



HIS PROMISE IS
PEACE

December 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Bay Area
PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship

December 22, 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

Jesus left the starry heavens to save us from our sins. This day, this night—this is the time of the awed silence. Now, a thousand trees dance with light.

-Ann Voskamp

Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say in disguise, and is calling us to take part in his great campaign of sabotage.

-C.S. Lewis

He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.

-Augustine

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— 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.

People: **For he has come and redeemed his people!**
Glory to God in the highest!

ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #203 (1,2,3)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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PRAYER OF ADORATION*

Leader: Our Father, rich in mercy, splendid in grace, wisdom and justice go before you; peace and righteousness are at your right hand.

All: Lord of heaven above, you are God and you alone. Give ear to our prayer in the name of Jesus, for we would worship you in him. He is our great high priest; He is our intercessor and mediator. Give ear to our prayer that we might serve you as a royal priesthood, your own people, for you are our God and you alone. To you be all honor, all praise and glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God for all eternity. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #213 (1,2,3)

What Child Is This

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Who is Jesus and why did he come?

All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

ADVENT SONG*

Verse 1

Come, Oh Redeemer, Come

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT SONG*

Verses 2-3

Come, Oh Redeemer, Come

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 God's 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 & REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Isaiah 43:25

Leader: The Lord blots out all your transgressions and will not remember your sins.

People: In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #211 (1,2,3)

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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

Raney

Christmas Is Coming

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

John 1:14

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

His Promise Is Peace
The Grand Miracle

ADVENT HYMN*

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

BENEDICTION

Leader: May Jesus Christ, the son of righteousness,
who comes with healing in his wings,
fill you with joy and peace that passes all understanding.
May the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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**

12/23-12/27	Church Office Closed	
12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	5pm
12/29	No Sunday School	
12/29	Undeck the Halls	12pm
1/5	Sunday School	9am
1/5	Communion Sunday	10:30am
1/5	Sunday Supper	5:30pm

Please note that The Orchard small group and the youth groups will not meet during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's. The Orchard will resume on January 7th and the youth groups will resume on January 8th.



Poinsettia Dedications Now through December 24

Honor a loved one or show appreciation to a friend or family member with a poinsettia dedication! Dedications will be featured in the bulletin and slides on December 24th and plants may be gifted or taken home that evening. Visit bapc.org/christmas to purchase or contact the church office.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Tuesday, 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.



Sunday Supper Sunday, January 5 at 5:30pm

Grow in community with us at our monthly fellowship dinners! These meals are a great way to meet new people and deepen your existing friendships at BAPC. Please RSVP at bapc.org/announcements, so that we can plan the food accordingly.



Discover BAPC Begins January 22 at 7pm

Looking to learn more about our church, what we believe, and how to join? You're invited to our 6-week Discover BAPC class, led by Pastor Chris! This class will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm, childcare is available. To sign up, please visit bapc.org/announcements

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Curtis Briggs
Next Week: Chris Yates

Communion Preparation

January: Kathy Felts
February: Linda Hendrickson

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Sarah Lindblom
Next Week: Kathy Felts

Deacon of the Day

Today: Dennis Radford
Next Week: Dennis Radford

Greeters

Today: Simpson Family
Next Week: Sandy Tuck
+Gracie Briggs

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: D'Souza Family
+ Amy Lindblom
Next Week: Bouck Family

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Ethan Bouck
Next Week: Ethan Stahl

Nursery (9am)

Today: No Sunday School
Next Week: No Sunday School

Children's Church

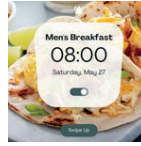
Today: Sidor Family
Next Week: Sidor Family

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Bible Study
Friday, January 17, 7pm

Join us for a study of Proverbs, as we grow in wisdom and in community together! This study meets monthly in the Adult Sunday School Room.



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 25, 8am

Get connected to the men of BAPC through a devotional and discussion over a hot breakfast! We're continuing our series on the fruit of the Spirit. This month, we'll look at kindness.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women's Bible Study
Resumes January 6 & 8

Study Acts and the spread of the Gospel with us! This study will resume on Mondays (Zoom, 7:30pm) and Wednesdays (in person, 10am & 7pm). We'll begin Part Three in January- it's the perfect time to join us! More details at bapc.org/women

MISSIONS UPDATE



December Missionary of the Month
Peter & Lauren Dishman

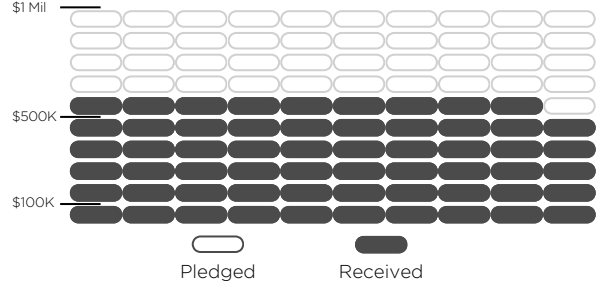
Peter and Lauren Dishman serve college students in Bogota, Colombia, through a strategic partnership between Mission to the World and Reformed University Fellowship. The Dishmans hope to see students connect with Christ and his church for a lifetime in the "Athens of South America," home to more than 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: \$11,108



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$594,645
 Current Mortgage Balance: \$438,535

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

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

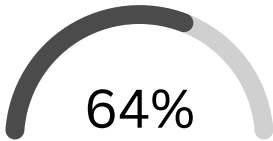
Infant Nursery, Room 106

Please note, there will be a 3-week Sunday School break during the weeks of December 15, 22, and 29

GIVING UPDATE

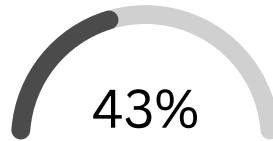
Monthly Giving

December Giving Goal: \$70,902
December Actual Giving: \$45,642
Amount Under: (\$25,260)



Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381
Received as of 12/15/24: \$317,426
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$419,955)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$22,904)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations
Whitney Kelley, Director of Communications & Media
Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting
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