



# Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

March 2, 2025

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# Order of Worship

March 2, 2025

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

In its biblical definition, sin cannot be limited to isolated instances or patterns of wrongdoing; it is something much more akin to the psychological term complex: an organic network of compulsive attitudes, beliefs and behavior deeply routed in our alienation from God.

-Richard Lovelace

Rest easy, worried Christian. The duel is not between the church and Satan, but between Christ and Satan.

-William Gurnall

Spiritual battles are opportunities for us to experience God's faithfulness and provision.

-John Piper

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 30:1, 4-5, 11-12

Leader: We will exalt you, LORD,  
for you lifted us out of the depths  
and did not let our enemies gloat over us.

**People: Sing the praises of the LORD, we his faithful people;  
praise his holy name.**

Leader: For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may stay for the night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**All: You turned our wailing into dancing;  
you removed our sackcloths and clothed us with joy,  
that our hearts may sing your praises and not be silent.  
LORD our God, we will praise you forever!**

*\*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 #94 (1,2,4)

*How Firm a Foundation*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg No. 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE\*

*Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed*

*The Lord Almighty Reigns (Psalm 93)*

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TIME OF RENEWAL

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that too often we have failed to put on the armor you provide. We try to protect ourselves with the things we think will provide comfort, peace, and security, instead of placing our hope in you as our provider and protector. Forgive us, Holy God. Renew us by your Spirit that we may live to your glory as faithful ambassadors of the Good News. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

### SONG OF RESPONSE\*

*His Mercy Is More*

————— 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](http://bapc.org/give)*

Cash or Check  
*Lobby box or mailed  
to the church office*

Text Message  
*Text "Give" to  
833-921-6502*

### CHORAL ANTHEM

Van Deventer, Hill

*All to Jesus I Surrender*

## **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**

Ephesians 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup>and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

### **MESSAGE**

*Pastor Chris Yates*

The Life of David: Man of Prayer, Man of War  
*Fighting with All His Might (Part 2)*

## 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** *(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\***

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

## **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.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today	Communion Sunday	10:30am
Today	Mission Team Meeting	12pm
Today	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
3/4	The Orchard: College & Career Small Group	7pm
3/5	Women's Bible Study (In Person)	10am & 7pm
3/6	Choir Rehearsal	7pm
3/6	Youth Group	7pm
3/9	Mission Team Commissioning	10:30am
3/9	Congregational Meeting	12pm



### **Spring Small Groups** **Seeking Leaders & Hosts**

Spring Small Groups are launching the week of 3/31, and we're looking for discussion leaders and hosts to make them happen! Leading is simple—choose a book or topic you're interested in, or use free church-provided resources. You don't need to be a Bible expert, just someone ready to create a welcoming space for faith and fellowship. Discussion leader and host sign up is available in the lobby and at [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements). Participant registration begins 3/9. Have questions? Email [bapc@bapc.org](mailto:bapc@bapc.org).



### **Congregational Meeting** **Sunday, March 9, 12pm**

The Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers on Sunday, March 9 immediately following worship.



### **Spring Work Day** **Saturday, April 5, 8:30am-12pm**

Help us beautify our building on Saturday, April 5th starting at 8:30am! We'll have a variety of tasks available for any skill set, ranging from spring cleaning to light repair work.

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## VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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### **Elder of the Day**

Today: Mike Smith  
Next Week: Curtis Briggs

### **Communion Preparation**

March: Clay McCarty  
+ Marilyn Smith  
April: Lindblom Family

### **Infant Nursery (10:30am)**

Today: Sarah Lindblom  
Next Week: TBD

### **Deacon of the Day**

Today: Steve Ramsey  
Next Week: Dennis Radford

### **Greeters**

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

### **Toddler Nursery (10:30am)**

Today: Tracy Kubena  
+ McGregor Family  
Next Week: Bouck Family

### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Clay McCarty  
Next Week: Joseph Farland

### **Nursery (9am)**

Today: Cathy Mahlstedt  
+ Katie Farland  
Next Week: Molly Kang  
+ Marcy Ramsey

### **Children's Church**

Today: Simpson Family  
Next Week: Whitney Kelley  
+ Gracie Briggs

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**



**Out of the Depths: Women's Retreat  
April 11 & 12**

Join us at Christ Presbyterian Church in New Braunfels for their annual women's retreat! This year's speaker, Lydia Brownback, will speak on God's rescue, redemption, and relentless grace. Early Bird registration (\$50) is open now through February 15 and can be found at [bapc.org/women](http://bapc.org/women). Hotel and schedule information may also be found there.

**MEN'S MINISTRY**



**Men's Retreat  
March 28-29**

Join us at Hall's Bayou Ranch in Santa Fe for our annual men's retreat! We'll enjoy food, devotionals, fellowship, and outdoor activities. For those wishing to spend the night, you may choose between bunkhouse accommodations (limited availability) and tent camping (BYO tent). Registration is \$25 and available at [bapc.org/men](http://bapc.org/men).



**Made for More: Women's Conference  
April 4 & 5**

Women and girls (3rd grade & up) are invited to a multi-generational event, Made for More! Together, we'll explore how God made us for more purpose, more value, more hope, and more belonging than our culture of "not enough" can offer. This conference will take place at Park Cities Presbyterian in Dallas. Early registration is \$75/person; \$30 for girls Grades 3-12 and college students, and is available at [bapc.org/women](http://bapc.org/women).

MISSIONS UPDATE



**Missionary of the Month  
Jud and Jan Lamos**

This month we have the privilege of praying for Jud and Jan Lamos as they lead the 18.26 Network, a vocational missions group founded on the story of Aquila and Priscilla from Acts 18:26. Please join us in praying for them as they draw new missionaries to their organization, train them, and provide important to their mission teams worldwide.

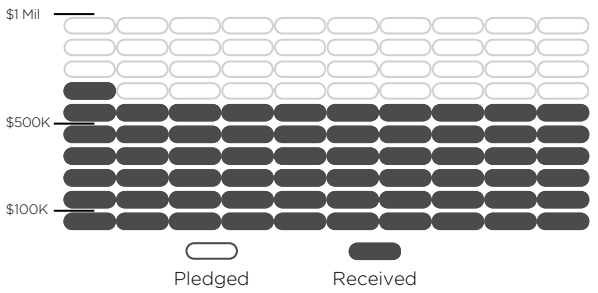


**Mission Team Commissioning  
Sunday, March 9 at 10:30am**

Join us during worship on Sunday, March 9, as we commission our mission team heading to the Tohono O'odham Nation during spring break. They will be sharing the love of Christ by leading a Vacation Bible School for the children there. Come pray over them and send them out with the support of our church family!

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

**Second Year Goal Period  
November 2024-2025**  
Amount Pledged: \$1,500  
Amount Received: \$19,477



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$615,771  
Current Mortgage Balance: \$418,060  
*Additional principal payments will be made on the last day of each month.*

**Adults**

The Book of Esther, Room 88

**9th - 12th Grade**

Pastoral Epistles, Youth Room

**5th - 8th Grade**

Bible Survey: Exodus-Ruth, Room 91

**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.*

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GIVING UPDATE

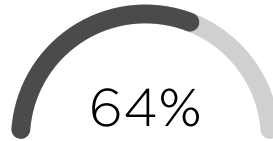
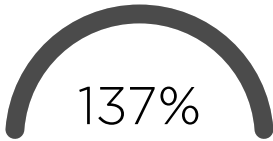
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**Monthly Giving**

February Giving Goal: \$56,722  
February Actual Giving: \$77,986  
Amount Under: (\$0)

**Annual Giving**

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381  
Received as of 2/9/25: \$468,714  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$268,667)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$13,420)



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STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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Chris Yates, Pastor  
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