



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 4, 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

Freedom's whole force consists in quieting frightened consciences before God- that are perhaps disturbed and troubled over forgiveness of sins, or anxious whether unfinished works, corrupted by the faults of our flesh, are pleasing to God...If the blood of Christ alone is uniformly set forth as purchasing satisfaction, reconciliation and absolution, how dare you to presume to transfer so great an honor to your works.

-John Calvin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear it and rejoice.**

All: **Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!**

HYMN OF ADORATION*

Trinity Hymnal #296 (1,3,5,6)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Q. 75

Leader: How does the Lord's supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?

People: **In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of him. With this command he gave these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was his body offered for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does he himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood.**

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Nothing But the Blood

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CALL TO RENEWAL

Psalm 139:23-24
Elder Curtis Briggs

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful Father, we admit before you that we often find it difficult to live in community with one another, as you call us to. We are judgmental toward others, particularly when you have given us strength in an area where they are weak. We frequently struggle with malice, hypocrisy, envy, deceit, and slander. Though at times we may control our tongues, in our minds we rehearse endlessly the sins and weaknesses of others, as we try to justify ourselves and feel superior. At times we cause others to stumble into sin, and so do damage to their hearts and souls. Father, forgive us for these many sins that we commit each and every day. We cast ourselves on your mercy and thank you for the blood of Christ, which cleanses us from all sin and for the obedience of Christ, which replaces our record of rebellion with the glory of his perfect holiness. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John 6:53-58

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

SONG OF RESPONSE*

In Christ Alone

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

Vivaldi, arr. Hopson

All Earth Rejoice With A Gladsome Voice

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

Romans 4:9-12

⁹ Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. ¹⁰How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, ¹²and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Knowing the Living God - A Study of Romans
Justification Signed and Sealed

TIME OF COMMUNION

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Communion is the family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(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.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

BENEDICTION*

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Enable me not to be intimidated by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Please guide me, teach me, and reveal to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I believe that you lived a perfect life so that through faith in you I might be received by God and declared righteous. I thank you that when you died on the cross you endured the punishment I deserve because of my sin, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and embrace you by faith as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE OVERCOME WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Help me not to be deceived by offers of false satisfaction and to delight in You more than anything else. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COVENANT CHILDREN (Not Yet Admitted to the Lord's Supper)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you. Please work in my heart to believe the gospel for myself, not just because my parents believe. Give me a longing to know Jesus better and to serve Him with my whole heart. Amen.

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**

2/4	Communion Sunday	10:30am
2/4	Chili Cook Off	5:30pm
2/6	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	7:30pm
2/7	Women's Bible Study	10am & 7pm
2/7	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
2/10	Parents' Night Out	5pm-8pm
2/11	Congregational Meeting	12pm



Sunday Supper: Chili Cook Off, Tonight at 5:30pm

Join us for fellowship and a delicious contest of skill as we crown the 2024 Chili Champion. Whether you signed up or not, we hope you'll join us tonight for dinner and and fellowship!



Congregational Meeting, Next Sunday at 12pm

Please join us on February 11th after worship as we vote to extend the terms of Curtis Briggs (Elder) and John Cover (Deacon) by one year.



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

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.



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: Curtis Briggs
Next Week: Mike Smith

Deacon of the Day

Today: David Kelley
Next Week: Dennis Radford

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

Communion Preparation

February: Linda Hendrickson
March: Clay McCarty + Marilyn Smith

Greeters

Today: Cathy Mahlstedt + Kris Benavides
Next Week: Ned Penley + Niko Laliotitis

Infant Nursery

Today: Laura Gelber
Next Week: Sonia Benitez

Toddler Nursery

Today: Owens Family
Next Week: Sidor Family

Children's Church

Today: Sam + Josh Kroese
Next Week: Juli + Aaron Simpson

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Bible Study
Friday, February 16 at 7pm

Join us for a study on John 10:9, as we discuss Jesus as "The Door" and deepen our community with the men of BAPC.



Men's Retreat
March 22 & 23

Save the date for a weekend of food, fellowship, and study on the "I Am" statements of Christ.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



I & II Peter and Jude Study
Beginning Tuesday & Wednesday

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!

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.



Parents Night Out
Saturday February 10, 5-8pm

Kids infant-5th grade are invited to enjoy a Valentine's party, while parents enjoy a night out! All proceeds benefit the 2024 mission trip. Registration closes on Friday, please visit bapc.org/pno.

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

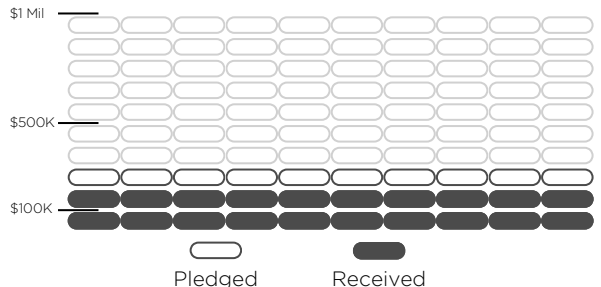
Africa Regional Director and begin to focus full time on his work as Executive Director of Equipping Farmers International (EFI), as they work to pair agricultural development with missions. As they increase food security for families and expand sustainable farming practices in Africa, they are able 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.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Initial Goal Period
November 2023-2024

Amount Pledged: \$309,070
Amount Received: \$206,781
Current Mortgage Balance: \$810,691

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.*

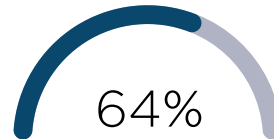
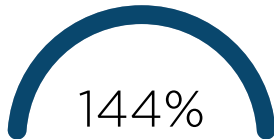
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

January Giving Goal: \$51,529
January Actual Giving: \$74,459
Amount Under: (\$0)

Annual Giving

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760
Received as of 1/31/24: \$434,550
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$248,210)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$0)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations
Whitney Kelley, Director of Communications & Media
Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting
Hannah Stahl, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries
Kathy Wright, Director of Choirs

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John Cover
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Dennis Radford
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