



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 18, 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

The Spirit never lies dormant and idle within the soul: He always makes His presence known by the fruit He causes to be borne in heart, character, and life.

-J.C. Ryle

If you want to impact someone's life, love them when they least expect it and least deserve it.

-Mark Batterson

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

-Augustine of Hippo

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 145

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King,
I will praise your name forever and ever.

**People: The LORD is good to all;
He has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you!

**All: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name,
forever and ever. Amen!**

**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

SONGS OF PRAISE*

My Soul Will Wait

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CALL TO RENEWAL

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly fixated on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Romans 5:5

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

O Church Arise

————— 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

Newton, White

Amazing Grace

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

SCRIPTURE

John 14:25-15:17

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

MESSAGE

Pastor Curtis Shields

Abiding and Bearing Fruit

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #172 (1,2,4)

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

BENEDICTION*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2/20	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	7:30pm
2/21	Women's Bible Study	10am & 7pm
2/21	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
2/24	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	8am



Saturday Serve: 4B Disaster Response Work Day, March 2nd

Help restore homes devastated by natural disasters and get to know others at BAPC by serving alongside them! No tools or experience required; open to ages 12+. Free childcare and lunch for children will be provided at the church from 7:30am-12:30pm. Sign up to attend and for childcare using the QR code to the left or by contacting the church office.



Spring Work Day, Saturday March 16th

Beautify our building and grounds with us on Saturday, March 16th! We'll have a variety of tasks available for any age and skill set, ranging from spring cleaning to mulch spreading and light repair work.



Discover BAPC, Begins April 3rd at 7pm

Looking to learn more about our church, what we believe, or how to become a member? Join us for a 6-week class led by Pastor Chris, as we cover the foundations of our faith, the PCA, and the benefits of becoming a member of our congregation. Please sign up at bapc.org/discover. Childcare is available.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Chris D'Souza
Next Week: Mike Smith

Deacon of the Day

Today: Steve Ramsey
Next Week: John Cover

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Lynn Hershey
Next Week: Ethan Bouck

Communion Preparation

March: Clay McCarty + Marilyn Smith
April: Jack + Heather Amuny

Greeters

Today: Bill + Lauren Shaw
Next Week: Eric Simpson + Marilyn Smith

Infant Nursery

Today: Molly Kang
Next Week: Kathryn Felts

Toddler Nursery

Today: Rachael Beth Henry
Next Week: Cavanaugh Family

Children's Church

Today: Alison + Joshua Banks
Next Week: Andrew Boone + De Anne Meeh

MEN'S MINISTRY



**Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, February 24th at 8am**

Experience community and be encouraged in your walk with Christ through fellowship! Join us for breakfast and a brief devotional in the Adult Sunday School room.



**Men's Retreat
March 22nd & 23rd**

Build relationships with other men at BAPC through a weekend of food, fellowship, study, and outdoor activities at Hall's Bayou Ranch in Santa Fe! More details and registration available at bapc.org/men. Cost is \$25 for food and lodging and an additional \$20 if you'd like to participate in Saturday's skeet shoot.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**I & II Peter and Jude Study
Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

Join us for study and grow in authentic community with us as we seek to understand and apply the truths in I & II Peter and Jude! We'll discuss the importance of holding fast to the true gospel, living distinct, holy lives, and looking ahead to the return of Christ. Sign up at bapc.org/women!

MISSIONS UPDATE



Frank and Cindy Sindler oversee MTW teams working in East Africa, providing care and oversight of many missionary teams in that region. In 2024, Frank will be transitioning out of his role as MTW's East Africa Regional Director and begin to focus full time on his work as Executive Director of Equipping Farmers International (EFI), as they work to pair agricultural development with missions. As they increase food security for families and expand sustainable farming practices in Africa, they are able to disciples families and share the Gospel with them, both personally and through local churches. Please pray that God would lead them in these efforts, providing strength and wisdom and for fruitful collaboration with many organizations, church networks, and denominations across the globe this year.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



**Middle & High School Youth Groups
Wednesdays, 7pm**

Build friendships, deepen your knowledge of God, and discover practical ways to live out your faith with us each Wednesday at 7PM! High school students meet in the upstairs youth room, middle school guys meet in the conference room and middle school girls in the upstairs middle school room.



**Chalk the Walk
March 30th, 9:30-11:30am**

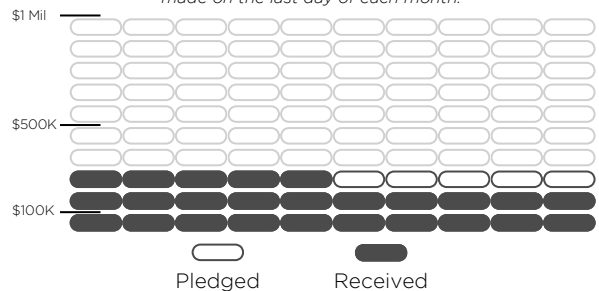
Kids of all ages are invited to help us decorate the sidewalk and parking lot with chalk art celebrating Jesus' resurrection. We hope you'll come and bring your creativity! Donuts and juice will be served.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

**Initial Goal Period
November 2023-2024**

Amount Pledged: \$309,070
Amount Received: \$258,356
Current Mortgage Balance: \$806,029

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



Pledge Cards Collected: 17

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

Adults

Putting Our Bibles Together, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

Galatians, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Implementing God's Word, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

Worshiping God, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Living Together, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

Living in Gods Family, Room 107

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

Infant Nursery, Room 106

**Children in PreK-2nd grade begin the Sunday School with a time of singing and musical instruction from our Choir Director, Kathy Wright.*

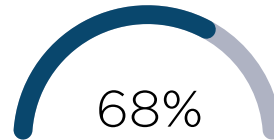
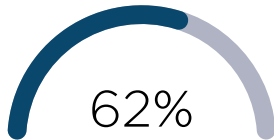
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

February Giving Goal: \$51,529
February Actual Giving: \$32,162
Amount Under: (\$19,367)

Annual Giving

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760
Received as of 2/11/24: \$466,712
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$216,048)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$0)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations
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Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting
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