



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 29, 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

He will also judge those who cause divisions. Void of the love of God, they look to their own advantage and not to the unity of the church; for small and trifling reasons they rend the great and glorious body of Christ into pieces.

-Ireneus

Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional.

-Max Lucado

The issue is not whether I agree with someone but rather how I treat someone with whom I profoundly disagree. We Christians are called to use the “weapons of grace,” which means treating even our opponents with love and respect.

-Philip Yancey

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
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 #53 (1,2,3,5)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Great Things
Psalm 8 (How Majestic Is Your Name)

_____ TIME OF RENEWAL _____

CALL TO RENEWAL

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we are so very thankful to be your children by grace. You set your unfailing love and affection upon us before we were born and have given us gifts we do not deserve. It grieves us to confess that we often fail you and fall short of your standards for our lives. We are often selfish rather than generous, insensitive rather than loving, cold rather than compassionate. Forgive us for this Lord. Help us, by your grace, to live each day proclaiming with our actions as well as our attitudes, that Jesus Christ is the Light that never fails.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Isaiah 30:15, 18-19

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it... Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #535 (1,2,3)

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

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

Chopin

Fruit of the Spirit

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 5:1-19

⁵ Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews. ² Some were saying, "We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain."

³ Others were saying, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine."

⁴ Still others were saying, "We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards. ⁵ Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews and though our children are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others."

⁶ When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. ⁷ I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, “You are charging your own people interest!” So I called together a large meeting to deal with them ⁸ and said: “As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us!” They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.

⁹ So I continued, “What you are doing is not right. Shouldn’t you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? ¹⁰ I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest! ¹¹ Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil.”

¹² “We will give it back,” they said. “And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say.”

Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised. ¹³ I also shook out the folds of my robe and said, “In this way may God shake out of their house and possessions anyone who does not keep this promise. So may such a person be shaken out and emptied!”

At this the whole assembly said, “Amen,” and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.

¹⁴ Moreover, from the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, until his thirty-second year—twelve years—neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor. ¹⁵ But the earlier governors—those preceding me—placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the people. But out of reverence for God I did not act like that. ¹⁶ Instead, I devoted myself to the work on this wall. All my men were assembled there for the work; we did not acquire any land.

¹⁷ Furthermore, a hundred and fifty Jews and officials ate at my table, as well as those who came to us from the surrounding nations. ¹⁸ Each day one ox, six choice sheep and some poultry were prepared for me, and every ten days an abundant supply of wine of all kinds. In spite of all this, I never demanded the food allotted to the governor, because the demands were heavy on these people.

¹⁹ Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Nehemiah: Repairing the Ruins
An Internal Threat

SONG OF RESPONSE*

O Church Arise

BENEDICTION*

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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**

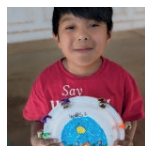
9/30	Women's Bible Study (Zoom): Acts	7:30pm
10/2	Women's Bible Study: Acts	10am & 7pm
10/2	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm
10/6	Communion Sunday	10:30am
10/6	Mission Trip Interest Meeting	12pm
10/6	Sunday Supper: Chili Cook Off	5:30pm



Chili Cook Off

Sunday, October 6 at 5:30pm

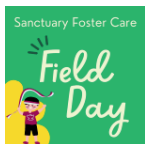
Join us for fellowship and a delicious contest of skill as we crown our next Chili Champion! To attend October's Sunday Supper, or to sign up as a cook off competitor, please visit bapc.org/announcements. Not a chili chef? Bring your favorite side dish or dessert instead!



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! We will meet in the conference room immediately following worship.



Sanctuary Foster Care Field Day

Saturday, October 12 at 9am

BAPC is hosting a field day for local foster families at our property on October 12! 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! Please sign up at bapc.org/announcements or in the lobby.



Missionary Visit: Michael Wadhams

Sunday, October 13

MTW missionary Michael Wadhams will be visiting next month to share updates on his ministry and to talk about our upcoming mission trip to Arizona next March. 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 sandwiches, chips, fruit, or a veggie tray!

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Chris D'Souza
Next Week: Mike Smith

Deacon of the Day

Today: David Kelley
Next Week: Steve Ramsey

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Ethan Stahl
Next Week: Clay McCarty

Communion Preparation

October: Clay McCarty
+ Marilyn Smith
November: Linda Hendrickson

Greeters

Today: Sandy Tuck
+ Gracie Briggs
Next Week: Kris Benavides
+ Cathy Mahlstedt

Nursery (9am)

Today: Marcy Ramsey
+ Katie Farland
Next Week: Bullock Family

Infant Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Laura Gelber
Next Week: Sarah Lindblom

Toddler Nursery (10:30am)

Today: Owens Family
Next Week: Stahl Family
+ Amy Lindblom

Children's Church

Today: Whitney Kelley
+ Gracie Briggs
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.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



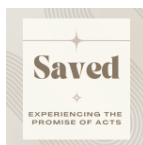
Youth Service Night

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!

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.

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

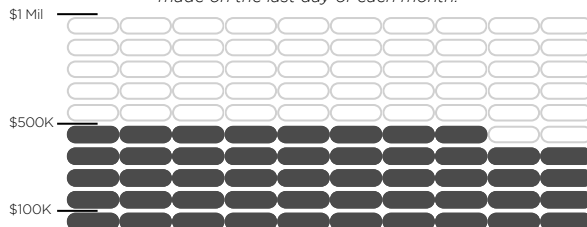
to North America (MNA) and El Shaddai Ministries International (ESMI). Dony is the pastor of El Shaddai Presbyterian in Miami, which serves as a home base for outreach to the ever-growing Haitian people of South Florida. Through ESMI, the St. Germaines and their team minister to the people of Haiti through 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: \$488,217
Current Mortgage Balance: \$489,296

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



Pledged

Received

Pledge Cards Collected: 17

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

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

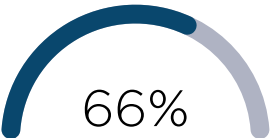
Infant Nursery, Room 106

**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

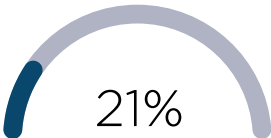
Monthly Giving

September Giving Goal: \$70,902
September Actual Giving: \$47,030
Amount Under: (\$23,872)



Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381
Received as of 9/22/24: \$152,385
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$584,996)
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$17,780)



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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Chris D'Souza
Mike Smith

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John Cover
Dennis Radford
Steve Ramsey