



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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The 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*

NOTES

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**

12/10	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.



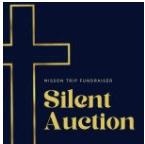
Poinsettia Dedications Now through December 24

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 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.



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.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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

MISSIONS UPDATE



December Missionary of the Month
Peter & Lauren Dishman

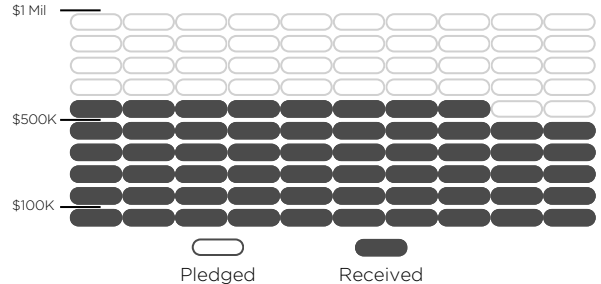
Peter and Lauren Dishman serve college students in Bogota, Colombia, through a strategic partnership between Mission to the World and Reformed University Fellowship. The Dishmans hope to see students connect with Christ and his church for a lifetime in the "Athens of South America," home to more than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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

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.*

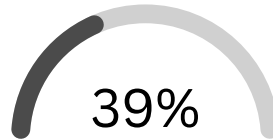
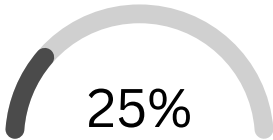
GIVING UPDATE

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)



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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Kathy Wright, Director of Choirs

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