



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 3, 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

It is not faith that saves, but faith in Jesus Christ...It is not, strictly speaking, even faith in Christ that saves, but Christ that saves through faith. The saving power resides exclusively, not in the act of faith or the attitude of faith or in the nature of faith, but in the object of faith.

-B.B. Warfield

Repentance then is not the punctiliar decision of a moment but a radical heart transformation that reverses the whole direction of life.

-Sinclair Ferguson

I think there is no suffering greater than what is caused by the doubts of those who want to believe. I know what torment this is, but I can only see it, in myself anyway, as the process by which faith is deepened. A faith that just accepts is a child's faith and all right for children, but eventually you have to grow religiously as every other way, though some never do. What people don't realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course it is the cross.

-Flannery O'Connor

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Revelation 4

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come!

All: **You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being. Hallelujah! Amen!**

**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 #457 (1,2,3)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Living Hope

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CALL TO RENEWAL

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners, but in Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory; in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Luke 15:17-24

Leader: But when he came to himself, he said,

People: How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.

Leader: And he arose and came to his father.

People: But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Leader: And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

People: But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.

Leader: And they began to celebrate!

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

————— 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

A Special Place For You

Stratton, Thornhill, Ashton

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Book of Common Prayer

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Leader Intercedes on behalf of needs of church and world)

Leader: We pray all of this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying ...

**People: 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

Colossians 2:20-3:4

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings?²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

3 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

MESSAGE

Will McKee, Christian Fellowship Director at Advent Presbyterian

Look to Jesus and Live

TIME OF COMMUNION

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

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Is He Worthy?

BENEDICTION*

THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT CELEBRATION

HYMN OF PRAISE*

Trinity Hymnal #115 (1,4,5)

All Creatures of Our God and King

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 Perfector 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.

NOTES

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	Nehemiah Project Celebration	12pm
11/4	Women's Bible Study (Zoom): Acts	7:30pm
11/6	Women's Bible Study: Acts	10am & 7pm
11/6	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
11/10	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due	10:30am

Please note that Sunday Supper will not take place in November or December. Sunday Supper will resume on January 5, 2025.



Halfway Celebration

Today after Worship

As of this week, \$508,097 has been given to The Nehemiah Project, our mortgage elimination campaign. Please join us after worship for a time of thanksgiving, as we celebrate reaching the halfway point of our campaign.



Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Gifts Due Next Sunday

Please return your shoebox gifts to the lobby next Sunday. Where possible, please consider adding \$10 cash or check to help cover the cost of worldwide shipping.



The Orchard: College & Career Small Group

Begins November 12th at 6pm

Study the Word and live life alongside other college and early career adults at BAPC! This new small group will meet on Tuesday nights at BAPC in the upstairs youth room.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Chris Yates
Next Week: Chris Yates

Deacon of the Day

Today: Dennis Radford
Next Week: Steve Ramsey

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

Communion Preparation

November: Linda Hendrickson
December: TBD

Greeters

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

Nursery (9am)

Today: Hannah Stahl
+ Katie Farland
Next Week: Bullock Family

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Laura Gelber
Next Week: Sarah Lindblom

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Bouck Family
Next Week: Sidor Family

Children's Church

Today: Sonia Benitez
+ Lauren Shaw
Next Week: Lynn Hershey
+ Scott Hansen

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**FriendsGiving Park Picnic
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!



**Women's Bible Study: Acts
Wednesdays**

Join us for a look into the lives of the apostles in the days following Christ's resurrection and ascension! This study will meet on Mondays at 7:30pm (Zoom) and Wednesdays at 10am and 7pm. Childcare is available. For more details and to register, visit bapc.org/women.

YOUTH MINISTRY



**Midweek Youth Groups
Wednesdays at 7pm**

Build friendships, deepen your knowledge of God, and discover practical ways to live out your faith with us each Wednesday at 7pm!

High school students meet in the upstairs youth room, middle school guys meet in the conference room and middle school girls in the upstairs middle school room.

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

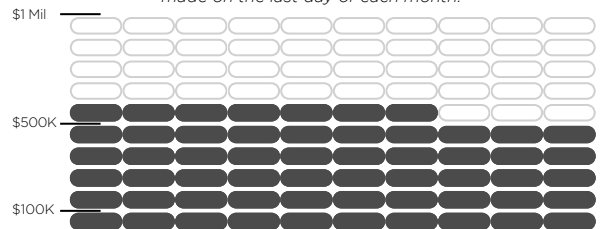
the Quechua people in the Andes of Peru since 2004. Their primary ministry focus is reaching this indigenous people group in the highly isolated mountain villages with the Gospel. They accomplish this in a variety of ways, including using a technique called Orality, or storying, to convey the progress 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

**Initial Goal Period
November 2023-2024**

Amount Pledged: \$311,070
Amount Received: \$570,946
Current Mortgage Balance: \$459,151

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



Pledged Received

Pledge Cards Collected: 17

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.*

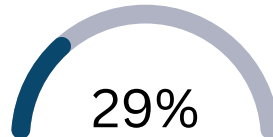
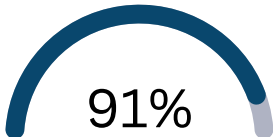
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

October Giving Goal: \$56,722
October Actual Giving: \$51,354
Amount Under: (\$5,367)

Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381
Received as of 10/31/24: \$216,393
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$520,988)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$24,674)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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