



# Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 17, 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

Repentance is an about face movement from denial and rebellion to truth and surrender...it involves the response of humble hunger, bold movement, and wild celebration when faced with the reality of our fallen state and the grace of God...It is melting into the warm arms of God, received when it would be so understandable to be spurned.

-Dan Allender

There are rare and wonderful species of joy that flourish only in the rainy atmosphere of suffering.  
-John Piper

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain.  
-C.S. Lewis

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF PRAISE \_\_\_\_\_

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 118

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

People: **Let those who fear the LORD say:  
"His love endures forever."**

Leader: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

People: **The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;**

Leader: the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*\*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 & INVOCATION

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our World Belongs to God

Leader: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—  
which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—  
we declare with joy and trust:

**All: Our world belongs to God!**

Leader: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,  
until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.

**All: Our world belongs to him. God is King! Let the earth be glad.  
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!**

## SONGS OF PRAISE\*

*Come Praise and Glorify*  
*Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)*

## CALL TO RENEWAL

2 Corinthians 5:15

And Jesus died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things.

We confess that our affections continually turn away from you:

from purity to lust,  
from freedom to slavery,  
from compassion to indifference,  
from fullness to emptiness.

Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus Christ, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

Trinity Hymnal #455 (1,3,4)

*And Can It Be*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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	Cash or Check	Text Message
<i>Please visit</i>	<i>Lobby box or mailed</i>	<i>Text "Give" to</i>
<i>bapc.org/give</i>	<i>to the church office</i>	<i>833-921-6502</i>

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

Choplin

*This Is My Father's House*

**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

Nehemiah 8:1-12

**8** And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup>And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

<sup>11</sup> So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved."

<sup>12</sup> And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

**MESSAGE**

*Pastor Chris Yates*

Nehemiah: Repairing the Ruins  
*The Joy of the Lord*

**SONG OF RESPONSE\***

*You've Already Won*

**BENEDICTION\***

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## NOTES

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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)**

11/19	The Orchard: College & Career Small Group	7:30pm
11/20	Middle School Youth Christmas Choir Group	6pm
11/20	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
11/24	Sunday School Break	9am
11/24	Deck the Halls	12pm

*Please note that the Men's Breakfast will not take place in November or December. It will resume on January 25, 2025 at 8am.*



### **Mission Trip Fundraiser: Casserole Sale**

#### **Today After Worship**

Stop by the conference room after worship to pick up a homemade casserole for \$25!  
All proceeds will benefit the 2025 mission trip and help offset travel expenses.



### **Thanksgiving Sunday School Break**

#### **November 24 at 9am**

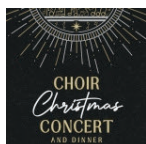
While we'll take a brief Sunday School break next week for Thanksgiving, you're invited to join us in the gym for coffee, donuts, and fellowship at 10am!



### **Deck The Halls**

#### **Next Sunday, November 24th at 12pm**

Please bring an appetizer or snack to share next Sunday and join us next week after worship for a fun and festive afternoon as we decorate our building for Christmas!



### **Choir Christmas Concert & Dinner**

#### **Sunday, December 8 at 5pm**

This annual tradition is the highlight of the Christmas season! Join us for our Choir Christmas Concert and a catered dinner afterward. Concert tickets are free, dinner tickets are \$20/individual and \$50/household. Tickets for the concert, the dinner, and optional childcare may be reserved at [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas) or by contacting the church office until December 1st.

Scholarships are available, please email [bapc@bapc.org](mailto:bapc@bapc.org) or call the church office.

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## VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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### **Elder of the Day**

Today: Curtis Briggs  
Next Week: Mike Smith

### **Deacon of the Day**

Today: John Cover  
Next Week: TBD

### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Lynn Hershey  
Next Week: Ethan Bouck

### **Communion Preparation**

December: Lindblom Family  
January: Kathy Felts

### **Greeters**

Today: Shaw Family  
Next Week: Eric Simpson  
+ Marilyn Smith

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

Today: Ramirez Family  
Next Week: Molly Kang  
+ Cathy Mahlstedt

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

Today: Jessica Dill  
Next Week: Kathy Felts

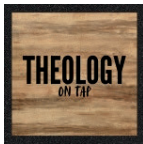
### **Toddler Nursery (10:30am)**

Today: D'Souza Family +  
Amy Lindblom  
Next Week: Briggs Family  
+ David Kelley

### **Children's Church**

Today: Kroese Family  
Next Week: Andrew Boone

## MEN'S MINISTRY


**Theology On Tap**  
**Friday, December 6 at 7pm**

Grow in faith and in community at our men's Theology on Tap! Bring your favorite snack or beverage to Steve Ramsey's home (805 Cedarwood Dr.) and get to know the men of BAPC over food, fellowship, and a devotional. Open to ages 21+.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY


**FriendsGiving Park Picnic**  
**Tuesday, November 26, 10:30am**

Join us for a brown bag picnic and park playdate! Meet us at Clear Lake Park (Community Center side) for lunch and fun with friends. Kids of all ages are welcome!

## YOUTH MINISTRY


**High School Youth Event**  
**Monday November 25th, 5-7pm**

Bring a friend and meet us at Top Golf for some fun during Thanksgiving break! RSVP to Curtis Briggs at [curtisbriggs@live.com](mailto:curtisbriggs@live.com)


**Christmas Tea**  
**Thursday, December 5 at 7pm**

You're invited to our annual Christmas party at the home of Karen Calhoun! (3902 Lake Star Dr.) Bring a wrapped ornament, an appetizer, and join us for fellowship, carols, an ornament exchange, and more. RSVP at [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas) or contact the church office. Due to parking limitations, please carpool if possible.


**Christmas Choir Group**  
**Wednesdays at 7pm**

Calling all middle school youth! If you're interested in performing a group choral piece during this year's Choir Christmas Concert, join us each Wednesday at 6pm in Room 105 for rehearsal.

## MISSIONS UPDATE


**October Missionary of the Month**  
**Larry & Sandy Rockwell**

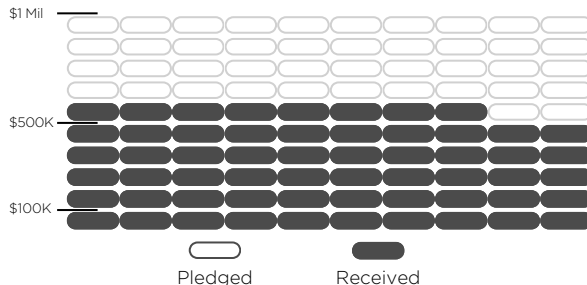
During the month of November, please be in prayer for Larry and Sandy Rockwell, who have been serving with MTW among the Quechua people in the Andes of Peru since 2004. Their primary ministry focus is reaching this indigenous people group in the highly isolated mountain villages with the Gospel. They accomplish this in a variety of ways, including using a technique called Orality, or storytelling, to convey the progress of redemption from Genesis to Acts. Since the Quechua are mainly subsistence farmers, Larry has also been sharing conservation agricultural techniques with them to help improve their crops in a way that will better provide for their families and open the door for sharing God's word with them in their language of Quechua.

## NEHEMIAH PROJECT

**Second Year Goal Period**  
**November 2024-2025**

Amount Pledged: \$0

Amount Received: \$6,000



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$583,168  
 Current Mortgage Balance: \$452,929

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

**Adults**

The Kingdom of God, Room 88

**Youth Membership Class**

Conference Room

**9th - 12th Grade**

King David, Youth Room

**5th - 8th Grade**

Bible Survey: Genesis-Exodus, Upstairs Middle School Room

**3rd - 4th Grade**

Telling Others, Room 104

**1st - 2nd Grade**

Studying God's Word, Room 102

**PreK - Kindergarten**

Serving the Savior, Room 107

**Nursery**

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

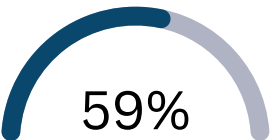
Infant Nursery, Room 106

*\*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

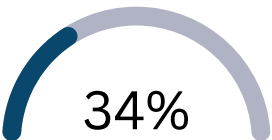
**Monthly Giving**

November Giving Goal: \$56,722  
November Actual Giving: \$33,479  
Amount Under: (\$23,242)



**Annual Giving**

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381  
Received as of 11/10/24: \$249,872  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$487,509)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$19,556)



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