



# Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

March 10, 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 prodigal son was resolved to come, yet he was half afraid. But we read that his father ran. Slow are the steps of repentance, but swift are the feet of forgiveness. God can run where we can scarcely limp, and if we are limping toward him, he will run toward us. Though the father was out of breath, he was not out of love.

-Charles Spurgeon

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

## CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.

**People: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise.**

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and joy are in his dwelling place.

**All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come before him.  
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"**

*\*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 #310 (1,2,3)

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

### **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.

## SONGS OF PRAISE\*

*How Great (Psalm 145)*

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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## TIME OF RENEWAL

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### CALL TO RENEWAL

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

God of Grace, you placed my sin on my substitute,  
You placed his righteousness in my soul.  
You gave me the bridegroom's robe,  
And you placed on me the jewels of his holiness.  
But in my Christian walk I am still in rags,  
My best prayers are stained with sin; even my tears are filled with impurity;  
My confessions often mask my true sin.  
I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed;  
I have no robe to cover my sins, no righteousness of my own;  
I am always standing clothed in filthy rags  
and by grace am always receiving change of garment,  
for you are a God who justifies the ungodly.  
I am always going into the far country,  
and always returning home as a prodigal,  
always saying, Father, forgive me,  
and you are always bringing forth the best robe.

### PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Isaiah 43:25

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

## SONG OF RESPONSE\*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

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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

Huntsinger

*Kyrie Eleison (Most Holy One)*

## 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

Psalms 51:1-19

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. <sup>15</sup>Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup>You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. <sup>17</sup>My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

<sup>18</sup>May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup>Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

*Etiquette at the Divine Banquet: Cultivating Good Manners at God's Table*

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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

## HYMN OF COMMUNION\*

Trinity Hymnal #427

*Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands*

*Stanzas 1-2: Distribution of the Bread*

*Stanzas 3-4: Distribution of the Cup*

## 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 #253 (1,2,3,5)

*There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

## BENEDICTION\*

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

## 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	Communion Sunday	10:30am
3/12	Women's Bible Study (Zoom Only)	7:30pm
3/16	Spring Work Day	8:30am



### **Spring Work Day, Saturday March 16th, 8:30am-1pm**

Beautify our grounds with us on Saturday, March 16th! We'll have a variety of outdoor tasks available for any age and skill set, ranging from mulching to property cleanup and more. Coffee and donuts will be served.



### **Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Friday March 29th at 5pm**

Join us for a contemplative service commemorating Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Through hymns, readings, and the extinguishing of candles, we will have an opportunity for reflection and remembrance before joining together in celebration on Easter morning.



### **Easter Breakfast, Sunday March 31st at 9:30am**

Celebrate the resurrection with us! In lieu of Sunday School on Easter morning, we'll have a church-wide breakfast available beginning at 9:30am, followed by worship at 10:30am. We'd love for you to join us and invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker!



### **Discover BAPC, Begins Wednesday 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](http://bapc.org/discover). Childcare is available. If you would like to attend and this class does not work with your schedule, please contact the church office.



### **30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World, March 10-April 8, 2024**

Join this global prayer event as we pray for the Muslim world from March 10-April 8. Free prayer guides for adults and for kids are available on the Missions Table in the lobby!

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## VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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#### **Elder of the Day**

Today: Chris D'Souza  
Next Week: Mike Smith

#### **Deacon of the Day**

Today: Dennis Radford  
Next Week: John Cover

#### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Kyle Bullock  
Next Week: Lynn Hershey

#### **Communion Preparation**

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

#### **Greeters**

Today: Ned Penley + Niko Laliotitis  
Next Week: Bill + Lauren Shaw

#### **Infant Nursery**

Today: Caroline Boone  
Next Week: Laura Gelber

#### **Toddler Nursery**

Today: Stahl Family  
Next Week: Owens Family

#### **Children's Church**

Today: Simpson Family  
Next Week: Banks Family

MEN'S MINISTRY



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

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](http://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  
Zoom Class Meets This Week**

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!

The Zoom class will meet this week. Both in-person classes will resume next week, March 20th.



**Ladies' Lunch Out  
Thursday March 21st at 10:30am**

Bring your lunch to Clear Lake Park and join us for a picnic in the park! Children welcome. We will meet on the north side side of the park (Community Center side) from 10:30-12:30.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



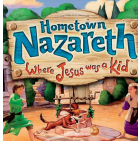
**Youth Groups  
On Break This Week**

Youth Groups will not meet this week, due to Spring Break. Meet us at BAPC next Wednesday at 7pm!



**Chalk the Walk  
Saturday March 30, 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.



**Vacation Bible School  
June 3-7, 9am-12pm**

Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2024! This year, we will go back in time to Nazareth and learn to stand up for our faith among people who doubt that a carpenter's son is really God's son. BAPC registration opens April 1!

MISSIONS UPDATE



Our mission trip team arrived in Arizona yesterday! We invite you to join us in praying for them and for the people they will serve this week. Please pray that the Lord would equip our team with all of his good gifts and that

that this trip would strengthen the spirit of missions within our church. Please also join us in praying that the tribe will send their children to the VBS camp this week, that the parents will feel free to join the effort of reaching their community, and that the hearts of the Tohono O'odham people would be opened to the Gospel, as we seek to begin a long-term relationship between the Church and their nation.

Then, join us on Sunday, March 24th for a post-trip slideshow and report from our team about their work among the Tohono O'odham people and the VBS camp they are hosting.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

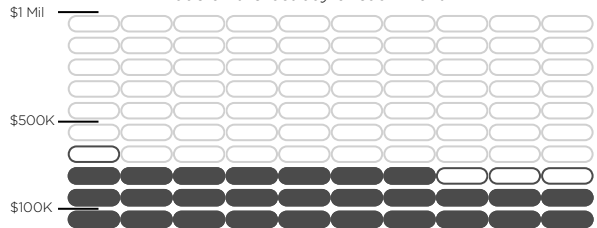
**Initial Goal Period  
November 2023-2024**

Amount Pledged: \$311,070

Amount Received: \$277,806

Current Mortgage Balance: \$731,123

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



Pledged Received

Pledge Cards Collected: 17

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

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## Adults

Putting Our Bibles Together, Room 88

## 9th - 12th Grade

Judges, 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

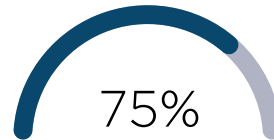
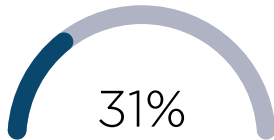
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### Monthly Giving

March Giving Goal: \$64,411  
March Actual Giving: \$20,240  
Amount Under: (\$44,171)

### Annual Giving

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760  
Received as of 3/3/24: \$513,503  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$169,257)  
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**  
Curtis Briggs  
Chris D'Souza  
Mike Smith

**Deacons**  
John Cover  
Dennis Radford  
Steve Ramsey

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