



Advent

P R E P A R E H I M R O O M

December 18, 2022

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bay Area Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

December 18, 2022

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

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

-Luke 2:11

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bill and Lauren Shaw

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

Leader: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel.

People: Our God is with us!

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel.

**All: For he has come and redeemed his people!
Glory to God in the highest!**

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #203 (1,2,3)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER OF ADORATION

HYMN OF PRAISE*

Trinity Hymnal #208 (1,2,3,4)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we long to recapture the wonder of Christmas. You showed the world your splendor in the coming of your Son, the mystery of God becoming man. Yet, our sins have made us old. Instead of peaceful - our hearts are anxious; instead of joyful - irritable; instead of filled with surprise - bland; instead of anticipation - dread. In our sophistication, we have become impoverished. Have mercy on us, O God. Renew us by your grace and mercy. Deliver us from everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, from everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you. Hear us as we confess our sins to You in silence.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Matthew 1:21-22

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal #194 (1,3,4)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

TIME OF COMMITMENT

BAPTISM

Charlotte Rae Owens, daughter of Austin and Courtney Owens

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.

Giving options include the offering box in the lobby, mailing a check to the church office at 670 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, TX 77598, or giving online at www.bapc.org/giveonline.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Setting by Craig Courtney

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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 2:8-14

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

For Unto You Is Born

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #195 (1,2,3,4)

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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**

Today	No Sunday School	
12/20	High School and Middle School Youth Group	7pm
12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	5:30pm
12/25	Christmas Day Worship Service	10:30am
12/25, 1/1	No Sunday School, Donuts, or Coffee	
1/8	Communion Sunday	10:30am
1/8	Sunday Supper	5:30pm



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24th at 5:30pm

Make plans to join us at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve for our traditional candlelight service of songs and readings! Nursery will be available for children ages 0-3 years. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord together!



Christmas Day Worship Service, December 25th at 10:30am

On Sunday, December 25th, we will gather for worship at 10:30am. Please note that we will not have Sunday School, donuts and coffee, or Children's Church on 12/25, in order to allow our volunteers to spend time with their families.



Sunday Supper, January 8th at 5:30pm

Grow in community with us! Join us for our monthly free fellowship dinner at 5:30pm on January 8th. A variety of soups and bread will be served. Please RSVP at bapc.org and consider signing up to bring a side dish or dessert. We hope to see you there!

MISSIONS UPDATE

During the month of December, please be in prayer for Larry and Sandy Rockwell, who have been serving with MTW among the Quechua people in the Andes of Peru since 2004. Their primary ministry focus is reaching this indigenous people group in the highly isolated mountain villages with the Gospel. They accomplish this in a variety of ways, including using a technique called Orality, or storying, to convey the progress of redemption from Genesis to Acts. Since the Quechua are mainly subsistence farmers, Larry has also been sharing conservation agricultural techniques with them to help improve their crops in a way that will better provide for their families and open the door for sharing God's word with them in their language of Quechua.

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Evening Bible Study

January 20, 7-9pm

Do you find yourself desiring to be a biblical man, husband, and father? We all should- and there's encouragement to be found when you share the journey with others. Join us for an in-depth look at what scripture has to say about Godly masculinity on the third Friday of the month at 7pm in room 88.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



High School Christmas Party

December 21, 7pm

Celebrate Christmas with us during Youth Group on December 21st! We'll have pizza, games, and a gift exchange. Please contact Curtis Briggs for more information.

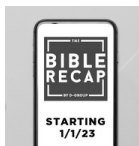


Middle & High School Youth Groups

Wednesdays, 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 in the conference room, and middle school girls in the upstairs middle school room.

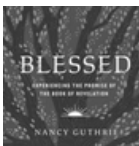
WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The Bible Recap

Beginning January 1

Reading through the Bible in a year can sound daunting- but it doesn't have to be! Join us for support and encouragement as we follow "The Bible Recap" reading plan on the YouVersion app together in 2023. Need help getting signed up? Please contact Marcy Ramsey.



New Women's In-Person Bible Study

Beginning in January

Join us for a study of the book of Revelation, using Blessed by Nancy Guthrie. Together, we'll work to understand the imagery in Revelation, learn how we can answer its call to follow Christ, and experience the promised blessings. This class will meet in person on Wednesdays starting January 18th at 10am and 7pm, and on Zoom on Tuesdays starting January 24th at 7:30pm.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Bill Calhoun
Next Week: Chris D'Souza

Deacon of the Day

Today: John Cover
Next Week: Dennis Radford

Greeters

Today: Bill + Lauren Shaw
Next Week: Marilyn Smith + Amy Antill

Children's Church

Today: Simpson Family
Next Week: No Children's Church

Nursery

Today: D'Souza Family
Next Week: Bouck Family

Communion Preparation

January: Kathryn Felts
February: Linda Hendrickson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will not have Sunday School on
December 18th, 25th or January 1st.
Sunday School will resume on January 8th, 2023.

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.

GIVING UPDATE

December Giving Goal:	\$52,520	YTD Giving Goal:	\$315,120
December Actual Giving:	\$41,138	YTD Giving Total:	\$284,875

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
Kathy Wright, Choir Director

Elders

Mike Bliss
Curtis Briggs
Bill Calhoun
Chris D'Souza
Josh Mehling

Deacons

John Cover
David Kelley
Andrew Kroese
Dennis Radford
Morris Tuck