



BAY AREA

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 5, 2023

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 rarely think of the air we breathe, yet it is in us and around us all the time. In similar fashion, the presence of God penetrates us, is all around us, is always embracing us.

-Thomas Keating

The Holy Spirit gathers the church—in order to send the church.

- Kim Fabricius

True spirituality is not a superhuman religiosity; it is simply true humanity released from bondage to sin and renewed by the Holy Spirit. This is given to us as we grasp by faith the full content of Christ's redemptive work; freedom from the guilt and power of sin.

-Richard Lovelace

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 105

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**All: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

**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 #53 (1,2,3,5)

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and Merciful Father, you have told us what is good, and we agree with you. Our lives, however, do not measure up. We have not acted justly. Instead, we have acted in ways that promote our own comfort and advancement. We have not loved mercy. Instead, we have loved the order and control over our lives we can maintain if we do not reach out to those in need. We have not walked humbly with You. Instead, we have run from your paths when they are difficult and involve sacrifice. Forgive us for our offenses against you, and go on to subdue everything in us which is contrary to your purposes. By the power of your Spirit make us a community which acts justly, loves mercy and walks humbly with you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Grace Unmeasured

————— 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

McDonald

Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace

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

Acts 2:1-13

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Series: Finding Your Place in God's Advancing Kingdom
The Spirit of Power

SONG OF PREPARATION*

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

————— 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.

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

God of Grace and God of Glory

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.

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**

2/7	Women's Zoom Study: Blessed	7:30pm
2/8	Women's In-Person Bible Study: Blessed	10am & 7pm
2/8	High School and Middle School Youth Groups	7pm
2/9	Men's Bible Study: Revelation 1-5	6:30am
2/10	Friday Small Group	1:30pm
2/12	New Member Sunday	10:30am



Sunday Supper, Today at 5:30pm

Grow in community with us! Join us this evening for our monthly fellowship dinner at 5:30pm. Pulled pork sandwiches will be served as the main dish. We hope to see you there!



New Member Sunday, Next Sunday at 10:30am

Make plans to join us for worship next week as we welcome new families into membership at BAPC! If you're interested in learning more about who we are, what we believe, and what it means to become a member, we'd encourage you to join the next session of our Discover BAPC class, beginning in March!



Crates for Ukraine, Now through February 26

Partner with Ukrainian churches by donating much-needed items to MTW's Crates for Ukraine drive! Crates will be shipped to the MTW Lviv team and distributed through local churches to the neediest communities across the country. Further information may be found at the Missions table in the lobby or at cratesforukraine.com

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Curtis Briggs
Next Week: Bill Calhoun

Deacon of the Day

Today: Morris Tuck
Next Week: Dennis Radford

Greeters

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

Communion Preparation

February: Linda Hendrickson
March: Marilyn Smith & Clay McCarty

Children's Church

Today: Sonia Benitez + Judy Gidden
Next Week: Andrew Boone

Infant Nursery

Today: Kathryn Felts
Next Week: Abigail Bouck

Toddler Nursery

Today: D'Souza Family
Next Week: Kim Bouck + Taliah Bouck

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: Kyle Bullock

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!



Men's Evening Bible Study
February 17th, 7-9pm

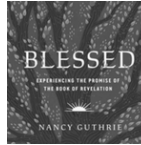
Do you find yourself desiring to be a biblical man, husband, and father? We all should- and there's encouragement to be found when you share the journey with others. Join us for an in-depth look at what scripture has to say about Godly masculinity on the third Friday of the month at 7pm in room 88.



Men's Retreat
March 24 & 25th

Save the date for a weekend of food, fellowship, and study as we grow in Biblical brotherhood together. Details to follow!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays on Zoom, Wednesdays In-Person

Join us for a study of the book of Revelation, using Blessed by Nancy Guthrie. 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.



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! Together, we'll consider God's grace to us in seasons of change and how to find our certain hope in uncertain times. Register today at www.christpresnb.org/pay or contact wkelly@bapc.org for assistance!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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.

MISSIONS UPDATE

This month, please be praying for Keith and Debbie, who serve in West Africa. They began their ministry in 1998 in West Africa, reaching the Muslim population there through Bible translation, literacy, and leadership training efforts, as well as church planting.

In 2007, Keith and Debbie responded to a call to start a new work in North America ministering among immigrants and refugees from Muslim countries who have come to establish new lives. From a foundation of mercy ministry, they have developed a plan for church planting that can effectively reach these diverse communities with the gospel.

In 2018, they returned to a West African Muslim country to join a church-planting team. Please pray that God would sustain and equip Keith and Debbie and that the Gospel would be made known to many through their ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9AM

Adults

Fundamentals of our Faith, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

Westminster Confession of Faith, 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

January Giving Goal:	\$65,650	YTD Giving Goal:	\$407,030
January Actual Giving:	\$80,164	YTD Giving Total:	\$402,470

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, Director of Choirs

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