HRISTMAS CHANGES EVERYTHING

December 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Order of Worship

December 21, 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

It is now, at Advent, that I am given the chance to suspend all expectation... and instead to revel in the mystery.

-Jerusalem Jackson Greer

All we could ever imagine, could ever hope for, He is.... He is the Prince of Peace whose first coming has already transformed society but whose second coming will forever establish justice and righteousness. All this, and infinitely more, alive in an impoverished baby in a barn. That is what Christmas means—to find in a place where you would least expect to find anything you want, everything you could ever want.

-Michael Card

Christmas, then, is not a dream, a moment of escapism. Christmas is the reality, which shows up the rest of "reality." And for Christmas, here, read Christianity. Either Jesus is the Lord of the world, and all reality makes sense in his light, or he is dangerously irrelevant to the problems and possibilities of today's world. There is no middle ground. Either Jesus was, and is, the Word of God, or he, and the stories Christians tell about him, are lies.

-N.T. Wright

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

TIME OF PRAISE -

Call to Worship*

From the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

Leader: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall call his name Immanuel.

People: Our God is with us!

Leader: Praise be to the Lord.

the God of Israel.

All: For he has come and redeemed his people!

Glory to God in the highest!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Praver of Adoration

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Mike and Fran Bliss

Kathy Wright, Piano Adam Sidor, Violin

Advent Song*

Come. Oh Redeemer, Come.

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.

What Child Is This



Confession of Sin

O promised Christ: we are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing your will is that you should come and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Private Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Advent Hymn*

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful



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. Martin

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 Hebrews 1:1-4

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Sermon Pastor Chris Yates

Christmas Changes Everything

Christmas and the Final Word: Our Prophet, Priest, and King

Advent Hymn*

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

Joy to the World!

Benediction* 1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

loday	Caroling at Reunion Court	1:20pm
12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	5pm
12/28	No Sunday School	
12/28	Undeck the Halls	12pm
12/31	New Year's Note Burn	5pm



Christmas Caroling Today, 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 join us in the gym for pizza and fun. We'll also enjoy s'mores and sparklers outside in the school parking lot. At 7:00 p.m., we'll gather in the school parking lot for a note-burning celebration, a devotional, and hymns. **Please RSVP at bapc.org/announcements**



Sunday, January 4, 5:30pm

Share a meal and share in fellowship! Join us on the first Sunday of each month at 5:30pm for our Sunday Supper. This month, we'll provide a baked potato bar. Please RSVP at bapc.org/announcements and consider bringing a side dish or dessert to share.



Sanctuary Foster Care Art Day Saturday, January 10, 8:30am-1pm

Join us in the BAPC gym as we provide a morning of food and fun for local foster families! Come and go as your schedule permits as we help kids complete simple crafts, serve them lunch, and mingle with parents. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers! Set up will take place from 8:30am-10am, the event from 10am-12pm, and breakdown from 12-1pm.



Undeck the Halls Next Sunday, 12pm

Bring a simple snack to share and join us after worship next Sunday as we put away our Christmas décor!

- 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 DIshman
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: M. Bliss Next Week: C. Briggs

Communion Preparation

January: K. Felts February: L. Hendrickson

Coffee & Donuts

Today: J. Farland Next Week: E. Stahl

Deacon of the Day

Today: J. Cover Next Week: P. Meeh

Greeters

Today: Shaw Family Next Week:

Children's Church

Today: Sidor Family Next Week: Sidor Family

Nursery (9am)

Today: No Sunday School Next Week: No Sunday School

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Davis Family Next Week: K. Felts

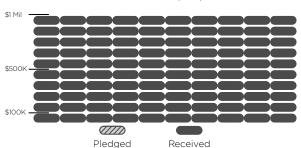
Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: TBD 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: \$12,035 Amount to be Matched: \$12,035 Total: \$24,070

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: \$31,879 Annual Giving

July 2025-June 2026 Annual Budget Goal: Received as of 12/14/25:

Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal:

Year To Date Budget Shortfall:

42%



Amount Under:

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

(\$21,967)

Elders

Jack Amuny Bill Calhoun

Deacons

John Cover Andrew Kroese Pete Meeh

\$700,000

\$292,684

\$407,316

(\$30.393)