



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 5, 2025

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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 doctrines of grace humble a man without degrading him and exalt him without inflating him.
-Charles Hodge

We are forbidden to take sin more seriously than grace, or even as seriously as grace.
-Karl Barth

If I am in denial about my own weaknesses and sin, there will be a concomitant blindness to the greatness and glory of God.
-Tim Keller

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
-2 Corinthians 4:16-17

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

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

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

All: **O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together!**

HYMN OF ADORATION*

Trinity Hymnal #167 (1,2,4,5)

When Morning Gilds the Skies

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Q. 21

Leader: What is true faith?

People: **True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Come Ye Sinners

He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We acknowledge that we have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Lord, have mercy on us who humbly acknowledge our sin and embrace Jesus by faith. In your loving-kindness forgive our transgressions and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #172 (1,2,4,5)

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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

Regney & Shain, arr. Kirkland

Do You Hear What I Hear?

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

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

MESSAGE

Pastor Brooks Harwood
RUF Campus Minister at the University of Houston

Approaching God

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.

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION*

HYMN OF COMMUNION

Trinity Hymnal #427

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Stanzas 1-4: Distribution of the Bread

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*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

BENEDICTION*

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.

**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**

1/5	Sunday School	9am
1/5	Communion Sunday	10:30am
1/5	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
1/6	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	7:30pm
1/7	The Orchard: College & Career Small Group	6pm
1/8	Women's Bible Study (In Person)	10am & 7pm
1/8	Youth Group	7pm
1/11	Sanctuary Art Day	9am-12:30pm



Sunday Supper

Tonight at 5:30pm

Grow in community with us at our monthly fellowship dinners! These meals are a great way to meet new people and deepen your existing friendships at BAPC. The provided main dish will be soups, please bring aside dish or dessert to share!



New Adult Sunday School Class

Begins Sunday, January 5 at 9am

Explore the meaning of holiness and why people are both fascinated and terrified by a holy God in our new 6-week Adult Sunday School class, based on R.C. Sproul's *The Holiness of God*.



Sanctuary Foster Care Art Day

Saturday, January 11, 9am-12:30pm

Show local foster children Christ's love for them at our upcoming Art Day in the BAPC gym! This event is open to families who wish to serve together and all volunteers will be fed lunch from Chick Fil A. Come and go as your schedule permits. Please RSVP to Anna Hansen or contact the church office.



Discover BAPC

Begins January 22 at 7pm

Looking to learn more about our church, what we believe, and how to join? You're invited to our 6-week Discover BAPC class, led by Pastor Chris! This class will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm, childcare is available. To sign up, please visit bapc.org/announcements.



Basketball Game Fundraiser

Saturday, January 25 at 5pm

Save the date for a competition with a cause! We're forming two teams to face off in our next mission trip fundraiser- a Wisdom (25+ years) vs Strength (16-24 years) basketball game. All proceeds will go to directly to our mission team! Interested in playing? Sign up in the lobby.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Mike Smith
Next Week: Curtis Briggs

Communion Preparation

January: Kathy Felts
February: Linda Hendrickson

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Laura Gelber
Next Week: Sarah Lindblom

Deacon of the Day

Today: Dennis Radford
Next Week: Dennis Radford

Greeters

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

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: David Kelley
+ McGregor Family
Next Week: Bouck Family

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: TBD

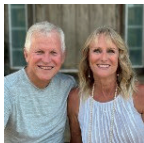
Nursery (9am)

Today: Cathy Mahlstedt
+ Brittany Ramirez
Next Week: Molly Kang
+ Marcy Ramsey

Children's Church

Today: Scott Hansen
+ Lynn Hershey
Next Week: Kroese Family

MISSIONS UPDATE



Missionary of the Month Craig & Heather Gahagen

Craig and Heather Gahagen have spent 35 years serving Peru through aviation ministry with SAMAIR (South America Mission), the only missionary aviation provider in the country. Through their work, the Gahagens make it possible for organizations to bring the Gospel to over 55 different tribes across an area the size of California.

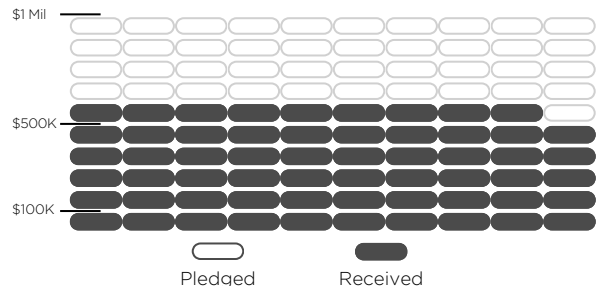
In addition to being a pilot, Craig serves as the regional director for South America Mission and manages the aviation operations. Heather oversees finances to ensure smooth operations. Together, they lead a dedicated team of eight aviation and office personnel, committed to advancing God's work in Peru.

For more information, please visit bapc.org/missions.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Second Year Goal Period November 2024-2025

Amount Pledged: \$1,500
Amount Received: \$11,608



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$595,145
Current Mortgage Balance: \$434,952

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

Adults

The Holiness of God, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

Pastoral Epistles, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Bible Survey: Exodus-Ruth, Upstairs Middle School Room

3rd - 4th Grade

Trusting God, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Growing in God, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

God Created All Things, 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.*

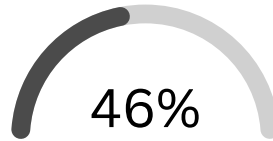
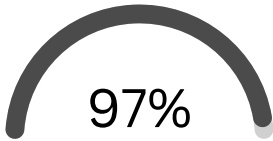
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

December Giving Goal: \$70,902
December Actual Giving: \$68,564
Amount Under: (\$2,338)

Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381
Received as of 12/31/24: \$340,348
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$397,033)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$28,343)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor
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