



# Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2023

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# Order of Worship

September 3, 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

Once earthly joy I craved,  
sought peace and rest;  
now thee alone I seek;  
give what is best:  
this all my prayer shall be,  
more love, O Christ, to thee,  
more love to thee,  
more love to thee!

-Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TIME OF PRAISE

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## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Revelation 5:9-12

Leader: And they sang a new song, saying,

**People: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”**

Leader: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying:

**People: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”**

\*Please stand if you are able.

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

## **HYMN OF ADORATION\***

Trinity Hymnal #57 (1,2,4)

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## **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.

**SONGS OF PRAISE\***

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing (RUF)*  
*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

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

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

God of Grace, you placed my sin on my substitute,  
You placed his righteousness in my soul.  
You gave me the bridegroom’s robe,  
And you placed on me the jewels of his holiness.  
But in my Christian walk I am still in rags,  
My best prayers are stained with sin; even my tears are filled with impurity;  
My confessions often mask my true sin.  
I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed;  
I have no robe to cover my sins, no righteousness of my own;  
I am always standing clothed in filthy garments  
    and by grace am always receiving change of raiment,  
    for you are a God who justifies the ungodly.  
I am always going into the far country,  
and always returning home as a prodigal,  
always saying, Father, forgive me,  
and you are always bringing forth the best robe.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

## SONG OF RESPONSE\*

*Your Will Be Done*

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## TIME OF COMMITMENT

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## BAPTISM

Seth Paul Bullock, covenant child of Kyle and Nikki Bullock

## DOXOLOGY\*

Trinity Hymnal #731

## 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](http://bapc.org/give)*

Cash or Check  
*Lobby box or mailed  
to the church office*

Text Message  
*Text "Give" to  
833-921-6502*

## CHORAL ANTHEM

arr. Hayes

*Celtic Communion*

## 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

Revelation 2:1-7

**2** "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. <sup>2</sup> I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Series: Jesus On...  
*Jesus on Spiritual Renewal*

TIME OF COMMUNION

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.

## **SONG OF RESPONSE\***

*Is He Worthy?*

## **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	No Sunday School (All Ages)	
Today	Communion Sunday	10:30am
Today	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
9/4	Church Office Closed (Labor Day)	
9/6	Middle School and High School Youth Group	7pm
9/9	Sanctuary Foster Care Art Day	9-11am

*Sunday school will resume on next week on September 10th at 9am for all ages.*



### **Church Officer Nominations, Due Today 9/3**

We encourage you to prayerfully shape the leadership of our church by nominating men to be trained as an Elder or Deacon, or by considering serving as an officer of BAPC. Nomination forms are available in the lobby and are due today.



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

Join us for connection and community over chicken tacos and more! Pot luck side dishes and desserts are welcomed. Didn't RSVP? Don't worry- we'll have plenty to share!



### **Sanctuary Foster Care Art Day, September 9th at 9am**

Next Saturday we'll welcome local foster children and their families for a fun day of art projects and a chance for the foster parents to connect with others in their same life stage. We still need hands to help set up tables and chairs, and to assist children with crafts. Contact Anna Hansen or meet us in the gym at 9am!



### **New Adult Sunday School Class, Begins September 10th at 9am**

One of the greatest challenges, both in the church and in the lives of individual believers, is to be led by Godly wisdom, rather than the wisdom of this world. Mike Bliss will lead us through portions of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon, as we work to discover God's path to true wisdom.

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## MISSIONS UPDATE

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This month, please pray for Dony and Sharon St. Germain's service in Haiti. They're dedicated to Haitian and Haitian-American Ministries under Mission to North America (MNA) and El Shaddai Ministries International. Dony, originally from Haiti, was ordained in 1995 after studies at Columbia International University and Jacksonville Theological Seminary, he pastors El Shaddai Presbyterian in Miami and Sharon is the principal of the school. The church's outreach includes education, tutoring, Bible studies, and seminary training for future church planters.

### **Mission to North America Disaster Response: Hawaii Wildfire Response - Your Help Is Requested!**

Please prayerfully consider sending a financial gift to Northern California Presbytery towards relief efforts following the Maui wildfires. 100% of your gift will be quickly channeled to the Hawaii congregations as they bring care and comfort to this devastated community. To contribute, please visit [pcamna.org/maui-fires/](http://pcamna.org/maui-fires/) or mail a check to Northern California Presbytery, PO Box 333, Rocklin, CA 95677 with **'Maui'** in the memo line.

## MEN'S MINISTRY



### Men's Friday Fellowship September 15, 7pm

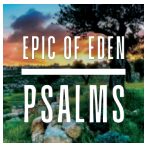
Kick off the fall season of Men's Ministry at the home of Ethan Stahl with food, drinks, and the chance to strengthen your sense of community through fellowship. Bring a snack to share and/or your favorite beverage!



### Men's Fellowship Breakfast September 23, 8am

Men, college age and up, are invited to join us for breakfast, a short devotional, and fellowship in the gym on September 23rd at 8am, as we get to know and grow our relationships with other men at BAPC.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### Women's Fall Bible Study Begins September 12 & 13

Study the Psalms with us! This fall, we'll be learning about prayer and worship through the book of Psalms and discussing how we can apply it to our daily lives. Classes will be offered on Tuesdays via Zoom (7:30pm) and Wednesdays at BAPC (10am and 7pm). Sign up at [bapc.org/women](http://bapc.org/women) or call the church office.

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### Middle School Guys Youth Group Begins September 6, 7pm

Build friendships, deepen your knowledge of God, and discover practical ways to live out your faith with us each Wednesday at 7pm with us in the conference room!



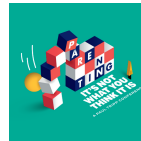
### Promotion Sunday September 10, 9am

After our 4-week Sunday School break, we will resume Sunday School for all ages on September 10. Kids are invited to 'promote' to their new classrooms, based on their current grade level!



### Middle School Girls' Bath Junkie Trip September 16, 6-8pm

Middle school girls are invited to join us at Bath Junkie (1345 W. Bay Area Blvd) as we craft our own handmade soaps, scrubs, and more! Please contact Annie Briggs to RSVP.



### Parenting Conference October 14th & 15th

Save the date! We'll be hosting the video-based conference, "Parenting: It's Not What You Think It Is" by Paul Tripp at BAPC. Registration opens September 1st.

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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: Dennis Radford  
Next Week: David Kelley

### Greeters

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

### Communion Preparation

September: Kathryn Felts  
October: Linda Hendrickson

### Children's Church

Today: Sam + Josh Kroese  
Next Week: Juli + Christopher Simpson

### Infant Nursery

Today: Karen Radford  
Next Week: Kathryn Felts

### Toddler Nursery

Today: Sonia Benitez + Mary Helen Ortega  
Next Week: Lauren + Matt Cavanaugh

### Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty  
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108  
Infant Nursery, Room 106

*Please note, there will be a church-wide Sunday School break  
from August 13—September 3*

Fall Sunday School Classes (Resume September 10)

Adults

Obtaining Godly Wisdom, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

TBD, 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

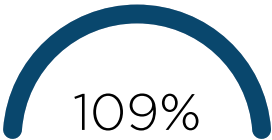
PreK - Kindergarten

God Keeps His Promises, Room 107

GIVING UPDATE

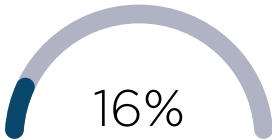
Monthly Giving

August Giving Goal: \$51,529  
August Actual Giving: \$56,281  
Amount Under: (\$0)



Annual Giving

July 2023-June 2024 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760  
Received as of 8/31/23: \$107,694  
Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$575,066)  
Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$8,247)



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Chris Yates, Pastor  
Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations  
Whitney Kelley, Director of Communications & Media  
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Hannah Stahl, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries  
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