



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 29, 2024

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Order of Worship

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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

I am persuaded that love and humility are the highest attainments in the school of Christ and the brightest evidences that He is indeed our Master.

-John Newton

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.

-C.S. Lewis

Humility is so shy. If you begin talking about it, it leaves.

-Tim Keller

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**People: For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.**

Leader: The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**People: We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.**

**All: May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.**

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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HYMN OF ADORATION*

Trinity Hymnal #38 (1,2,3)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Q. 28

Leader: What does it benefit us to know
that God has created all things
and still upholds them by his providence?

People: **We can be patient in adversity,
thankful in prosperity,
and with a view to the future
we can have a firm confidence
in our faithful God and Father
that no creature shall separate us
from his love;
for all creatures are so completely in his hand
that without his will
they cannot so much as move.**

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Great Things
Psalm 8 (How Majestic Is Your Name)

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving Father, we have wild and rebellious hearts. We forget your kindness and grace and turn to our own ways, especially when life is difficult or confusing. Our desire for you and your Word are weak; we do not love worshiping with your people as we should; our hearts are without affection for you; our minds are captivated by temptations that dazzle us far more than your love amazes us; and even our repentance is marred by our pride and selfishness. Forgive us. Press the gospel deep into our hearts, and change our disordered affections. Make Christ beautiful to us until we are captivated by his love, mercy and kindness so that we are undone and eager to follow him wherever he leads. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

His Mercy Is More

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

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Christmas Day

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

Philippians 2:1-11

² So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

MESSAGE

Elder Mike Bliss

Choosing Humility

SONG OF RESPONSE*

In Christ Alone

BENEDICTION*

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**

Today	Undeck the Halls	12pm
12/31-1/1	Church Office Closed	
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.



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!



New Adult Sunday School Class - The Holiness of God

Begins Sunday, January 5 at 9am

Beginning January 5th, we're offering a six-week Sunday school series on R.C. Sproul's *The Holiness of God*. Through thought-provoking videos and group discussions, we'll explore the meaning of holiness and why people are both fascinated and terrified by a holy God.



Sanctuary Foster Care Art Day

Saturday, January 11, 9am-12:30pm

Show local foster children Christ's love for them at our upcoming Art Day in the BAPC gym! This event is open to families who wish to serve together and all volunteers will be fed lunch from Chick Fil A! Come and go as your schedule permits. Please RSVP to Anna Hansen or contact the church office.



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.



Basketball Game Fundraiser

Saturday, January 25 at 5pm

Save the date for a competition with a cause! We're forming two teams to face off in our next mission trip fundraiser- a Wisdom (25+ years) vs Strength (16-24 years) basketball game. All proceeds will go to directly to our mission team! Interested in playing? Sign up in the lobby.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Mike Smith
Next Week: Curtis Briggs

Communion Preparation

January: Kathy Felts
February: Linda Hendrickson

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Kathy Felts
Next Week: Laura Gelber

Deacon of the Day

Today: Dennis Radford
Next Week: TBD

Greeters

Today: Sandy Tuck
+Gracie Briggs
Next Week: Cathy Mahlstedt
+Kris Benavides

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Benitez Family
Next Week: David Kelley
+ McGregor Family

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Ethan Stahl
Next Week: Clay McCarty

Nursery (9am)

Today: No Sunday School
Next Week: Cathy Mahlstedt
+ Brittany Ramirez

Children's Church

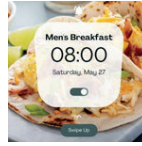
Today: Sidor Family
Next Week: Scott Hansen
+ Lynn Hershey

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

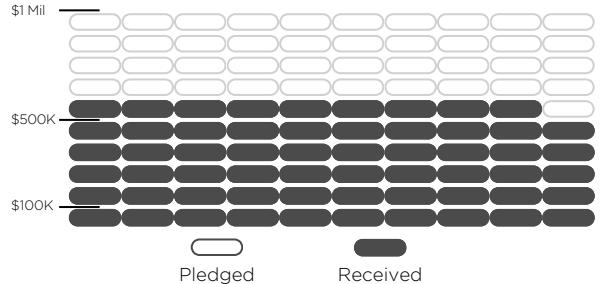
the World and Reformed University Fellowship. The Dishmans hope to see students connect with Christ and his church for a lifetime in the "Athens of South America," home to more than 120 institutions of higher education and 1 million students.

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: \$11,158



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$594,695
 Current Mortgage Balance: \$438,535

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

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

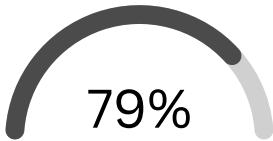
Infant Nursery, Room 106

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

GIVING UPDATE

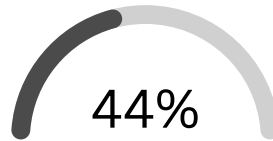
Monthly Giving

December Giving Goal: \$70,902
December Actual Giving: \$55,979
Amount Under: (\$14,923)



Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381
Received as of 12/22/24: \$327,763
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$409,618)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$26,747)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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