

Bay Area PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 23, 2025

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Order of Worship

March 23, 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

If God's hand is in everything that comes to pass, then it is our duty as Christians to find contentment in all circumstances.

-Jeremiah Burroughs

The story of Christian reformation, revival, and renaissance underscores that the darkest hour is often just before the dawn, so we should always be people of hope and prayer, not gloom and defeatism. God the Holy Spirit can turn the situation around in five minutes.

-Os Guinness

There is no such thing as prayer unanswered or unnoticed by God, and some things that we count refusals or denials are simply delays.

-Horatius Bonar

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PRAISE -

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

All: "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen!

*Please stand if you are able.

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

Romans 11:33-36

HYMN OF ADORATION*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

How Great (Psalm 145) He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Leader: Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins? All: No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism Leader: the washing of rebirth and the washing away of sins? All: God has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ wash away our sins just as water washes away dirt from our bodies. But more important. he wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that the washing away of our sins spiritually is as real as physical washing with water. Should infants, too, be baptized? Leader: All: Yes. Infants as well as adults are in God's covenant and are his people. They, no less than adults, are promised the forgiveness of sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith.

Heidelberg No. 72-74

HOLY BAPTISM

Clara Jane Daniel, covenant child of Paul and Rebekah Daniel

— TIME OF RENEWAL -

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #307 (1,3,4)

Nothing but the Blood

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

Boersma, Lantz

Watch With Me and Pray

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 (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.

SCRIPTURE

¹⁸ When the child had grown, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. ¹⁹And he said to his father, "Oh, my head, my head!" The father said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother." ²⁰ And when he had lifted him and brought him to his mother, the child sat on her lap till noon, and then he died. ²¹ And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God and shut the door behind him and went out. ²²Then she called to her husband and said, "Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again." ²³ And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither new moon nor Sabbath." She said, "All is well." ²⁴Then she saddled the donkey, and she said to her servant, "Urge the animal on; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you." ²⁵So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, "Look, there is the Shunammite. ²⁶Run at once to meet her and say to her, 'Is all well with you? Is all well with your husband? Is all well with the child?'" And she answered, "All is well." ²⁷And when she came to the mountain to the man of God, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came to push her away. But the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for she is in bitter distress, and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me." ²⁸Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me?'" ²⁹He said to Gehazi, "Tie up your garment and take my staff in your hand and go. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not reply. And lay my staff on the face of the child." ³⁰Then the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. Therefore he returned to meet him and told him, "The child has not awakened."

³² When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. ³³So he went in and shut the door behind the two of them and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴Then he went up and lay on the child, putting his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands. And as he stretched himself upon him, the flesh of the child became warm. ³⁵Then he got up again and walked once back and forth in the house, and went up and stretched himself upon him. The child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. ³⁶Then he summoned Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came to him, he said, "Pick up your son."

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

BENEDICTION*

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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

3/25	The Orchard: College & Career Small Group	7pm
3/26	Choir Rehearsal	7pm
3/26	Middle & High School Youth Groups	7pm
3/28-3/29	Men's Retreat	
3/30	Pastor Chris' Birthday Celebration	12pm

SmallGroups
9 weeks,
beginning 3/31

Spring Small Groups

Join a group today!

Spring Small Groups are launching the week of 3/31 and we'd love for you to grow your community and your faith alongside us! There are 8 Small Groups available to join- view them all and find out more in the lobby after worship. Questions? Please email bapc@bapc.org



Pastor Chris' Birthday Celebration

Sunday, March 30, 12pm

Mark your calendars and join us for Pastor Chris' birthday celebration on March 30th after worship. Sandwiches, chips, and cake will be provided. If able, please bring a birthday card to bless our pastor!



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.



Sunday Supper

Sunday, April 6, 5:30pm

Join us around the table for food and fellowship, as we connect as a church family! Ham will be served as the main dish, just bring a side or dessert to share! Please RSVP at <u>bapc.org/announcements</u> to help us accurately estimate our food needs!

Elder of the Day

Today: Chris Yates Next Week: TBD

Communion Preparation

April: Lindblom Family May: Kathy Felts

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Jessica Dill Next Week: Kathy Felts Deacon of the Day Today: TBD Next Week: TBD

VOLUNTEER ROTATION -

Greeters

Today: Simpson Family Next Week: Sandy Tuck + Gracie Briggs

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Benitez Family Next Week: McGregor Family + Hannah Stahl

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Ethan Bouck Next Week: Ethan Stahl

Nursery (9am)

Today: Ramirez Family Next Week: David Kelley + Cathy Mahlstedt

Children's Church

Today: Kroese Family Next Week: Andrew Boone + Shepherd Lindblom

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. Register at bapc.org/women. Hotel and schedule information may also be found there.



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 in Dallas. More info and registration is available at 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 support to their mission teams worldwide.

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Retreat Fridav & Saturdav

Join us at Hall's Bayou Ranch in Santa Fe next weekend for our annual men's retreat! We'll enjoy food,

devotionals, fellowship, and a skeet shoot 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Vacation Bible School June 2-6. 2025

Save the date for Vacation Bible Josephs Journey from prison to palace School 2025! This year we will travel to ancient Egypt, where we will meet

the one true God, who provides and saves! To volunteer with VBS, please visit bapc.org/announcements to see all open positions!



Chalk the Walk

April 19th, 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 also be served.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT -



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$624,836 Current Mortgage Balance: \$407,717

> 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.

GIVING UPDATE -

Monthly Giving

March Giving Goal: March Actual Giving: Amount Under: \$70,902 \$31,368 (\$39,534)



Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal:	\$737,381
Received as of 3/16/25:	\$500,082
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal:	(\$237,299)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall:	(\$24,593)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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