

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 25, 2022

BAY AREA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

December 25, 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

Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.

-C.S. Lewis

WORDS OF WELCOME

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 2:10-14

Leader: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news
of great joy that will be for all the people.

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

Leader: And this will be a sign for you:
you will find a baby wrapped in
swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

**All: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
(Loudly) “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace among those with whom he is pleased!”**

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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HYMN OF PRAISE*

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

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Only A Holy God

O Come, All Ye Faithful

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Luke 2:11

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

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.

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

arr. Courtney

Angelic Christmas Fanfare

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Galations 4:4-7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

The Purpose of Christmas

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #214 (1,2,3,4)

Angels We Have Heard on High

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, Donuts, or Coffee	
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1/1	Undeck the Halls	12pm
1/8	Communion Sunday	10:30am
1/8	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
1/18	Women's In-Person Bible Study: Blessed	10am & 7pm
1/20	Men's In-Person Bible Study: Being a Biblical Man	7pm
1/24	Women's Zoom Study: Blessed	7:30pm

Please Note: The high school and middle school youth groups will not meet on 12/28 or 1/4.



Undeck the Halls, January 1st at 12pm

Join us after worship on New Year's Day as we undeck our halls and put away our Christmas decor! Pizza, fruit, and lemonade will be served.



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.

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.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

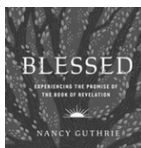


Middle & High School Youth Groups

Resumes January 11, 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.



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: Chris D'Souza
Next Week: Bill Calhoun

Deacon of the Day

Today: Dennis Radford
Next Week: Morris Tuck

Greeters

Today: Marilyn Smith + Amy Antill
Next Week: Cathy Mahlstedt + Amy Antill

Children's Church

Today: No Children's Church
Next Week: Lynn Hilmers + De Anne Meeh

Nursery

Today: Bouck Family
Next Week: Caroline Boone + Della Brown + Molly Kang

Communion Preparation

January: Kathryn Felts
February: Linda Hendrickson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

FELLOWSHIP - 10AM

We will not have coffee and donuts on
December 25th or January 1st.
Our coffee and donut fellowship
will resume on January 8, 2023

WORSHIP - 10:30AM

Nursery for 0-3 years, Rooms 108 & 106

We will not have Children's Church on December
25th. Children's Church will resume on January 1st.

GIVING UPDATE

December Giving Goal:	\$52,520	YTD Giving Goal:	\$328,250
December Actual Giving:	\$51,636	YTD Giving Total:	\$295,372

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

Deacons

John Cover
David Kelley
Andrew Kroese
Dennis Radford
Morris Tuck