



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2023

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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

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

-John 12:13

No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.

-William Penn

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 21

Leader: Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: And the crowds that went before him
and that followed him were shouting,

**People: "Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!"**

HYMN OF PRAISE*

Trinity Hymnal #235 (1,2,3)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SUNDAY MORNING SINGERS

Hancock Wright

Shout Hosanna!

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Oh How Good It Is

Holy, Holy, Holy

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, You have crowned Jesus as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and we are slow to acknowledge his rule in our daily lives. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by your justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Christ as Lord overall and empower us to be his loyal ambassadors as we battle against the world, the flesh and the devil. Give us grace to follow his commands and to live all of life under the Lord of all. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND 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*

Behold Our God

————— 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>832-921-6502</i>

CHORAL ANTHEM

Smith, arr. Beck

Hosanna!

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

Luke 15:11-32

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

MESSAGE

Elder Curtis Briggs

The Parable of the Compassionate Father

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #598 (1,2,3)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

BENEDICTION*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome! We're so glad you're here with us today.
For a full list of upcoming events, Bible studies and more,
please visit www.bapc.org/calendar**

4/2	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
4/4	Women's Zoom Study: Blessed	7:30pm
4/5	Women's In-Person Study: Blessed	10am & 7pm
4/5	Middle and High School Youth Groups	7pm
4/6	Men's Bible Study: Revelation 1-5	6:30am
4/7	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	6pm
4/8	Chalk the Walk	9:30-11:30am
4/9	Pancake Breakfast	9:30am

**Please note that the Friday Small Group will not meet on Friday, April 7th.*



Directory Photo Appointments, Today-April 23rd

We're updating our church directory and would love to include you in it! If you'd like for your family's entry to have a photo alongside it, please see Whitney Kelley outside in the pines after worship. Need to arrange an alternate photo date? Please email wkelley@bapc.org.



Sunday Supper, Tonight, 5:30pm

Grow in community with us! Join us for our monthly fellowship dinner tonight at 5:30pm. Pork loin will be served as the main dish. We hope you'll join us as we grow new relationships and deepen existing ones through fellowship.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 7th, 6pm

Mark your calendars for our Good Friday Tenebrae Service on April 7th at 6pm. This solemn and contemplative service will provide an opportunity for reflection and remembrance of Christ's sacrifice on the cross through readings, songs, and the extinguishing of candles.



Easter Pancake Breakfast, April 9th, 9:30am

Gather with us at 9:30am on Easter morning for a delicious pancake breakfast! You're encouraged to attend- and invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker- as we celebrate Christ's resurrection with food and fellowship.



Micah Ministry Food Drive, April 16th

Partner with our middle school girls' youth group as they restock the Micah Ministry food pantry that serves families in need from McWhirter Elementary. For a full list of items requested, please visit bapc.org/announcements.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Morning Bible Study Thursdays, 6:30-7:30am

A new weekly Bible study, Letters to the Seven Churches and a Bit More, takes place on Thursday mornings. Come for a cup of coffee and a six-week study of Revelation chapters 1-5!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women's Retreat April 14 & 15, New Braunfels

Join us for a weekend of study, community, and fun at Christ Presbyterian Church's annual retreat! Registration has closed. Please contact Whitney at wkelly@bapc.org with any questions.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Chalk the Walk April 8th, 9:30-11:30am

Kids of all ages are invited to help us decorate the sidewalk and parking lot with chalk art celebrating Jesus' resurrection. We hope you'll come and bring your creativity! Donuts and juice will also be served.



Vacation Bible School June 5-9th, 9am-12pm

Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2023! This year we will go back in time to Babylon and meet Daniel, who was torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Kids and adults will find that they're not very different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture. Church registration will begin on April 1st at bapc.org.

MISSIONS UPDATE



The Wadhams began their missionary journey in 1998, when they left Cape Town, South Africa to serve Native Americans in the US. They settled in North Carolina and worked full-time on the Cherokee reservation, later moving to Charlotte where Michael pursued further studies in missiology. They now reside in Lynden, Washington, serving among the Nooksack and Lummi reservations with the aim of establishing Native churches in the region through building relationships, evangelism, and mentoring/discipleship. Michael is also mentoring a young man from the Blackfeet tribe in Montana and coordinating new work in the South West amongst the Tohono o'Odham in Tucson, AZ. Through their work, they hope to see a vibrant and thriving Native Christian community emerge, with strong local leaders who can continue to build God's Kingdom amongst their people.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Chris D'Souza
Next Week: Mike Bliss

Deacon of the Day

Today: Morris Tuck
Next Week: Dennis Radford

Greeters

Today: Kris Benavides + Cathy Mahlstedt
Next Week: Niko Laliotitis, Ned Penley,
Sandy Tuck, + Esther Martinez

Communion Preparation

April: Kathy Felts
May: Jack & Heather Amuny

Children's Church

Today: Andrew Boone
Next Week: Hansen Family

Infant Nursery

Today: TBD
Next Week: TBD

Toddler Nursery

Today: Hannah Stahl + Rachael Beth Henry
Next Week: Caroline Boone

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9AM

Adults

Come Lord Jesus: Studies on the End Times, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

History of the Canon, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Matthew to John, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

God's Design for Worship, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Knowing Jesus, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

Jesus is God's Son, Room 107

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

Infant Nursery, Room 106

FELLOWSHIP - 10AM

Donuts, coffee, and conversation in the gym

WORSHIP - 10:30AM

Nursery for 0-3 years, Rooms 108 & 106

Children's Church for ages 4 years through 2nd grade,
dismissed from service. Pick up in Room 103

**Children in PreK-2nd grade begin the Sunday School with a time
of singing and musical instruction from our Choir Director, Kathy Wright.*

GIVING UPDATE

March Giving Goal:	\$52,520	YTD Giving Goal:	\$512,070
March Actual Giving:	\$55,984	YTD Giving Total:	\$508,543

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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