



# Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 8, 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

We are not our own; therefore, let neither our reason nor our will hold sovereignty over our plans and deeds.

-John Calvin

The biblical view of things is resurrection, not a future that is just a consolation for the life we never had, but a restoration of the life we've always wanted. This means that every horrible thing that ever happened will not only be undone and repaired but will in some way make the eventual glory and joy even greater.

-Tim Keller

Christians are not mere wayfarers en route to the next life, but rather pioneers of God's kingdom in advance, a sign of what will follow. By living out lives of grace in a spoiled environment, we point forward to a time of restoration.

-Philip Yancey

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

— TIME OF PRAISE —

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 12

Leader: Give praise to the LORD,  
proclaim his name;

**People: Make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.

**All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.**

*\*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 #342 (1,3,5)

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION & INVOCATION**

**SONGS OF PRAISE\***

*His Mercy Is More  
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

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

**CALL TO RENEWAL**

James 1:22-25

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION & REFLECTION**

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

**HYMN OF RESPONSE\***

Trinity Hymnal #44 (1,3,4)

*How Great Thou Art*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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	Cash or Check	Text Message
<i>Please visit</i>	<i>Lobby box or mailed</i>	<i>Text "Give" to</i>
<i>bapc.org/give</i>	<i>to the church office</i>	<i>833-921-6502</i>

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

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*Shout Unto God*

**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 2:11-20

<sup>11</sup>I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days <sup>12</sup>I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on.

<sup>13</sup> By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. <sup>14</sup> Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; <sup>15</sup> so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. <sup>16</sup> The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

<sup>17</sup> Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." <sup>18</sup> I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

<sup>19</sup> But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?"

<sup>20</sup> I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

## MESSAGE

*Pastor Chris Yates*

Nehemiah: Standing Firm in the Face of Opposition  
*The Mission of God's People*

## SONG OF RESPONSE\*

*You've Already Won*

## BENEDICTION\*

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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)**

Today	Promotion Sunday	
9/9	Women's Bible Study (Zoom): Acts	7:30pm
9/11	Women's Bible Study: Acts	10am & 7pm
9/11	Middle School and High School Youth Groups	7pm



### **Fall Sunday School Begins today 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!**

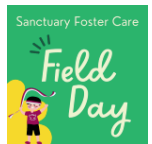
### **Join the BAPC Choir Wednesdays at 7pm**

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](mailto:kathystaggw@hotmail.com). Christmas concert rehearsals begin this month!



### **Youth Membership Class Begins next Sunday at 9am**

Ready to take the next step in your faith? Join our upcoming Sunday School class and learn what we believe and what it means to become a church member! Please sign up at [bapc.org/announcements](http://bapc.org/announcements). Questions? Please contact Mike Smith.



### **Sanctuary Foster Care Field Day Saturday, October 12**

Help local foster families build community through fellowship and fun! BAPC will be hosting a field day at our property on October 12. Details to follow, please save the date!

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## VOLUNTEER ROTATION

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### **Elder of the Day**

Today: Chris D'Souza  
Next Week: Mike Smith

### **Deacon of the Day**

Today: Dennis Radford  
Next Week: John Cover

### **Coffee & Donuts**

Today: Kyle Bullock  
Next Week: Lynn Hershey

### **Communion Preparation**

October: Linda Hendrickson  
November: Clay McCarty +  
Marilyn Smith

### **Greeters**

Today: Niko Laliotitis + Ned Penley  
Next Week: Shaw Family

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

Today: Ramirez Family  
Next Week: Tracy Kubena +  
Cathy Mahlstedt

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

Today: Kathy Felts  
Next Week: Amy Antill

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

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

### **Children's Church**

Today: Kroese Family  
Next Week: Lynn Hershey +  
Scott Hansen

## 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!



### 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.

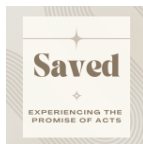
## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### 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.

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

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## 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.

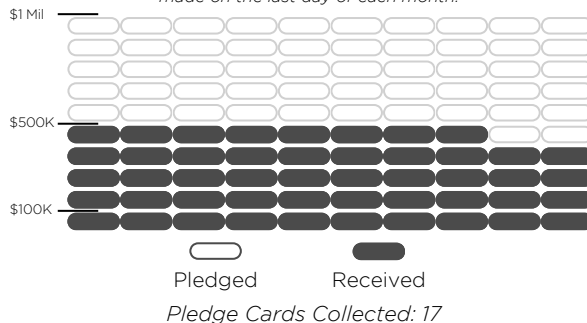
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## NEHEMIAH PROJECT

### Initial Goal Period November 2023-2024

Amount Pledged: \$311,070  
Amount Received: \$485,832  
Current Mortgage Balance: \$495,409

*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

Begins Next Week

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: \$14,193

Amount Under: (\$56,710)

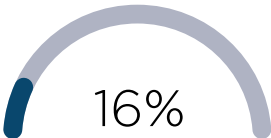
Annual Giving

July 2024-June 2025 Annual Budget Goal: \$737,381

Received as of 9/1/24: \$118,998

Amount Needed to Reach Annual Goal: (\$618,383)

Year To Date Budget Shortfall: (\$8,626)



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