



# CHRISTMAS CHANGES EVERYTHING

November 30, 2025

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



# Order of Worship

November 30, 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

The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.

-J.I. Packer

Christmas is fast approaching. And now that Christ has aroused our seasonal expectations, he'll soon fulfill them all!

-St. Augustine, Sermon 51

In Jesus' coming, a new age has dawned; nothing will ever be quite the same again.

- R.T. France,

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Preparation for Worship

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

## Call to Worship\*

Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**People: And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.**  
Leader: See, darkness covers the earth,  
**People: And thick darkness is over the peoples;**  
Leader: But the LORD rises upon you,  
**People: And his glory appears over you.**  
**All: Nations will come to your light,**  
**and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**  
**Glory to God in the highest!**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

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**Advent Hymn\***

Trinity Hymnal #196 (1,3,4)

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Advent Song\***

*Come, Oh Redeemer, Come*

**Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Who is Jesus and why did he come?

All: **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

**Advent Hymn\***

Trinity Hymnal #208 (1,2,3,4)

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

**Confession of Sin**

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Private Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 1:21-23

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Advent Hymn\*

Trinity Hymnal #213 (1,2,3)

*What Child Is This*

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 bapc.org/give</i>	<i>Lobby box or mailed to the church office</i>	<i>Text “Give” to 833-921-6502</i>

Choral Anthem

Prudentius, Neal, Baker, arr. Wohlgemuth

*Of the Father’s Love Begotten*

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**      *(concluded 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**

John 1:14-18

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## **Sermon**

*Elder Mike Bliss*

### ***The Gift of Grace***

## **Advent Hymn\***

Trinity Hymnal #195 (1,2,3,4)

*Joy to the World!*

## **Benediction\***

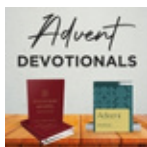
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

*\*The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.*

**Welcome! We're glad you are here with us today.**  
**To find out more about our upcoming events, visit [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements)**

Today	Mission Trip Team Planning Meeting	12pm
12/3	Choir Rehearsal	7pm
12/3	Discover BAPC	7pm
12/3	Youth Group	7pm
12/4	Ladies' Christmas Tea	7pm
12/6	Choir Christmas Concert Workshop	10am
12/7	Communion Sunday	10:30am
12/7	Grace of God: Morada	1:30pm
12/7	Kids' Christmas Cookie Party	4pm
12/7	Christmas in the Pines	5:30pm



### **Advent Devotionals** **Available in the lobby**

Looking to draw closer to Christ this Christmas? Pick up a free Advent devotional in the lobby today!



### **Ladies Christmas Tea** **Thursday, December 4, 7pm**

You're invited to our annual Christmas party at the home of Karen Calhoun! (3902 Lake Star Dr.) Please 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 with a friend.



### **Kids' Christmas Cookie Party** **Sunday, December 7th, 4pm**

Unleash your creativity at our Christmas Cookie Decorating Party! Families of all ages are invited to decorate treats and enjoy dinner together in the gym, before Christmas in the Pines begins at 5:30pm.



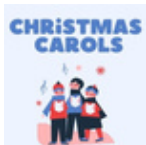
### **Christmas in the Pines** **Sunday, December 7, 5:30pm**

Carols, cocoa, cookies, and more! All are invited to a time of outdoor worship and refreshments under our lit trees. Please bring a blanket or chairs with you for seating and invite your friends or neighbors.



### **Volunteers Needed: Christmas Dinner** **December 12 & 14**

It takes many hands to make our annual Christmas Dinner happen! There are opportunities both big and small for everyone to join in. Visit [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas) to see how you can help.



### **Christmas Caroling** **December 21, 1:20pm**

Come spread Christmas cheer with our Sunday Morning Singers and BAPC's adult choir at Reunion Court! (14101 Bay Pointe Ct.) Children will be singing at 1:30 and our adult choir will follow. Refreshments will be served at the end of the program. As parking is limited, a carpool will depart BAPC at 1pm.



**Choir Christmas Concert & Dinner**  
**Sunday, December 14, 5pm**

This annual tradition is the highlight of the Christmas season! Join us on Sunday, December 14 at 5pm 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 childcare may be reserved at [bapc.org/christmas](http://bapc.org/christmas), in the lobby, or by contacting the church office by December 7th.

Scholarships are available, please email [bapc@bapc.org](mailto:bapc@bapc.org) to reserve your tickets.



**Sunday School Break**  
**Sunday, December 14, 21, 28**

While there will be no Sunday School during the final three weeks of December, you're invited to join us at 10am for coffee and donuts! Sunday School will resume for all ages on January 5.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

**Elder of the Day**

Today: C. Briggs  
Next Week: B. Calhoun

**Deacon of the Day**

Today: J. Cover  
Next Week: A. Kroese

**Nursery (9am)**

Today: T. Bouck + B. Ohmes  
Next Week: T. Bouck + B. Ohmes

**Communion Preparation**

December: Lindblom Family  
January: Kathy Felts

**Greeters**

Today: Simpson Family  
Next Week: TBD

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

Today: M. Ortega  
Next Week: TBD

**Coffee & Donuts**

Today: E. Stahl  
Next Week: E. Bouck

**Children's Church**

Today: S. Hanson + S. Lindblom  
Next Week: Simpson Family

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

Today: TBD  
Next Week: C. Briggs + G. Briggs

MISSIONS UPDATE



**Missionary of the Month**  
**Wayne & Amy Newsome**

Since 1990, Wayne and Amy have served as church planters in Nagoya, one of the major urban areas in central Japan.

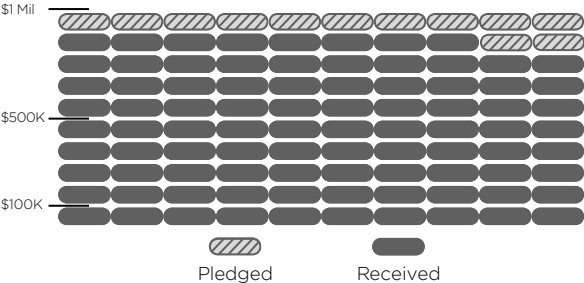
Wayne is the team leader, overseeing several sub-teams of missionaries and national partners involved in various stages of church planting. Amy works as a counselor in the MTW counseling network, as well as in a counseling practice in Nagoya. She is also serving as the leader of member care in the Asia/Pacific region.

Because less than 1 percent of the population is Christian, there is a great need to continue both missionary work and partnership with nationals to see the Gospel transform culture. Please pray that God would raise up these church leaders.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

**Third Year Goal Period**  
**November 2025-2026**

Amount Pledged: Remaining Balance  
Amount Received: \$5,870



Principal Paid (Nov 2023-Present): \$889,853  
Current Mortgage Balance: \$146,114

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

Adults

Colossians, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

Ecclesiastes, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Philippians/John, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

God’s Design for Worship, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Knowing Jesus, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

Jesus Storybook Bible, Room 107

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

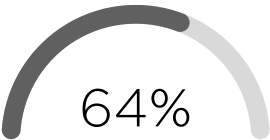
Infant Nursery, Room 109

*\*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

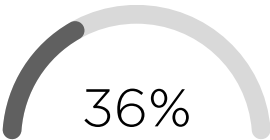
Monthly Giving

November Giving Goal: \$67,308  
November Actual Giving: \$43,264  
Amount Under: (\$24,044)



Annual Giving

July 2025-June 2026 Annual Budget Goal: \$700,000  
Received as of 11/23/25: \$251,930  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: \$448,070  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$30,762)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor  
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations  
Whitney Kelley, Director of Communications & Media  
Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting  
Marcy Ramsey, Assistant to the Pastor  
Hannah Stahl, Director of Youth & Children’s Ministries  
Kathy Wright, Director of Choirs

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Bill Calhoun

**Deacons**  
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Andrew Kroese  
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