

Advent

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

December 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Bay Area
PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship

December 10, 2023

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

Advent is patience. It's how God has made us a people of promise, in a world of impatience.

-Stanley Hauerwas

The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.

-J.I. Packer

Advent begins in the dark.

-Fleming Rutledge

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Elizabeth and Ethan Bouck

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:6-7

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

People: **And he will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of the greatness of his government
and peace there will be no end.

People: **He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it**

Leader: With justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

All: **The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this. 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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ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #214 (1,2,3)

Angels We Have Heard on High

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF ADVENT

Leader: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

All: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,
and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #208 (1-4)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CALL TO RENEWAL

Isaiah 1:18
Elder Curtis Briggs

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our God and Father, while we long for this to be the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess we have done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #213 (1,2,3)

What Child Is This

————— 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
*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

arr. Sorenson

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

The God Who Loves to Decorate

ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #203 (1,2,3)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

BENEDICTION*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome! We're so glad you're here with us today.
To find out more about our upcoming events, studies, and more
please visit bapc.org/announcements**

Today	"Minutes from Mission Ministry"	9am
Today	Christmas Concert & Dinner	5pm
12/13	Middle School & High School Christmas Parties	7pm
12/16	Volunteer at Sanctuary Foster Care Christmas Party	2-7pm
12/16	BAPC Kids' Cookie Decorating Party	6:15pm
12/16	Christmas In the Pines	7pm
12/17, 12/24, & 12/31	No Sunday School (All Ages)	



Choir Concert and Dinner, Today at 5pm

This annual tradition is the highlight of the Christmas season! Join us this evening at 5pm for a free Christmas concert and a catered dinner afterward. Forgot to purchase dinner tickets? Visit bapc.org/christmas to purchase them today, or you may drop checks into the offering box in the lobby with 'Christmas Dinner' on the memo line.



Christmas in the Pines, December 16th at 7pm

Carols, cocoa, cookies, and more! All are invited to a time of outdoor worship, fellowship, and refreshments under our lit pine trees. Please bring a blanket or chairs with you for seating, and feel free to invite friends or neighbors.



Sanctuary Foster Care Christmas Party, December 16th from 2-7pm at Sagemont Church

Encourage and serve local foster parents and their children by volunteering at Sanctuary's Christmas party! BAPC's Micah Ministry is seeking volunteers to help set up, serve food, help children with crafts, assist parents in the gift shopping room, direct parking, and break down. If interested, please sign up by scanning the QR code to the left and contact Callie Edwards.



Poinsettia Dedications, Today through December 20th

Poinsettias are a thoughtful way to honor a loved one or show appreciation to a friend or family member. Help us beautify our sanctuary this Christmas by purchasing and dedicating a poinsettia. Dedications will be featured in the bulletin and slides on December 24th and plants may be gifted or taken home that evening. Visit the lobby table after worship or bapc.org to purchase.



Christmas Eve Services

We hope you'll make plans to join us on Christmas Eve! While there will be no Sunday School, we will have our coffee and donut fellowship time at 10am, followed by worship at 10:30am. Then, at 5pm, you're invited to join us for our traditional candlelight service of songs and readings.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Curtis Briggs
Next Week: Chris D'Souza

Infant Nursery

Today: Connie D'Souza
Next Week: Caroline Boone

Deacon of the Day

Today: Dennis Radford
Next Week: John Cover

Toddler Nursery

Today: Bouck Family
Next Week: Hannah Stahl +
Rachael Beth Henry

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Kyle Bullock
Next Week: Lynn Hershey

Children's Church

Today: Sam + Josh Kroese
Next Week: De Anne Meeh

Communion Preparation

January: Kathryn Felts
February: Linda Hendrickson

Greeters

Today: Niko Laliotitis + Ned Penley
Next Week: Bill + Lauren Shaw

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Youth Group Christmas Parties
December 13th, 7pm

Middle and High School students are encouraged to invite a friend or two and join us for snacks, games, and more! Please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 or less) if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.



Kids' Cookie Decorating Party
December 16th, 6:15pm

Unleash your creativity at our Christmas Cookie Decorating Party! Join us for sweet treats and holiday fun in the gym before Christmas in the Pines at 6:15pm. Please RSVP at bapc.org/announcements or contact the church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Chronological Bible Reading Plan
Beginning January 1

Read through the Bible in a year with the Daily Grace Co Bible reading plan! You can join online in the YouVersion app or purchase the books online. If you already participate in YouVersion devotionals with our Women of the Way ministry, look for an invitation from Marcy Ramsey! Looking to get started? Please contact Marcy or the church office.

MISSIONS UPDATE



During the month of December, as we join together in prayer for all of our supported missionaries, we invite you to visit bapc.org/missions to view their bios and sign up for their email newsletters.



2024 BAPC Mission Trip
Spring Break

Missed the informational Microsoft Teams meeting? Contact Kathy Felts or the church office for a recording!

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

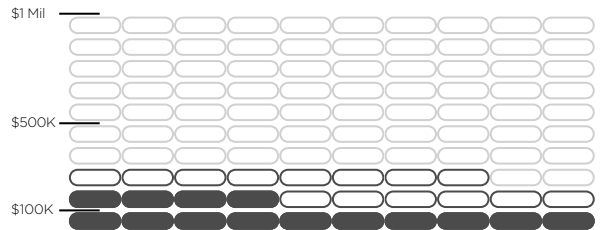
Initial Goal Period
November 2023-2024

Amount Pledged: \$285,790

Amount Received: \$147,114

Current Mortgage Balance: \$899,722

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



Pledged Received

Pledge Cards Collected: 11

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

Adults

Minutes From Mission Ministry, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

Galatians, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Corinthians to Philemon, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

God's Servants, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Pleasing God, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

God Keeps His Promises, Room 107

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

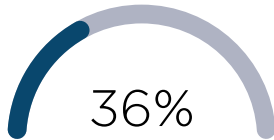
Infant Nursery, Room 106

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

GIVING UPDATE

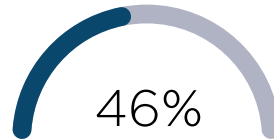
Monthly Giving

December Giving Goal: \$64,411
December Actual Giving: \$23,439
Amount Under: (\$40,972)



Annual Giving

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760
Received as of 12/3/23: \$316,153
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$366,607)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$0)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor
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Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting
Hannah Stahl, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries
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