



# Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 1, 2023

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# Order of Worship

October 1, 2023

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

While the Law defines righteousness, only grace delivers it. The Law was never intended to be a means of obtaining grace; it was given to demonstrate to men that grace was desperately needed.

-Bob Deffinbaugh

In the maxims of the law, God is seen as the rewarder of perfect righteousness and the avenger of sin. But in Christ, His face shines out, full of grace and gentleness to poor, unworthy sinners.

-John Calvin

When we seek to pit God's law against His love we show ourselves ignorant of both.

-R.C. Sproul Jr.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PRAISE

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Psalms 147

Leader: Praise the Lord!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God,

**People: How pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**People: He determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.**

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
His understanding has no limit.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

## **HYMN OF ADORATION\***

Trinity Hymnal #122 (1,3,4)

*God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## **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 150 (Praise the Lord)*

*Thy Mercy, My God (RUF)*

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### TIME OF RENEWAL

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## CALL TO RENEWAL

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive,

more ready to manipulate than to serve,

more ready to fear than to love,

more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,

more ready to compete than to help.

At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that You love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of Your love at the cross. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our righteousness. Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Nehemiah 9:17 & 18

But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them...when they committed awful blasphemies.

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

Trinity Hymnal #455 (1,3,4)

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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**

Smallwood, arr. Barrett & Rao

*Total Praise*

**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**

<sup>17</sup>But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God <sup>18</sup>and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; <sup>19</sup>and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, <sup>20</sup>an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— <sup>21</sup>you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? <sup>22</sup>You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup>You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. <sup>24</sup>For, as it is written, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

<sup>25</sup>For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. <sup>26</sup>So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? <sup>27</sup>Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law. <sup>28</sup>For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. <sup>29</sup>But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

**3** Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? <sup>2</sup>Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. <sup>3</sup>What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? <sup>4</sup>By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,

“That you may be justified in your words,  
and prevail when you are judged.”

<sup>5</sup> But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) <sup>6</sup>By no means! For then how could God judge the world? <sup>7</sup>But if through my lie God’s truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? <sup>8</sup>And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

## 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.

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

Trinity Hymnal #649 (1,2,3,4)

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

## **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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today	Communion Sunday	10:30am
Today	Sunday Supper: Smoked Pulled Pork	5:30pm
10/3	Women's Zoom Bible Study: Epic of Eden Psalms	7:30pm
10/4	Middle School and High School Youth Group	7pm
10/4	Women's In-Person Bible Study: Epic of Eden Psalms	10am & 7pm
10/8	Missionary Visit: Brendon Hillebrand (Rescheduled)	9am



### **Sunday Supper, Today at 5:30pm**

Grow in community with us at our monthly fellowship dinner! Smoked pulled pork will be served as the main dish; all are invited to attend and bring a dessert or side dish to share. We hope to see you there!



### **Missionary Visit: Brendon Hillebrand, October 8th at 9am**

Join us in the gym as Brendon Hillebrand, a former member of BAPC, shares stories and photos from his recent medical mission trip to the Sierra Madre mountain region in Chihuahua, Mexico, where he worked with Mexico Medical Missions to provide medical and dental care to the indigenous population in the area, the Tarahumara.



### **Operation Christmas Child, October 8th through November 5th**

Help us touch the lives of children around the world and bring hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ by packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child! Please pick up your shoeboxes next Sunday in the lobby. If you would prefer to donate rather than shop, a gift of \$25 will enable our youth to pack and ship a shoebox for you. Thank you for your generosity and your prayers!



### **4B Disaster Response Network Serve Day, November 4th at 8am**

Restore homes devastated by natural disasters and get to know others at BAPC by serving alongside them! No tools or experience required; open to ages 12+. Free childcare and lunch for children will be provided at the church from 7:30am-12:30pm. Registration will open next Sunday.



### **Praise in the Pines, November 4th at 7pm**

Worship outdoors with us under our lit pine trees! On Saturday, November 4th our Praise Team will lead us in evening of music, followed by fellowship, and refreshments! This event is free and open to all- please bring a blanket or chairs for seating.

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## MISSIONS UPDATE

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Jody Collinge works with community health evangelism ministries around the world through the Global CHE Network. She primarily develops training materials and works with Children's CHE, or community health evangelism with children. CHE is an integral or wholistic ministry, bringing health and wholeness in Christ through Christian community development. While not traveling, Jody works with children in Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Jody requests prayer for the Global CHE Network service team and the many teams doing CHE and Children's CHE in Africa and around the world.

## MEN'S MINISTRY



### **Men's Evening Bible Study** **Friday, October 20th, 7pm**

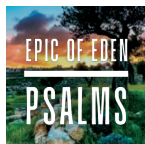
The 7 "I Am" statements of Christ are some of his most well-known teachings. But how do we understand them rightly and what impact can they have on our relationship with him? Join us as we look to the book of John together.



### **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** **Saturday, October 28th, 8am**

Men, college age and up, are invited to join us for breakfast, a short devotional, and fellowship in Room 88 on October 28th at 8am, as we get to know and grow our relationships with other men at BAPC.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### **Women's Fall Bible Study** **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

Study the Psalms with us! Classes meet at the following days and times:  
Tuesdays at 7:30pm (Zoom), Wednesdays at 10am (BAPC) and 7pm (BAPC). Visit [bapc.org/women](http://bapc.org/women) to sign up or call the church office.



### **Women's Retreat** **November 10 & 11**

Save the date for our 2023 fall Women's Retreat! Through worship, prayer, study, and shared meals, we'll seek to grow in love for the Lord and for one another. Details to follow!

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### **Parenting Conference** **October 14th & 15th**

We'll be hosting the video-based conference, "Parenting: It's Not What You Think It Is" by Paul Tripp at BAPC. Let's experience hope in the midst of every day parenting moments together!  
**Registration closes next Sunday; sign up today at [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements)**

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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: David Kelley  
Next Week: Dennis Radford

### **Greeters**

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

### **Communion Preparation**

October: Linda Hendrickson  
November: Clay McCarty + Marilyn Smith

### **Children's Church**

Today: Sonia Benitez + Judy Gidden  
Next Week: Sonia Benitez + Judy Gidden

### **Infant Nursery**

Today: Laura Gelber  
Next Week: Ann Breen

### **Toddler Nursery**

Today: Matt + Lauren Cavanaugh  
Next Week: Adam + Ruth Sidor

### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Clay McCarty  
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

Adults

Obtaining Godly Wisdom, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

Galatians, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Corinthians to Philemon, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

God's Servants, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Pleasing God, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

God Keeps His Promises, 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.*

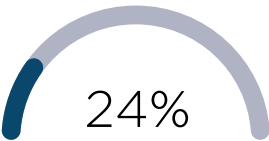
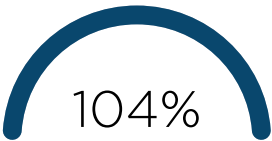
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

Annual Giving

September Giving Goal: \$51,529  
September Actual Giving: \$53,590  
Amount Under: (\$0)

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760  
Received as of 9/29/23: \$161,284  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$521,476)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$6,186)



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