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From the best this world could possibly offer, we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Lamentations 3:22-24

Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

_____ TIME OF COMMITMENT _____

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	Cash or Check	Text Message
<i>Please visit bapc.org/give</i>	<i>Lobby box or mailed to the church office</i>	<i>Text "Give" to 833-921-6502</i>

CHORAL ANTHEM

Albrecht, Althouse

We Worship As One

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Children’s Church in the gym. 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

Nehemiah 1:1-11

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, ²that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. ³ And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.”

⁴ As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵ And I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁶let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father’s house have sinned. ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. ⁸Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, ⁹but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’¹⁰ They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. ¹¹O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Nehemiah: Standing Firm in the Face of Opposition
Remember the Baker

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Is He Worthy?

BENEDICTION*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today	No Sunday School	
Today	High School Girls' Book Study	4pm
8/21	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
8/23	High School Back to School Bash	6-9pm
8/24	Men's Breakfast	8am
8/24	Middle School Girls - The Shard Yard	3-5pm
8/24	Middle School Boys' Pool Party	4pm
8/25	High School Girls' Book Study	4pm
8/25 & 9/1	No Sunday School	



Discover Children's Ministry **Today at 12 pm**

Our church is growing and we are in need of volunteers in our Children's Ministry! Join us for a free lunch after worship in the conference room and discover if serving in nursery, Children's Church, or Sunday School may be right for you!



Church Wide Sunday School Break **August 18, 25, & September 1**

Our summer Sunday School break continues today, as we enable our dedicated teachers to enjoy a much-deserved break! Classes will resume on September 8, which will also be Promotion Sunday for our children and youth, as they move into their new grade level classes.



Join the BAPC Choir **Wednesdays at 7pm**

The BAPC choir would like to invite any singers in the congregation to join us for our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Christmas rehearsals and concert preparation begins in September. Please text Kathy at (281) 382-9568 or email at kathystaggw@hotmail.com.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Chris D'Souza
Next Week: Mike Smith

Deacon of the Day

Today: John Cover
Next Week: Steve Ramsey

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Lynn Hershey
Next Week: Ethan Bouck

Communion Preparation

September: Kathryn Felts
October: Linda Hendrickson

Greeters

Today: Bill + Lauren Shaw
Next Week: Marilyn Smith + Eric Simpson

Infant Nursery

Today: Caroline Boone
Next Week: Laura Gelber

Toddler Nursery

Today: Stahl Family
Next Week: Owens Family

Children's Church

Today: Simpson Family
Next Week: Banks Family

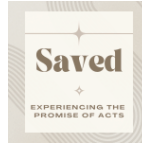
MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Breakfast Saturday, August 24 at 8am

Connect with the men of BAPC over breakfast, a devotional on a different Fruit of the Spirit each month, and a chance for fellowship!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women's Bible Study: Acts Begins September 2 & 4

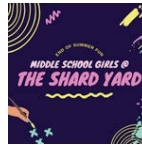
Join us for a look into the lives of the apostles in the days following Christ's resurrection and ascension! This study will meet on Mondays at 7:30pm (Zoom) and Wednesdays at 10am and 7pm. Childcare is available. For more details and to register, visit bapc.org/women.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



High School Back to School Bash Friday, August 23, 6-9pm

High school students are invited to a night out at Main Event Entertainment, as we kick off the new school year! Cost is \$10/student, RSVP to Curtis Briggs.



Middle School Girls, The Shard Yard Saturday, August 24, 3-5pm

Let's get crafty! Join us for an afternoon of glass art and fun at The Shard Yard in Webster. This event is free and open to middle school girls; RSVP to Annie Briggs by phone or text.



Middle School Boys, Pool Party Saturday, August 24, 4pm

Join us for a free back to school pool party for middle school boys at Mike and Melissa Smith's home on August 24th, starting at 4 PM. Come enjoy an afternoon of fun, friends, and swimming before the school year begins.

MISSIONS UPDATE



August Missionary of the Month Molly (Farrell) Basse

Molly serves with Reformed University Fellowship- International at UT Austin. RUF-I seeks to help international students

find community and connection in the United States and, from that relationship, share the Gospel with students from all nations. She requests prayer for the students she will have the opportunity to know and serve this year, that God would raise up local volunteers with a heart for international students, and that the Lord would meet her funding needs for this year.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

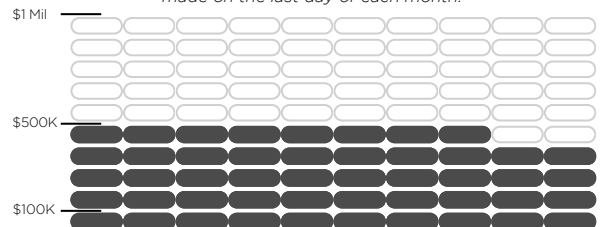
Initial Goal Period November 2023-2024

Amount Pledged: \$311,070

Amount Received: \$481,519

Current Mortgage Balance: \$501,129

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



Pledged

Received

Pledge Cards Collected: 17

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 89
Infant Nursery, Room 89

***Please note, there will be a church-wide Sunday School break
from August 11-September 1. Sunday School will resume at 9am on September 8.***

GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

August Giving Goal: TBD
August Actual Giving: \$27,409
Final giving goal to be announced next week.

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations
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Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting
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