



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 6, 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

My identity does not begin when I begin to understand myself. There is something previous to what I think about myself, and it is what God thinks of me.

-Eugene Peterson

God created [mankind] and therefore only God can reveal to us our identity and function. Without this biblical revelation, we are lost in a maze of confusion.

-Bruce Waltke

The great mistake made by most of the Lord's people is in hoping to discover in themselves that which is to be found in Christ alone.

-Arthur W. Pink

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-3

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song,

**People: For he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known;
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

**All: He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God. Hallelujah!**

HYMN OF ADORATION*

Trinity Hymnal #296 (1,3,5)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed
The Lord Almighty Reigns (Psalm 93)

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CALL TO RENEWAL

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we are grateful for your love and grace. We thank you for our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for the forgiveness we have through faith in Him. We come today confessing our sins, admitting that we have violated your Word by failing to do what you have commanded and by doing those things that you forbid. We ask, in accordance with your grace, that you would forgive us, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit. We ask this so that we might be encouraged in the midst of our spiritual battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. This we offer in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

SONG OF RESPONSE*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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

Sleeper, Shackley

Jesus, I Come to Thee

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

Romans 8:1-17

⁸There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

MESSAGE

Elder Mike Bliss

Spiritual Identity

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 #521 (1,2,3,4)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

BENEDICTION*

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love the Lord Our Savior, 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	Mission Trip Interest Meeting	12pm
Today	Sunday Supper: Chili Cook Off	5:30pm
10/7	Women's Bible Study (Zoom): Acts	7:30pm
10/9	Women's Bible Study: Acts	10am & 7pm
10/9	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
10/12	Sanctuary Foster Care Field Day	9am
10/13	Missionary Visit & Luncheon	



Chili Cook Off

Today at 5:30pm

Join us for fellowship and a delicious contest of skill as we crown our next Chili Champion! Not a chili chef? Bring your favorite side dish or dessert instead!



2025 Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Today at 12pm

Wondering what it's like to go on a mission trip? Interested in helping our mission trip team with planning and fundraising? Join our interest meeting in the conference room after worship today!



Sanctuary Foster Care Field Day

Saturday, October 12 at 9am

Help local foster families build community through fellowship and fun! BAPC is hosting a field day at our property on October 12 from 10am-1pm, with set up beginning at 9am. If you're interested in volunteering indoors or out, please sign up at bapc.org/announcements!



Missionary Visit: Michael Wadhams

Next Sunday, October 13

Michael Wadhams will be visiting next month to share updates on his ministry and to talk about our upcoming mission trip to Arizona March 15-23, 2025. After worship, we'll enjoy a sandwich lunch in the gym. Scan the QR code or visit the lobby table to sign up to bring a plate of sandwiches or a side!

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

October: Clay McCarty
+ Marilyn Smith
November: Linda Hendrickson

Greeters

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

Nursery (9am)

Today: Bullock Family
Next Week: Ramirez Family

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Sarah Lindblom
Next Week: Jessica Dill

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Stahl Family
+ Amy Lindblom
Next Week: David Kelley
+ Briggs Family

Children's Church

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

MEN'S MINISTRY



Monthly Bible Study

Friday, October 18 at 7pm

Study Proverbs and grow in wisdom at our monthly men's Bible study. Save the date for our final meeting of 2024!

Study will resume in January.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



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 AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Youth Service Night

Wednesday, October 9 at 7pm

Snacks, games, and some friendly competition await our middle and high school students next Wednesday, as

they prepare to kick off this year's Operation Christmas Child drive!

MISSIONS UPDATE



October Missionary of the Month
Jody Collinge

Jody Collinge works with community health evangelism ministries around the world through the Global CHE Network.

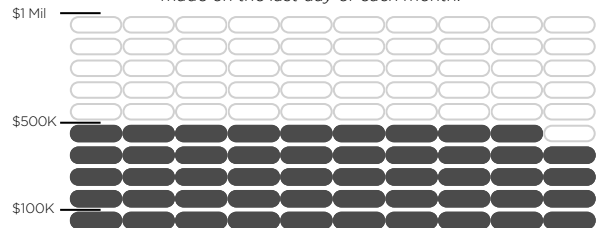
She primarily develops training materials and works with Children's CHE, or community health evangelism with children. CHE is an integral or wholistic ministry, bringing health and wholeness in Christ through Christian community development. While not traveling, Jody works with children in Zihuatanejo, 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.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Initial Goal Period
November 2023-2024

Amount Pledged: \$311,070
Amount Received: \$493,867
Current Mortgage Balance: \$479,598

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



Legend: 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.*

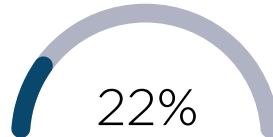
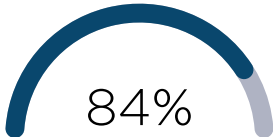
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

September Giving Goal: \$70,902
September Actual Giving: \$59,684
Amount Under: (\$11,218)

Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381
Received as of 9/30/24: \$165,039
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$572,342)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$19,307)



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