



# ADVENT

AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

December 1, 2024

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Bay Area**  
PRESBYTERIAN

# Order of Worship

December 1, 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 a very deep sense, the entire Christian life in this world is lived in Advent, between the first and second comings of the Lord, in the midst of the tension between things the way they are and things the way they ought to be.

-Fleming Rutledge

The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.

-Henri Nouwen

Christmas is fast approaching. And now that Christ has aroused our seasonal expectations, he'll soon fulfill them all!

-St. Augustine

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**People: And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.**  
Leader: See, darkness covers the earth,  
**People: And thick darkness is over the peoples;**  
Leader: But the LORD rises upon you,  
**People: And his glory appears over you.**  
**All: Nations will come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Glory to God in the highest!**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

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**ADVENT HYMN\***

Trinity Hymnal #196 (1,3,4)

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**ADVENT HYMN\***

Trinity Hymnal #208 (1,2,3,4)

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**PUBLIC RECEPTION OF PATRICK DANIEL**

## **CALL TO RENEWAL**

Isaiah 30

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it... Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

## **PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION**

## **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Matthew 1:21-22

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

## ADVENT HYMN\*

Trinity Hymnal #213 (1,2,3)

*What Child Is This*

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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*

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

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

## CHORAL ANTHEM

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*A Christmas Communion*

## 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**

Psalm 23:1-6

- 23** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

## **MESSAGE**

*Pastor Jaime Jimenez*

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

## **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**

## **ADVENT HYMN\***

Trinity Hymnal #195 (1,2,3,4)

*Joy to the World!*

## **BENEDICTION\***

## **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.





**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)**

12/3	The Orchard: College & Career Small Group	6pm
12/4	Youth Christmas Choir Group	6pm
12/4	Choir Practice	7pm
12/5	Ladies' Christmas Tea	7pm
12/6	Theology on Tap	7pm
12/7	Christmas Dinner Setup	5pm
12/8	Choir Christmas Concert & Dinner	5pm



**Join us in December!**

**Visit [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas)**

Looking for details on our upcoming Christmas events or the links to RSVP for them? At [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas) you can dedicate a poinsettia, reserve tickets for the Choir Concert and dinner, and find information on all of our ministry events!



**Choir Christmas Concert & Dinner**

**Deadline to RSVP is Today!**

Join us next Sunday at 5pm for our Choir Christmas Concert and a catered dinner afterward! Concert tickets are free, dinner tickets are \$20/individual and \$50/household and may be reserved at [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas) or by contacting the church office until December 1st.

Scholarships are available, please email [bapc@bapc.org](mailto:bapc@bapc.org) to reserve your tickets



**Volunteers Needed: Christmas Dinner**

**December 7 & 8**

We need many hands to help make our annual Christmas dinner come together! There are a variety of ways to get involved, from large to small. If you can help with this event, please let us know by scanning the QR code to the left or visiting [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas).



**Christmas in the Pines**

**Sunday, December 15 at 6pm**

Carols, cocoa, cookies, and more! All are invited to a time of outdoor worship and refreshments under our lit pine trees. Please bring a blanket or chairs with you for seating and invite your friends or neighbors. Have a favorite carol you want us to sing? Let us know at [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas).

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

**Elder of the Day**

Today: Chris Yates  
Next Week: Mike Smith

**Deacon of the Day**

Today: Steve Ramsey  
Next Week: Dennis Radford

**Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Clay McCarty  
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

**Communion Preparation**

December: Lindblom Family  
January: Kathy Felts

**Greeters**

Today: Kris Benavides  
+ Cathy Mahlstedt  
Next Week: Niko Laliotitis  
+ Ned Penley

**Nursery (9am)**

Today: Tracy Kubena  
+ Marcy Ramsey  
Next Week: Cathy Mahlstedt  
+ Katie Farland

**Infant Nursery (10:30am)**

Today: Caroline Boone  
Next Week: Laura Gelber

**Toddler Nursery (10:30am)**

Today: Benitez Family  
Next Week: Bullock Family

**Children's Church**

Today: Simpson Family  
Next Week: Sidor Family

MEN'S MINISTRY



**Theology On Tap**  
**This Friday, December 6 at 7pm**

Grow in faith and in community at our men's Theology on Tap! Bring your favorite snack or beverage to 805 Cedarwood Dr on Friday night and get to know the men of BAPC over food, fellowship, and a devotional. Open to ages 21+.

YOUTH MINISTRY



**Youth Group Christmas Party**  
**Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm**

Our middle school and high school youth will join together for their annual Christmas party during their usual Wednesday night gathering. Bring a wrapped gift labeled "boy" or "girl" for our White Elephant exchange!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**Christmas Tea**  
**This Thursday, December 5 at 7pm**

Carols, ornaments, and more! Join us Thursday night at 3902 Lake Star Drive for our annual Christmas party. Please bring a wrapped ornament and an appetizer or dessert. RSVP at [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas) or contact the church office. Due to parking limitations, please carpool if possible.

MISSIONS UPDATE



**December Missionary of the Month**  
**Peter & Lauren Dishman**

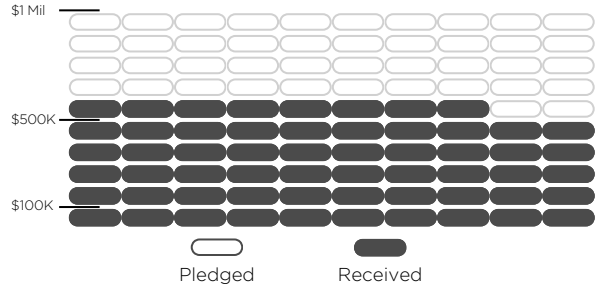
Peter and Lauren Dishman serve college students in Bogota, Colombia, through a strategic partnership between Mission to the World and Reformed University Fellowship. The Dishmans hope to see students connect with Christ and his church for a lifetime in the "Athens of South America," home to more than 120 institutions of higher education and 1 million students.

This month, please pray that God would draw students to RUF and grow the new Christians who have joined the freshman Bible study. They also request prayers for Bogota's flagship English-speaking church, UCB, as they search for the right pastoral candidate and develop their gospel-centered ministry in their community.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

**Second Year Goal Period**  
**November 2024-2025**

Amount Pledged: \$1,500  
 Amount Received: \$7,825



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$584,993  
 Current Mortgage Balance: \$452,929

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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

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**Adults**

The Kingdom of God, Room 88

**9th - 12th Grade**

King David, Youth Room

**5th - 8th Grade**

Bible Survey: Genesis-Exodus, Upstairs Middle School Room

**3rd - 4th Grade**

Telling Others, Room 104

**1st - 2nd Grade**

Studying God's Word, Room 102

**PreK - Kindergarten**

Serving the Savior, Room 107

**Nursery**

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

Infant Nursery, Room 106

*\*Children in PreK-2nd grade begin the Sunday School hour in Room 105 with a time of singing and musical instruction from our Choir Director, Kathy Wright.*

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GIVING UPDATE

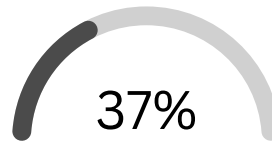
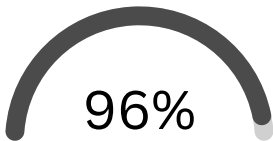
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**Monthly Giving**

November Giving Goal: \$56,722  
November Actual Giving: \$54,241  
Amount Under: (\$2,480)

**Annual Giving**

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381  
Received as of 11/27/24: \$270,634  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$466,747)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$27,154)



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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  
Marcy Ramsey, Assistant to the Pastor  
Hannah Stahl, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries  
Kathy Wright, Director of Choirs

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

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Dennis Radford  
Steve Ramsey