



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 1, 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

A firm faith in the universal providence of God is the solution of all earthly problems. It is almost equally true that a clear and full apprehension of the universal providence of God is the solution of most theological problems.

-B.B. Warfield

Anything under God's control is never out of control.

-Charles Swindoll

More secret than diplomacy, deeper than the investigations of the wise, and mightier than all the kingly power, is the providence of God.

-John Broadus

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-4

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

All: **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
Hallelujah!**

HYMN OF ADORATION*

Trinity Hymnal #94 (1,2,4)

How Firm a Foundation

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Arise, My Soul, Arise
Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CALL TO RENEWAL

Ephesians 4:22-25

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we worship our risen Savior, but we find ourselves weighed down by many things. We would prefer an easy faith, one that does not require us to identify the many ways that our thoughts, words, and actions have scorned your love. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us when we choose to remain captive to fear and doubt. Remind us that Jesus gave His very life so that we might draw near to you. Deepen our faith, and enable us by Christ's resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose again on our behalf, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

————— 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

Hoffman, arr. Graham, Sullivan

Wonderful Savior

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

Nehemiah 2:1-10

2 In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. ²And the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart.” Then I was very much afraid. ³I said to the king, “Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?” ⁴Then the king said to me, “What are you requesting?” So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ graves, that I may rebuild it.” ⁶And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), “How long will you be gone, and when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time. ⁷And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.” And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

⁹ Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen. ¹⁰But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Nehemiah: Standing Firm in the Face of Opposition
God’s Advancing Kingdom

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.

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*

God of Grace and God of Glory

BENEDICTION*

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love our 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.

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	No Sunday School	
Today	Communion Sunday	10:30am
9/2	Women's Bible Study (Zoom): Acts	7:30pm
9/4	Women's Bible Study: Acts	10am & 7pm
9/4	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
9/8	Sunday School Resumes	9am

Please note that there will no Sunday Supper in September. Please join us October 6th at 5:30pm.



**Fall Sunday School
Begins September 8 at 9am**

Our new Sunday School class on "The Kingdom of God" invites you to explore what lies at the heart of Jesus' ministry. Join us each week at 9am as we journey through Scripture to understand the significance of God's Kingdom in our lives today.



Enjoy singing?
Try Choir!

**Join the BAPC Choir
Wednesdays at 7pm**

The BAPC choir would like to invite any singers in the congregation to join us for our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Please text Kathy at (281) 382-9568 or email her at kathystaggw@hotmail.com. Christmas concert rehearsals begin this month!

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Curtis Briggs
Next Week: Chris D'Souza

Deacon of the Day

Today: Steve Ramsey
Next Week: Dennis Radford

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

Communion Preparation

September: Kathryn Felts
October: Linda Hendrickson

Greeters

Today: Eric Simpson + Cathy Mahlstedt
Next Week: Niko Laliotitis + Ned Penley

Nursery (9am)

Today: N/A
Next Week: Ramirez Family

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Sonia Benitez
Next Week: Kathy Felts

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Sidor Family
Next Week: Jessica Dill +
McGregor Family

Children's Church

Today: Andrew Boone
Next Week: Kroese Family

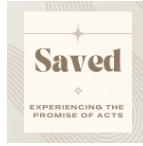
MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Bible Study
Friday, September 20 at 7pm

Looking to grow in wisdom? Join us for our monthly study of Proverbs and learn what Scripture says about wisdom and how we can grow in it. Meet us in the Adult Sunday School room!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women's Bible Study: Acts Begins This Week!

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



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



September Missionary of the Month
Dony and Sharon St. Germain

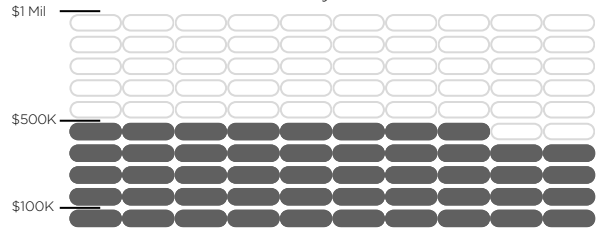
Dony and Sharon are dedicated to the cause of Haitian and Haitian-American Ministries, under the umbrella of Missions to North America (MNA) and El Shaddai Ministries International (ESMI). Dony is the pastor of El Shaddai Presbyterian in Miami, which serves as a home base for outreach to the ever-growing Haitian people of South Florida. Through ESMI, the St. Germain's and their team minister to the people of Haiti through education, evangelism, empathy, and economic development. Please join us in praise for the church leaders that God is raising up in Haiti and continue to pray that God would provide abundantly for their ESMI's financial needs, as they work to meet the spiritual and tangible needs of the Haitian people.

NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Initial Goal Period
November 2023-2024

Amount Pledged: \$311,070
 Amount Received: \$484,169
 Current Mortgage Balance: \$495,409

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



Pledged **Received**

Pledge Cards Collected: 17

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108
Infant Nursery, Room 108

*Please note, there will be a church-wide
Sunday School break from August 11-September 1.*

Sunday School will resume at 9am on September 8.

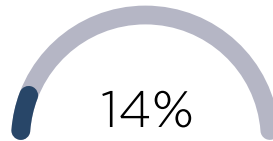
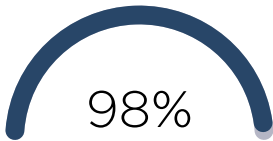
GIVING UPDATE

Monthly Giving

August Giving Goal: \$56,722
August Actual Giving: \$55,487
Amount Under: (\$1,234)

Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381
Received as of 8/30/24: \$104,805
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$632,576)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$8,638)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations
Whitney Kelley, Director of Communications & Media
Traci Lewis, Director of Accounting
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