



# **Bay Area**

**PRESBYTERIAN**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

September 22, 2024

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# Order of Worship

September 22, 2024

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

One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak.

-G.K. Chesterton

God never calls you to a task without giving you what you need to do it. He never sends you without going with you.

-Paul David Tripp

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

-Hebrews 5:8

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel 2:20-23

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are yours.

People: **You change times and seasons;  
You depose kings and raise up others.  
You give wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.**

Leader: You reveal deep and hidden things;  
you know what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with you.

All: **We thank and praise you, O' God of our ancestors:  
You have given us wisdom and power,  
You are the God who answers the prayers of your people.  
Hallelujah!**

*\*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 #181 (1,2,5)

*We Come, O Christ, To You*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION**

**SONGS OF PRAISE\***

*It Was Finished Upon That Cross  
Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

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

**CALL TO RENEWAL**

1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Faithful and Gracious God, we come to you today as a deeply forgetful people. You have been so much better to us than we deserve, faithfully fulfilling your commitment to give us good things in Christ. Yet we quickly forget all the wonderful gifts you have already given us, and feel angry and bitter when you won't answer our prayers the way we want you to. Instead of remembering your deliverance and running to you as our shield of refuge, we prefer to remain in bondage to our idols, because we love our sins more than we love you, and it seems too hard to fight against them. We doubt your goodness, power, and love many times each day. Forgive us. Cause us to know the certainty of your great love for us, until we are transformed into people who love you deeply, and are able to run the race before us with strong confidence and joyful hope in Christ. Our only hope is in you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

Trinity Hymnal #455 (1,3,4)

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

## 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

Graham, Lovland, arr. Emerson

*You Raise Me Up*

## 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 4:1-23

<sup>4</sup> When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, <sup>2</sup> and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?"

<sup>3</sup> Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, "What they are building—even a fox climbing up on it would break down their wall of stones!"

<sup>4</sup> Hear us, our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. <sup>5</sup> Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.

<sup>6</sup> So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.

<sup>7</sup> But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. <sup>8</sup>They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. <sup>9</sup>But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

<sup>10</sup> Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall."

<sup>11</sup> Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work."

<sup>12</sup> Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."

<sup>13</sup> Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. <sup>14</sup>After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

<sup>15</sup> When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.

<sup>16</sup> From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah <sup>17</sup>who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, <sup>18</sup>and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me.

<sup>19</sup> Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. <sup>20</sup>Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!"

<sup>21</sup> So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. <sup>22</sup>At that time I also said to the people, "Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so they can serve us as guards by night and as workers by day." <sup>23</sup>Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water.

## MESSAGE

*Pastor Chris Yates*

Nehemiah: Repairing the Ruins  
*Improvise, Adapt and Overcome*

**SONG OF RESPONSE\***

*He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)*

**BENEDICTION\***

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## NOTES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](http://bapc.org/announcements)**

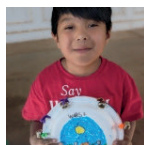
9/23	Women's Bible Study (Zoom): Acts	7:30pm
9/25	Women's Bible Study: Acts	10am & 7pm
9/25	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
9/28	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	8am



### **Chili Cook Off**

**Sunday, October 6 at 5:30pm**

Join us for fellowship and a delicious contest of skill as we crown our next Chili Champion! To attend October's Sunday Supper, or to sign up as a cook off competitor, please visit [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements). Not a chili chef? Bring your favorite side dish or dessert instead!



### **2025 Mission Trip Interest Meeting**

**Sunday, October 6 at 12pm**

Wondering what it's like to go on a mission trip? Want to help our mission trip team with planning and fundraising? Join our interest meeting and find out more about our upcoming trip to Arizona in March of 2025 and how you can get involved!



### **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. Whether you'd prefer to help at a game station, pass out refreshments, or visit with families in the gym, there's a place for you at this event!



### **Missionary Visit: Michael Wadhams**

**Sunday, October 13**

MTW missionary Michael Wadhams will be visiting next month to share updates on his ministry to the Lummi, Nooksack, and Tohono O'odham people 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 dish!

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## VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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### **Elder of the Day**

Today: Curtis Briggs  
Next Week: Chris D'Souza

### **Deacon of the Day**

Today: John Cover  
Next Week: David Kelley

### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Ethan Bouck  
Next Week: Ethan Stahl

### **Communion Preparation**

October: Clay McCarty  
+ Marilyn Smith  
November: Linda Hendrickson

### **Greeters**

Today: Marilyn Smith  
+ Kris Benavides  
Next Week: Sandy Tuck  
+ Gracie Briggs

### **Nursery (9am)**

Today: Hannah Stahl  
+ Rachael Beth Henry  
Next Week: Marcy Ramsey  
+ Katie Farland

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

Today: Caroline Boone  
Next Week: Laura Gelber

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

Today: Bouck Family  
Next Week: Owens Family

### **Children's Church**

Today: Simpson Family  
Next Week: Whitney Kelley  
+Gracie Briggs



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, September 28 at 8am**  
Hungry for community? Join us for a hot breakfast, a devotional on peace, and a chance to get to know the men of BAPC through fellowship.



**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.



**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](http://bapc.org/women).

MISSIONS UPDATE



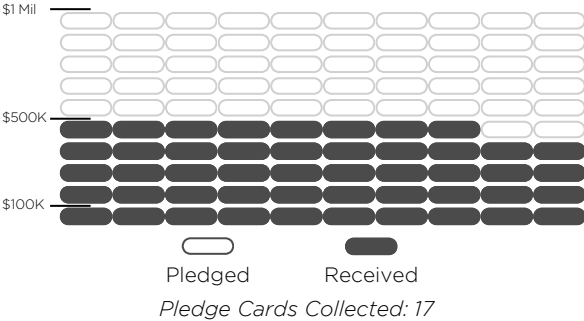
**September Missionary of the Month**  
**Dony and Sharon St. Germain**  
Dony and Sharon are dedicated to the cause of Haitian and Haitian-American Ministries, under the umbrella of Missions

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. Germaines 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: \$487,067  
Current Mortgage Balance: \$489,296

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

Adults

The Kingdom of God, Room 88

Youth Membership Class

Conference Room

9th - 12th Grade

King David, Room 94

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

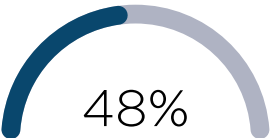
Infant Nursery, Room 106

*\*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

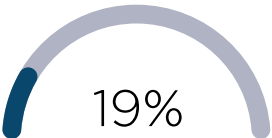
Monthly Giving

September Giving Goal: \$70,902  
September Actual Giving: \$33,877  
Amount Under: (\$37,025)



Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381  
Received as of 9/15/24: \$139,232  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$598,149)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$16,753)



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

**Elders**  
Curtis Briggs  
Chris D'Souza  
Mike Smith

**Deacons**  
John Cover  
Dennis Radford  
Steve Ramsey