



HIS PROMISE IS  
**PEACE**

December 8, 2024

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Bay Area**  
PRESBYTERIAN

# Order of Worship

December 8, 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

Man's Maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that the Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die.

-Augustine

The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be;  
Our God the form of slave puts on,  
A race of slaves to free.

-Charles Coffin

In the mystery of His incarnation the only-begotten of the Father increased what was ours,  
but diminished not what was His.

-Gregory the Great

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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!**

## ADVENT HYMN\*

Trinity Hymnal #94 (1,3,5)

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

## ADVENT SONG\*

*Come, Oh Redeemer, Come*  
Fernando Ortega

Father enthroned on high

Holy holy

Ancient eternal light

Hear our prayer

Chorus:

Come oh Redeemer come

Grant us mercy

Come oh Redeemer come

Grant us peace

## 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\*

Trinity Hymnal #214 (1,2,3)

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

## **CALL TO RENEWAL**

John 15:9-12

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. We ask You to please make us ready for his coming again.

## **PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION**

## **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Exodus 34:6-7a

And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.”

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

Trinity Hymnal #200 (1,3,4)

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

## PEACE OF GOD

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you!**

————— 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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*Advent Processional*

## 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 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

## **MESSAGE**

*Pastor Chris Yates*

His Promise Is Peace  
*Eternal Word, Unending Light*

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

Trinity Hymnal #203 (1,2,3)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

## **BENEDICTION\***







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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, studies, and more  
please visit [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements)**

12/10	The Orchard: College & Career Small Group	6pm
12/15	No Sunday School	
12/15	Mission Trip Fundraiser: Silent Auction	12pm-8pm
12/15	Christmas in the Pines	6pm



### **Choir Christmas Concert & Dinner Tonight at 5pm**

Join us tonight for the highlight of the Christmas season! This event is popular; we recommend arriving at **4:30pm** 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.



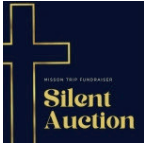
### **Poinsettia Dedications Now through December 24**

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](http://bapc.org/christmas) to purchase or contact the church office.



### **Christmas in the Pines Sunday, December 15 at 6pm**

Carols, cocoa, cookies, and more! All are invited to a time of outdoor worship and refreshments under our lit pine trees. Please bring a blanket or chairs with you for seating and invite your friends or neighbors. Have a favorite carol you want us to sing? Let us know at [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas).



### **Mission Trip Fundraiser Sunday, December 15**

Bid on a one-of-a-kind handmade cross, created by one of our mission trip team members! The silent auction will open after worship next week, and close after Praise in the Pines that night. All proceeds benefit next year's mission trip!



### **Sunday School Break December 15, 22, 29**

While there will be no Sunday School during the final three weeks of December, you're invited to join us in the gym at 10am for coffee and donuts! Sunday School will resume for all ages on January 5.

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## VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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### **Elder of the Day**

Today: Mike Smith  
Next Week: Curtis Briggs

### **Communion Preparation**

January: Kathy Felts  
February: Linda Hendrickson

### **Deacon of the Day**

Today: Dennis Radford  
Next Week: John Cover

### **Greeters**

Today: Niko Laliotidis  
+ Ned Penley  
Next Week: Shaw Family

### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Kyle Bullock  
Next Week: Lynn Hershey

### **Nursery (9am)**

Today: Cathy Mahlstedt  
+ Katie Farland  
Next Week: No Sunday School

### **Infant Nursery (10:30am)**

Today: Laura Gelber  
Next Week: Sarah Lindblom

### **Toddler Nursery (10:30am)**

Today: Bullock Family  
Next Week: Briggs Family

### **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.

YOUTH MINISTRY



**Youth Group Christmas Party**  
**Wednesday, December 18 at 7pm**

Our middle school and high school youth will join together for their annual Christmas party during their usual Wednesday night gathering. Bring a wrapped gift labeled "boy" or "girl" for our White Elephant exchange!

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](http://bapc.org/women)

MISSIONS UPDATE



**December Missionary of the Month**  
**Peter & Lauren Dishman**

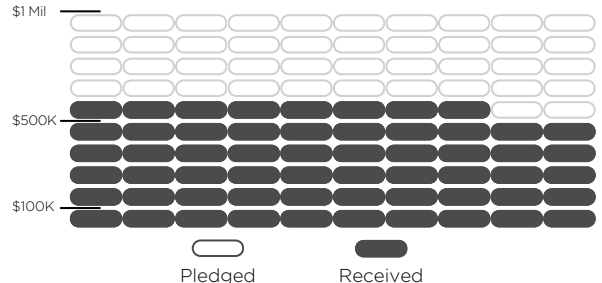
Peter and Lauren Dishman serve college students in Bogota, Colombia, through a strategic partnership between Mission to the World and Reformed University Fellowship. The Dishmans hope to see students connect with Christ and his church for a lifetime in the "Athens of South America," home to more than 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: \$9,208



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$586,376  
 Current Mortgage Balance: \$444,904

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

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

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

## **Adults**

The Kingdom of God, Room 88

## **9th - 12th Grade**

King David, Youth Room

## **5th - 8th Grade**

Bible Survey: Genesis-Exodus, Upstairs Middle School Room

## **3rd - 4th Grade**

Telling Others, Room 104

## **1st - 2nd Grade**

Studying God's Word, Room 102

## **PreK - Kindergarten**

Serving the Savior, Room 107

## **Nursery**

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

Infant Nursery, Room 106

*\*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.*

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## GIVING UPDATE

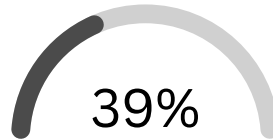
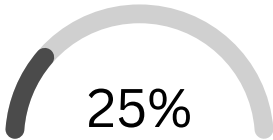
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### **Monthly Giving**

December Giving Goal:     \$70,902  
December Actual Giving:   \$17,793  
Amount Under:             (\$53,110)

### **Annual Giving**

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal:     \$737,381  
Received as of 12/1/24:                         \$289,577  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal:         (\$447,804)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall:                 (\$22,392)



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## STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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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

**Elders**  
Curtis Briggs  
Chris D'Souza  
Mike Smith

**Deacons**  
John Cover  
Dennis Radford  
Steve Ramsey