



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 5, 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

This image of the banquet remains, throughout the whole Bible, the central image of life. It is the image of life at its creation and also the image of life at its end and fulfillment: "...that you eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

-Alexander Schmemmann

As a handful of sand thrown into the ocean, so are the sins of the flesh as compared to the mercy of God.

-Isaac of Ninevah

This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes.

-Rachel Held Evans

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times;
People: His praise will always be on my lips.
Leader: I will glory in the LORD;
People: Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Leader: Glorify the LORD with me;
All: Let us exalt his name together!

**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 #3 (1,2,5)

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

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*

*Psalm 8 (How Majestic Is Your Name)
We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

TIME OF RENEWAL

CALL TO RENEWAL

1 John 4:9-11

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, You have called your Church to live together in unity but we are a divided people. In our sin, we have broken the bond of fellowship and peace. You call us not to look out for our own interests, rather to consider others better than ourselves. But we have pursued our own agendas and have resisted your call to live as one. Father, forgive our arrogance and indifference. Send us your Spirit to heal our schismatic hearts of sin. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Isaiah 30:15, 18

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength." Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

O Church Arise

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*

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

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

Coleman, arr. Hayes

The Lamb

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

2 Samuel 9:1-13

9 And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" **2** Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant."
3 And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet."
4 The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar."
5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. **6** And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant."
7 And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always."
8 And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

9 Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. **10** And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. **11** Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. **12** And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. **13** So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

MESSAGE

Elder Mike Bliss

A Place at the King's Table

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.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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**

Today	Communion Sunday	10:30am
Today	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
5/8	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
5/8	Discover BAPC	7pm



Sunday Supper - Tonight at 5:30pm

You're invited to our monthly fellowship dinner at 5:30pm on May 5th, as we grow in community with one another! As it will be Cinco de Mayo, tacos will be provided, but side dishes and desserts are welcome. Please RSVP at bapc.org/announcements. We hope to see you there!



2024 Directory - Photos Today After Worship

If you have moved or changed your contact info, please reach out to the church office at bapc@bapc.org. If you'd like to be added to this year's directory, please contact Whitney at wkelly@bapc.org.



Train up the next generation in Christ!

We're looking for volunteers to serve in the nursery during the Sunday School hour this summer, alongside Flora and another volunteer. If you are willing to sign up or would like more information, please contact Hannah Stahl by phone or email at hstahl@bapc.org.



Adult Class - Sundays at 9am

Join us for an 8-week interactive training on evangelism and discipleship! The first 5 weeks will focus on Scripture study, Gospel sharing techniques, and building confidence using these tools. The final 3 weeks will cover discipleship basics, including understanding how people change and discipling through difficult topics such as anxiety and fear.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Mike Smith
Next Week: Curtis Briggs

Deacon of the Day

Today: Steve Ramsey
Next Week: Dennis Radford

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

Communion Preparation

May: Kathy Felts
June: Linda Hendrickson

Greeters

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

Infant Nursery

Today: Sonia Benitez
Next Week: Kang Family

Toddler Nursery

Today: Sidor Family
Next Week: Rachael Beth Henry +
Elizabeth Porter

Children's Church

Today: Kroese Family
Next Week: Juli Simpson

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

DIVE DEEP

Men's Bible Study
Friday, May 17th at 7pm

Grow in your knowledge of and love for God's word and get connected to other men at BAPC! Our study meets on the 3rd Friday of the month in Room 88 (Adult Sunday School Room).



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, May 25th at 8am

Join us for breakfast, a devotional, and a chance to connect with other men who are also seeking to live for Christ.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



VBS Registration Now Open
June 3-7, 9am-12pm

To register your children up for VBS, please visit bapc.org/vbs. If you're able to help with this year's VBS, even for a day or two, please scan the QR code to the left or visit bapc.org/announcements.



Youth Pizza and Prayer
Friday, May 10 at 6pm

Students in 5th-12th grade are invited to a night of DIY pizza, yard games, and a chance to hang out with all of our youth at the Stahl's house! For address, please contact the church office or pick up a directory in the lobby.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Ladies' Game Night
Saturday, May 18th at 6pm

Grab your favorite board or card game & snack and meet us at Melissa Smith's home for a night of fun and games!

If you need the address, please contact the church office or pick up a directory from the table in the lobby.

MISSIONS UPDATE

May Missionary of the Month
Keith and Debbie

Keith and Debbie began their ministry in 1998 in West Africa, reaching the Muslim population there through Bible translation, literacy, and leadership training efforts, as well as church planting.

Keith and Debbie now live in the US and continue their work in international missions via translation efforts and training pastors through MINTS International Seminary. Please pray for Keith and Debbie, as they adjust to living in the US again, for their efforts to train pastors and grow the church in West Africa through MINTS, and for Debbie's efforts to translate courses into French.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

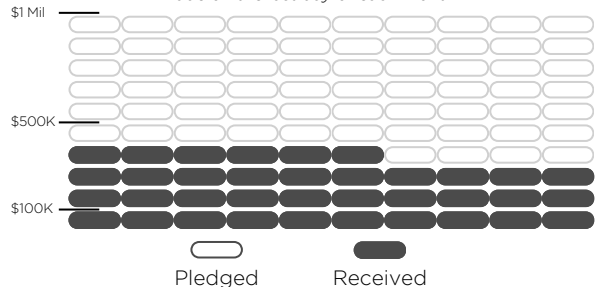
Initial Goal Period
November 2023-2024

Amount Pledged: \$311,070

Amount Received: \$367,406

Current Mortgage Balance: \$635,075

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



Pledge Cards Collected: 17

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

Adults

Gospel Conversations, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

Judges, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Implementing God's Word, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

Listening to Jesus, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Loving Jesus, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

Jesus Is God, 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.*

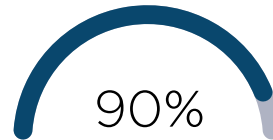
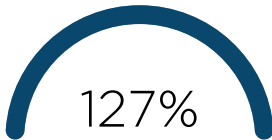
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

April Giving Goal: \$51,529
April Actual Giving: \$65,674
Amount Under: (\$0)

Annual Giving

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760
Received as of 4/30/24: \$616,444
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$66,316)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$0)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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

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Mike Smith

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