



# Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 7, 2024

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# Order of Worship

January 7, 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

Most of evangelism today is obsessed with getting someone to make a decision; the apostles, however, were obsessed with making disciples.

-Scot McKnight

We're all tempted to come to Jesus for what we want from him, rather than coming to him for mentoring, training and teaching about what he wants our lives to look like.

-Alan Fadling

Our mistake is to think that following Jesus consists in loving our enemies, going the 'second mile,' turning the other cheek, suffering patiently and hopefully—while living the rest of our lives just as everyone else around us does.

-Dallas Willard

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 4 & 5

Leader: Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come!

People: **You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created  
and have their being.**

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and praise!

People: **To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise and honor and glory and power,  
for ever and ever!**

*\*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 #302 (1,2,3)

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **SONGS OF PRAISE\***

*Christ Is Risen  
All Glory Be to Christ*

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### TIME OF RENEWAL

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## **CALL TO RENEWAL**

Jonah 2:7-9

"When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.'"

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Heavenly Father, we confess this morning the fact and reality of our sin. Though justified by your grace through faith in Jesus, we admit that our hearts are often prone to sin and lukewarm in their affection toward you. We admit that we have not walked worthy of our calling and status as your children. Our Father, have mercy on us, forgive us of our sin, renew our love for you, and grant to us a fresh delight in the mercy you have poured out in Jesus, who died for sinful people like us.

## **PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

## **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Psalms 85:1-2

You, LORD, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

## SONG OF RESPONSE\*

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

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### TIME OF COMMITMENT

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## 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

arr. Curry

*A Cuban Carol*

## 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 1:19-34

<sup>19</sup>And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)<sup>25</sup> They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”<sup>26</sup> John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,<sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”<sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

## MESSAGE

*Pastor Curtis Shields*

*The Last and Perfect Lamb*

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## TIME OF COMMUNION

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## 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.

### HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

Trinity Hymnal #585 (1,3,4,6)

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

### 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.





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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](http://bapc.org/announcements)**

Today	Sunday School Resumes (All Ages)	9am
Today	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
1/9	Women's Study: Spiritually Fit (Zoom)	7:30pm
1/10	Women's Study: Spiritually Fit (In-Person)	10am & 7pm
1/10	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm



### **New Adult Sunday School Class: Putting Our Bibles Together**

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am as Chris D'Souza leads us in a new adult Sunday School series! This class will investigate eleven key Old Testament passages that play a central role in understanding the Person and Work of Christ so that we can get over our fear of the Old Testament and learn the central themes of the Bible, from one end to the other.



### **Sunday Supper, Tonight at 5:30pm**

Grow in community with us at our monthly fellowship dinner! A variety of soups will be served as the main dish; side dishes and desserts are welcome. We hope to see you there!



### **Church Officer Nominations, Begin Today**

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. Nomination forms are available in the lobby. For more information, please see an Elder or email the church office.



### **2024 BAPC Mission Trip, Responses Due This Week!**

Our Missions Committee is working to organize a trip to serve the Tohono O'odham people of Arizona during Spring Break, in collaboration with Michael Wadham and Mission To The World. If you are interested in attending this trip, donating toward a scholarship, or praying for those who will attend, please contact the church office by January 9th.

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## VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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### **Elder of the Day**

Today: Mike Bliss  
Next Week: Mike Smith

### **Deacon of the Day**

Today: David Kelley  
Next Week: Dennis Radford

### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Clay McCarty  
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

### **Infant Nursery**

Today: Molly Kang  
Next Week: Kathryn Felts

### **Greeters**

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

### **Communion Preparation**

January: Kathryn Felts  
February: Linda Hendrickson

### **Toddler Nursery**

Today: Hannah Stahl + Rachael Beth Henry  
Next Week: Cavanaugh Family

### **Children's Church**

Today: Juli Simpson  
Next Week: Alison + Joshua Banks

**MEN'S MINISTRY**



**Men's Evening Bible Study  
Friday, January 19th at 7pm**

Start the new year with a renewed sense of purpose and direction, anchored in the teachings of Christ. Together, we'll delve into the "I Am" statements of Christ. Join us in Room 88 for a look at Jesus, the Bread of Life.



**Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
Saturday, January 27th at 8am**

Men, college age and up, are invited to join us for breakfast, a short devotional, and fellowship in Room 88. Grow in

community with the men of BAPC and be strengthened in your relationship with Christ!

**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 in the conference room, and middle school girls in the upstairs middle school room.

MISSIONS UPDATE



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.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**



**Chronological Bible Reading Plan  
Through The Daily Grace Co.**

It's not too late to join us as we read through the Bible in a year! You can join online for free using the YouVersion app or purchase

the companion books from [thedailygraceco.com](http://thedailygraceco.com). If you already participate in YouVersion devotionals with our Women of the Way ministry, look for an invitation from Marcy Ramsey in your app. Looking to get started for the first time? Please contact Marcy or the church office.



**Spiritually Fit  
Beginning January 9th**

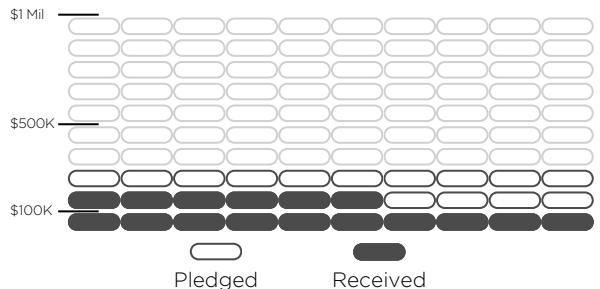
Exercise your Bible study muscles with us in 2024! Join Marilyn Smith, Fran Bliss, and Amy Antill as they share years of knowledge and practical tools to help you dig into the Word during this 4-session class. Sign up at the Women of the Way table in the lobby or at [bapc.org/women](http://bapc.org/women).

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

**Initial Goal Period  
November 2023-2024**

Amount Pledged: \$306,670  
Amount Received: \$162,888  
Current Mortgage Balance: \$859,187

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



Pledge Cards Collected: 16

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

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**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.*

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GIVING UPDATE

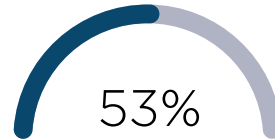
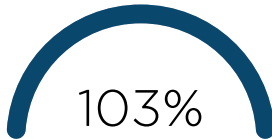
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**Monthly Giving**

December Giving Goal:     \$64,411  
December Actual Giving:   \$66,027  
Amount Under:               (\$0)

**Annual Giving**

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal:     \$682,760  
Received as of 12/31/23:                         \$358,741  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal:         (\$324,019)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall:                 (\$0)



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STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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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

**Elders**  
Mike Bliss  
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Chris D'Souza  
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Dennis Radford  
Steve Ramsey