



# CHRISTMAS CHANGES EVERYTHING



December 14, 2025

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



# Order of Worship

December 14, 2025

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

He was poor that he might make us rich. He was born of a virgin that we might be born of God. He took our flesh that he might give us his Spirit. He lay in the manger that we might lie in paradise. He came down from heaven that he might bring us to heaven...that the Ancient of Days should be born,—that he who thunders in the heavens should cry in the cradle,—that he who rules the stars should nurse at the breast,—that a virgin should conceive,— that Christ should be made of a woman, and of that woman which he himself made, that the branch should bear the vine,— that the mother should be younger than the child she bore, and the child in the womb bigger than the mother,—that the human nature should not be God, yet one with God: this was not only amazing but miraculous.

-Thomas Watson

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Preparation for Worship

TIME OF PRAISE

## Call to Worship\*

Luke 2:10-14

Leader: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news  
of great joy that will be for all the people.

**People: Today in the town of David a Savior  
has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.**

Leader: This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby  
wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.  
Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host  
appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

**All: (Loudly) Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.**

*\*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 #218 (1,2,4,5)

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

## **Prayer of Adoration**

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Pete and De Anne Meeh

## **Advent Song\***

*Come, Oh Redeemer, Come*

Kathy Wright, Piano

Kristine Yates, Cello

## **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Advent Hymn\***

*A Christmas Hymn*

\_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

**Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, we long to recapture the wonder of Christmas. You showed the world your splendor in the coming of your Son, the mystery of God becoming man. Yet, our sins have made us old. Instead of peaceful - our hearts are anxious; instead of joyful - irritable; instead of filled with surprise - bland; instead of anticipation - dread. In our sophistication, we have become impoverished. Have mercy on us, O God. Renew us by your grace and mercy. Deliver us from everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, from everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you. Amen.

**Private Confession and Reflection**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: The days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

People of God: Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness. In Christ, we are made right with God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Advent Hymn\***

Trinity Hymnal #201 (1,2,3,4)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## **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. Shackley

*Everywhere I Go*

## **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** *(concluded 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

Galatians 4:1-7

<sup>4</sup> What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. <sup>2</sup> The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. <sup>3</sup> So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

## Sermon

Pastor Chris Yates

Christmas Changes Everything  
***Rescued by Christ: The Gift at Just the Right Time***

## Advent Hymn\*

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

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

## Benediction\*

Romans 13:11-12

Pastor: You know what time it is, how it is already the hour for you to wake up from your slumber. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

All: **Hallelujah! Amen!**

*\*The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.*

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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, visit [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements)**

Today	Informational Meeting	12pm
Today	Choir Christmas Concert & Dinner	5pm
12/17	Youth Group Christmas Party	7pm
12/21	Caroling at Reunion Court	1:20pm
12/21 & 12/28	No Sunday School	



### **Choir Christmas Concert & Dinner**

**Today, 5pm**

Join us tonight for the highlight of the Christmas season! As this event is popular; we recommend arriving at 4:40pm to secure your seat. Please be advised that ushers will pick up "reserved" signs from any unfilled seats at 4:55pm, in order to seat all who are present.



### **Looking for willing hands!**

**Tonight, 8pm**

If you're able to stay for even a little while this evening to help with breakdown after the concert dinner, we would be truly grateful.



### **Youth Christmas Party**

**Wednesday, 7pm**

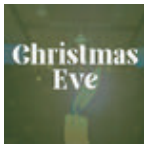
Our middle school and high school youth will join together for their annual Christmas party during their usual Wednesday night gathering. Come ready for pizza, treats, and festive fun!



### **Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, December 21, 1:20pm**

Come spread Christmas cheer with our Sunday Morning Singers and BAPC's adult choir at Reunion Court! (14101 Bay Pointe Ct.) Children will be singing at 1:30 and our adult choir will follow. Refreshments will be served at the end of the program. As parking is limited, a carpool will depart BAPC at 1pm.



### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**Wednesday, December 24 at 5pm**

Celebrate the birth of our Savior at our Christmas Eve service filled with Scripture readings and carols! Nursery will be available for children ages 0-3.



### **New Year's Note Burn**

**Wednesday, December 31, 5-8pm**

Ring in the New Year with us as we celebrate a debt-free future! Bring your favorite board or card games and meet us in the gym for pizza and fun at 5pm. At 7pm, we'll move to the school parking lot for a note burning celebration, devotional, and closing hymn.

MISSIONS CORNER

Instead of highlighting a single missionary this month, we're inviting our whole church to pray for all of our supported partners. Please pray that God would provide the resources needed for their ministries to flourish, that they would be blessed with encouragement, clarity, and joy in their work, and that the Lord would open doors for gospel conversations and discipleship in their communities.

We are grateful to support:

- Frank and Cindy Sindler

Larry and Sandy Rockwell

Jud and Jan Lamos

Peter and Lauren Dlishman

Wayne and Amy Newsome

Dony and Sharon St. Germain
- Kurt and Jill

Molly Basse

Jody Collinge

Craig and Heather Gahagen

and

Michael and Lindie Wadhams

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

- Elder of the Day**

Today: C. Briggs

Next Week: B. Calhoun
- Deacon of the Day**

Today: P. Meeh

Next Week: J. Cover
- Nursery (9am)**

Today: No Sunday School

Next Week: No Sunday School
- Communion Preparation**

January: K. Felts

February: L. Hendrickson
- Greeters**

Today: G. Briggs + C. Mahlstedt

Next Week: Shaw Family
- Infant Nursery (10:30am)**

Today: Brittany Ramirez

Next Week: Davis Family
- Coffee & Donuts**

Today: J. Farland

Next Week: TBD
- Children's Church**

Today: Sidor Family

Next Week: Sidor Family
- Toddler Nursery (10:30am)**

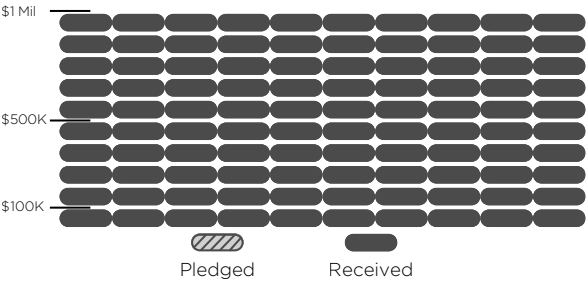
Today: K. Bouck + T. Bouck

Next Week: TBD

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Third Year Goal Period  
November 2025-2026

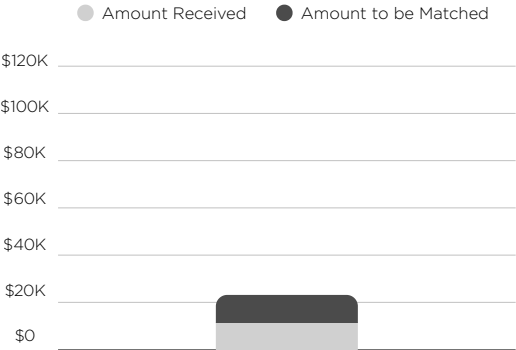
Amount Received: \$146,020



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$1,030,097  
Current Mortgage Balance: \$0

TIMOTHY PROJECT

Amount Received: \$11,575  
Amount to be Matched: \$11,575  
Total: \$23,150



Adults

Colossians, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

Ecclesiastes, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Philippians/John, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

God’s Design for Worship, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Knowing Jesus, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

Jesus Storybook Bible, Room 107

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

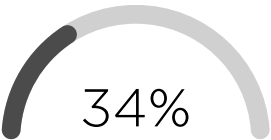
Infant Nursery, Room 109

*\*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.*

GIVING UPDATE

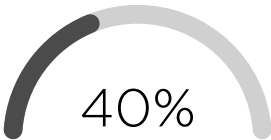
Monthly Giving

December Giving Goal:     \$53,846  
December Actual Giving:   \$18,222  
Amount Under:             (\$35,624)



Annual Giving

July 2025-June 2026 Annual Budget Goal:     \$700,000  
Received as of 12/7/25:                         \$279,027  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal:         \$420,973  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall:                 (\$30,588)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor  
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