



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 24, 2025

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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

If the blood of Christ alone is uniformly set forth as purchasing satisfaction, reconciliation and absolution, how dare you to presume to transfer so great an honor to your works.

-John Calvin

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.

-John Stott

Bad evangelism says: I'm right, you're wrong, and I would love to tell you about it.

-Tim Keller

There can be no peace between you and Christ while there is peace between you and sin.

-Charles Spurgeon

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 99:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
**People: He sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.**

Leader: Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.
**People: Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.**

Leader: The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.
**People: Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his footstool;
He is holy!**

**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 #295 (1,2,4)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our World Belongs to God, st. 39

Leader: What is the church?

All: **The church is a gathering
of forgiven sinners called to be holy.
Saved by the patient grace of God,
we deal patiently with others
and together confess our need
for grace and forgiveness.
Restored in Christ's presence,
shaped by his life,
this new community lives out
the ongoing story of God's reconciling love,
announces the new creation,
and works for a world of justice and peace.**

SONGS OF PRAISE*

*Oh, What High and Holy Privilege
The Lord Almighty Reigns (Psalm 93)*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving Father, we have wild and rebellious hearts. We forget your kindness and grace and turn to our own ways, especially when life is difficult or confusing. Our desire for you and your Word are weak; we do not love worshiping with your people as we should; our hearts are without affection for you; our minds are captivated by temptations that dazzle us far more than your love amazes us; and even our repentance is marred by our pride and selfishness. Forgive us. Press the gospel deep into our hearts, and change our disordered affections. Make Christ beautiful to us until we are captivated by his love, mercy and kindness so that we are undone and eager to follow him wherever he leads. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Nailed to the Cross

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*

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

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Mary McDonald

Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace

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 *(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.

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Ambassadors for Christ

SONG OF RESPONSE*

O Church Arise

BENEDICTION*

SERMON OUTLINE

- I. The Motivation of the Ambassador For Christ: What Drives Us? (2 Corinthians 5:11-15)

- II. The Identity of the Ambassador For Christ: Who Are We Now? (2 Corinthians 5:16-17)

- III. The Mission of the Ambassador For Christ: What Do We Say? (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

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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	High School Girls' Book Study	4pm
8/26	The Orchard: College & Career Small Group	7pm
8/27	Choir Rehearsal	7pm
8/27	Youth Group: Prayer & Basketball (guys) or Crafts (girls)	7pm
8/31 & 9/7	Sunday School Break	9am
9/7	Sunday Supper	5:30pm



Pastoral Search Committee Survey

Final day to submit responses!

Please prayerfully consider filling out the survey sent via email last Sunday, as your responses will inform the church profile we will create for prospective candidates. The survey will be emailed again today at 1pm or you make pick up a paper copy in the lobby after worship.



Grace of God

1st & 3rd Sundays, 1:30pm-3pm

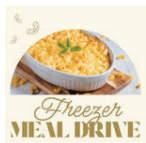
Help connect local seniors to the community of Christ as we lead them in hymns, a brief devotional, and fellowship over refreshments. Interested in joining us as we witness to our community? Please see the lobby table, Cathy Mahlstedt, or Clay McCarty for details.



Sunday Supper

Sunday, September 7, 5:30pm

Join us for a pancake supper! These fellowship dinners are a great way to get connected to our community. Please bring a side to share and RSVP at bapc.org/announcements. We hope to see you there!



Support Foster Families with a Freezer Meal

Sunday, September 7

When a foster family with The Sanctuary Foster Care Services welcomes a new child, they support them with a few ready-to-heat meals. Help us stock their freezer with store-bought entrees (any variety is welcome) Please drop off your meal in the gym kitchen freezer by September 7th.



Spread the Gospel through Children's Church!

Come shadow a current volunteer and see if Children's Church is a good fit for you. No prep needed—lessons and supplies are provided, and you'll have a helper each time. Children's Church includes a Bible story, simple craft, and playground time. Serve as often as you'd like! Interested or have questions? Visit bapc.org/cc or see Hannah Stahl.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: B. Calhoun
Next Week: C. Briggs

Deacon of the Day

Today: J. Cover
Next Week: P. Meeh

Nursery (9am)

Today: No Sunday School
Next Week: No Sunday School

Communion Preparation

September: K. Felts
October: L. Hendrickson

Greeters

Today: Gilbert Family
Next Week: G. Briggs + S. Tuck

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: W. Kelley
Next Week: K. Felts

Coffee & Donuts

Today: E. Bouck
Next Week: E. Stahl

Children's Church

Today: Kroese Family
Next Week: Simpsons + S. Lindblom

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: R. Henry + B. Ohmes
Next Week: G. Briggs + M. Kang

SMALL GROUPS



Fall Small Groups
Leader Sign Up Now Open!

Fall Small Groups are coming! Leading is simple—choose a book or topic you're interested in or use free church-provided resources. You don't need to be a Bible expert, just someone ready to create a welcoming space for faith and fellowship. Sign up is available in the lobby. Participant sign up begins 8/31.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY



Ladies’ Bible Study
Begins September 15 & 17

Journey through the Gospel of Mark with us as we see Jesus in action and learn to follow Him more closely. This study begins in September and will be offered on Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom and Wednesdays at 10am and 7pm at BAPC. Registration now open at bapc.org/women and in the lobby.

MEN’S MINISTRY



Men’s Bible Study
Friday, September 19, 7pm

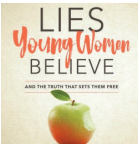
Grow in knowledge of Scripture and in your relationship with the men of BAPC at our monthly Bible study! This study meets in the Adult Sunday School Room.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Group
Wednesdays at 7pm

Our month of social events continues with a night of combined youth group with prayer & basketball (guys) and crafts (girls). Next week, each group will begin their fall studies- join us and invite a friend!



Senior High Girls’ Book Study
Sundays at 4pm

Girls entering 9th-12th grades are invited to look at the lies we commonly believe about ourselves, God, guys, media, and more- and find out how to be set free by the truth of the Gospel. This study meets weekly at the Briggs home.

MISSIONS UPDATE



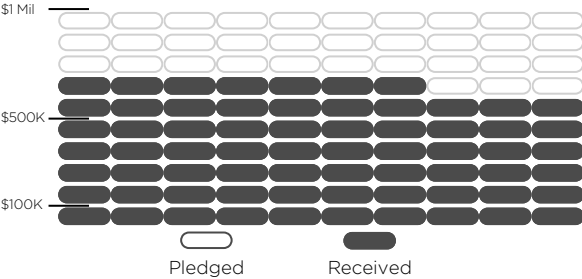
Missionary of the Month
Dony and Sharon St. Germain

Dony and Sharon are dedicated to the cause of Haitian and Haitian-American Ministries, under the umbrella of Missions to North America (MNA) and El Shaddai Ministries International (ESMI). Dony is the pastor of El Shaddai Presbyterian in Miami, which serves as a home base for outreach to the ever-growing Haitian people of South Florida. Through ESMI, the St. Germaines and their team minister to the people of Haiti through education, evangelism, empathy, and economic development. Please join us in praise for the church leaders that God is raising up in Haiti and continue to pray that God would provide abundantly for their ESMI's financial needs, as they work to meet the spiritual and tangible needs of the Haitian people.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Second Year Goal Period
November 2024-2025

Amount Pledged: \$1,500
Amount Received: \$42,280



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$678,171
Current Mortgage Balance: \$353,821

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

Summer Sunday School Break

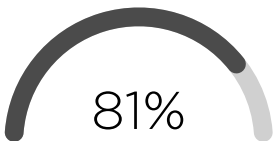
All Sunday School classes will be taking a short summer break during the next four weeks.

Join us Sunday, September 14th at 9am
as we resume classes for all ages!

GIVING UPDATE

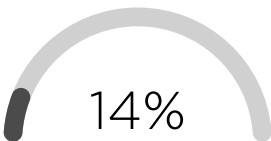
Monthly Giving

August Giving Goal: \$67,308
August Actual Giving: \$54,766
Amount Under: (\$12,542)



Annual Giving

July 2025-June 2026 Annual Budget Goal: \$700,000
Received as of 8/17/25: \$98,778
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: \$601,222
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$0)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations
Whitney Kelley, Director of Communications & Media
Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting
Marcy Ramsey, Assistant to the Pastor
Hannah Stahl, Director of Youth & Children’s Ministries
Kathy Wright, Director of Choirs

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