

January 1, 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

A faithful God does not expect you to do what you cannot; He supplies the needed strength.

-Erwin W. Lutzer

Order your soul; reduce your wants; live in charity; associate in Christian community; obey the laws; trust in Providence.

-Saint Augustine

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47

Leader:

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People:

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,

a great king over all the earth.

Leader:

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

All:

Sing praises to God; sing praises to our King, sing praises!

HYMN OF PRAISE*

Trinity Hymnal #2 (1,2,5)

O Worship the King

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 36

Leader: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification,

adoption, and sanctification?

People: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption,

and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the

Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to the end.

SONGS OF PRAISE*

This Is Amazing Grace Mercies Anew

TIME OF RENEWAL

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Most merciful Father, we have sinned against You

and are guilty before You. Forgive us the sins of our tongues —

People: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others;

for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our eyes —

People: For impurity in our glances and imaginations; for pining after more beauty.

comfort, status, and wealth than You have given us.

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our hearts —

People: For hard-heartedness towards You and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption,

and self-pity; and above all, for rebelling against Your Lordship and doubting Your love. Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin.

Renew us in the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus

Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Romans 9:33

"See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."

SONG OF RESPONSE*

In Christ Alone

— 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

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The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

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 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

MESSAGE Pastor Chris Yates

God Finishes What He Begins

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #457 (1,2,3)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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	
Today	Undeck the Halls	12pm
1/8	Sunday School Resumes	9am
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 January 4th. Youth Group will resume on January 11th.



Undeck the Halls, Today at 12pm

Join us today after worship as we undeck our halls and put away our Christmas decor! Pizza, fruit, and lemonade will be served



New Adult Sunday School Series, Begins January 8th at 9am

Adults are invited to an 8-week interactive series designed to equip us to be able to 'give a reason for our faith', as the Apostle Peter exhorted us (1 Peter 3:15). "Fundamentals of our Faith," led by Bill Calhoun, will encourage you to consider and discuss the Doctrine of Scripture, the Doctrine of God, the Doctrine of Jesus Christ, the Sacraments, and other foundations of our faith.



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!

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Jud and Jan Lamos were called to full-time missions in 1986, hoping to someday return to their original focus of vocational ministry. In 1990, they went to work for MTW and, after 10 years as the international director for Muslim ministry there, Jud saw a need for a new missions deployment model using vocational ministry skills. Thus, the 18.26 Network was established in 2017. Since then, they have trained and sent many into the mission field, using the trainee's vocations to get jobs among the local people they serve and bringing the Gospel to them as they live and work among them, much like Paul. For more information about the Lamos' and their work, please visit www.1826network.com

MTW Summer Internships

Summer internships are available for college students who are interested in developing leadership and ministry skills, meeting people from other cultures, and experiencing life as a missionary! Applications must be started by January 20; please visit mtw.org/internships for more information or to apply.

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.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast January 21st, 8am

All men are invited to join us for breakfast, a short devotional, and fellowship in the gym on January 21st at 8am. We hope to see you

there!

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.

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.



31 Days of Gratitude January 1-31st

Pick up a free notebook at the Women of the Way table in the lobby and join us for a '31 Days of Gratitude' challenge during

the month of January! Together, we'll seek to journal three things we're grateful to God for each day and share the journey together on our Women of the Way Facebook page.

- VOLUNTEER ROTATION -

Elder of the Day

Today: Bill Calhoun Next Week: Curtis Briggs

Deacon of the Day

Today: Morris Tuck

Next Week: Dennis Radford

Greeters

Today: Cathy Mahlstedt + Amy Antill Next Week: Niko Laliotitis + Ned Penley

Children's Church

Today: Lynn Hilmers + De Anne Meeh

Next Week: Hansen Family

Nursery

Today: Della Brown + Molly Kang

Next Week: Sonia Benitez + Mary Helen Ortega

+ Karen Radford

Communion Preparation

January: Kathryn Felts February: Linda Hendrickson

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9AM

We will not have Sunday School on January 1st. Sunday School Resumes next week on January 8, 2022.

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

We will not have coffee and donuts on January 1st.

Our coffee and donut fellowship will resume on January 8, 2023

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

December Giving Goal: \$52,520 YTD Giving Goal: \$341,380

December Actual Giving: \$71,402 YTD Giving Total: \$315,139

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Kaitlin Fenner, Director of Business Operations Whitney Kelley, Director of Communications & Media

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