



Bay Area PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 11, 2026

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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

To serve God, to love God, to enjoy God, is the sweetest freedom in the world.

-Thomas Watson

Lasting service comes when we serve God from His acceptance, not for His acceptance.

-Bryan Chapell

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can and as long as you can.

-John Wesley

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

TIME OF PRAISE

Call to Worship*

Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,

People: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

**People: The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.**
Hallelujah!

*Please stand if you are able.

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

Hymn of Adoration*

Trinity Hymnal #38 (1,2,3)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Adoration

Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 3:23-24

Leader: What truth reminds us that our labor in the Lord is not in vain—even when we are tempted to give in to weariness or apathy?

All: **Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**

Romans 12:11-12

Leader: What truth strengthens us when we are tempted to grow cold in spirit or sluggish in faith?

All: **Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.**

Songs of Praise*

Great Things

How Great Thou Art

TIME OF RENEWAL

Confession of Sin

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. We confess that we have been foolish and strayed from you and have wandered on our own way. We have served the idols of our hearts through our thoughts, words and deeds rather than worship you through our lives. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin because we embrace the death of Jesus alone for our salvation. Remind us that because we rest in Him by faith we will never be condemned but spend eternity with you. Amen.

Private Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

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 Assurance*

You've Already Won

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

Neale, Sorenson

Creator of the Stars of Night

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

Malachi 1:6-14

⁶ “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ ⁷ By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD’s table may be despised. ⁸ When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. ¹⁰ Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. ¹¹ For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² But you profane it when you say that the LORD’s table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food, may be despised. ¹³ But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. ¹⁴ Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the LORD what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

Sermon

Elder Mike Bliss

Restoring Joy In Serving The Lord

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.

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.

All: 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 *(concluded 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.

Hymn of Response*

Trinity Hymnal #164 (1,2,3)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Benediction*

2 Peter 1:2-3

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

**The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.*

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love the Lord Our Savior, 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.

NOTES

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

Today	Women's Sunday Small Group	9am
Today	Communion Sunday	10:30am
Today	Grace of God (Reunion Court)	1:30pm
1/12	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	7:30pm
1/13	The Orchard	7pm
1/14	Women's Bible Study (In Person)	10am & 7pm
1/14	Choir Rehearsal	7pm
1/14	Youth Group	7pm
1/16	Men's Bible Study	7pm
1/18	Congregational Meeting	12pm
1/18	Monthly Prayer Group	6pm



The Timothy Project

Now through January 31

With The Nehemiah Project complete and our mortgage paid off, we're excited to announce a matching giving campaign, aimed at building resources in anticipation of calling a new Associate or Assistant Pastor to BAPC. Want to join us? Give by check (memo line: Timothy Project) or online at bapc.org/give



Congregational Meeting

January 18, 12pm

Please join us on January 18 after worship for a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of the important work of electing officers. During that meeting, we will hold our monthly Informational Meeting with updates from the Session, Pastoral Search Committee, and others.



Officer Nominations

Available in the lobby

We encourage you to prayerfully shape the leadership of our church by nominating men to be trained as an Elder or Deacon, or by considering serving as an officer of BAPC. Blue nomination forms are available in the lobby.



Grace of God

2nd and 4th Sundays, 1:30-3pm

Share the community of Christ with residents of nursing homes in the Clear Lake Area! Today, we'll meet at Reunion Court of Clear Lake (14101 Bay Pointe Ct) for songs, a devotional, and to visit with the residents. Interested in joining us? We'd love to see you there!

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: C. Briggs
Next Week: B. Calhoun

Deacon of the Day

Today: P. Meeh
Next Week: A. Kroese

Nursery (9am)

Today: Farland Family
Next Week: Ochoa Family

Communion Preparation

January: K. Felts
February: L. Hendrickson

Greeters

Today: G. Briggs + C. Mahlstedt
Next Week: Shaw Family

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: A. Esis + E. Esis
Next Week: TBD

Coffee & Donuts

Today: J. Farland
Next Week: C. McCarty

Children's Church

Today: Simpson Family
Next Week: TBD

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Benitez Family
Next Week: A. Briggs + A. Briggs

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Bible Study

Friday, January 16th at 7pm

Study Job and grow in community at our monthly Friday night Bible studies. We'll pick up in Job and cover chapters 8 & 9 this month.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 24th at 8am

Join us for a hot breakfast, devotional, and discussion on the 4th Saturday of each month! We'll continue our series on Hebrews with a devotional on Jesus as our high priest.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Read through the Bible in 2026!

Begins January 1

As we begin the new year, we invite BAPC women to read through the Bible together using the Reformation Reading

Plan on the free YouVersion app. This plan builds in a "catch up" day each week and includes a daily space to share our observations with one another. For help getting started, please reach out to Marcy Ramsey.



Mark Bible Study

Mondays & Wednesdays

Our Women's Bible study is finishing our study of Mark and it's not too late to join us! For days, times, and locations, please see bapc.org/women or contact the church office.

M I S S I O N S C O R N E R

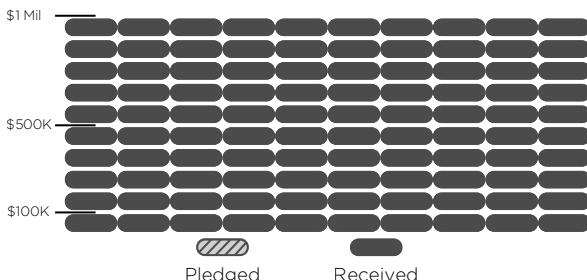


During the month of January, please be praying for Craig and Heather Gahagen, who serve in the Amazon region of Peru through a cooperative between Mission to the World (MTW) and South America Mission (SAM). Craig is the director of SAMAIR, which flies missionaries into remote regions of the jungle, so that they may spread God's word where there are no roads. These flights save missionaries weeks of travel by foot and canoe. In addition, he and Heather are leaders in their local church, Mil Palmeras. Please pray that God would continue to grant them endurance and resources as they seek to spread the gospel in these remote areas through aviation, and that Mil Palmeras would be able to engage their city of Pucallpa and beyond.

N E H E M I A H P R O J E C T

**Third Year Goal Period
November 2025-2026**

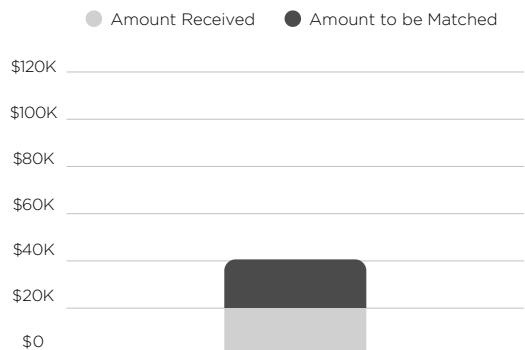
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Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$1,030,097
Current Mortgage Balance: \$0

T I M O T H Y P R O J E C T

Amount Received: \$20,322
Amount to be Matched: \$20,322
Total: \$40,644



Adults

Theology Light, Room 88

Shedding light on what we believe and why we believe it

9th - 12th Grade

Colossians, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

John, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

God's Design for Worship, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Serving God, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

Jesus Storybook Bible, Room 107

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

Infant Nursery, Room 109

**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.*

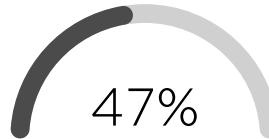
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

January Giving Goal:	\$53,846
January Actual Giving:	\$9,963
Amount Under:	(\$43,883)

Annual Giving

July 2025-June 2026 Annual Budget Goal:	\$700,000
Received as of 1/4/26:	\$331,006
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal:	\$368,994
Year To Date Budget Shortfall:	(\$32,456)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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

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Kathy Wright, Director of Choirs

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Bill Calhoun

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John Cover

Andrew Kroese

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