



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2023

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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

When the Church tries to embody the rule of God in the forms of earthly power it may achieve that power, but it is no longer a sign of the kingdom.

-Lesslie Newbegin

God calls us to be saints, not heroes, people aware of their brokenness and need of healing, stray lambs longing for the flocks welcome and warmth, and for a shepherd to lead them home.

-Kim Fabricius

Certainly we should be very active in seeking God, and Jesus himself called us to 'ask, seek, knock' in order to find him. Yet those who enter a relationship with God inevitably look back and recognize that God's grace had sought them out, breaking them open to new realities.

-Tim Keller

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another

**People: And shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

HYMN OF PRAISE*

Trinity Hymnal #30 (1,2,3,7)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYER OF ADORATION**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Q.1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

SONGS OF PRAISE*

How Great Thou Art

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

————— TIME OF RENEWAL —————

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Romans 5:5

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Isaiah 43

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
*Please visit
bapc.org/give*

Cash or Check
*Lobby box or mailed
to the church office*

Text Message
*Text "Give" to
832-921-6502*

CHORAL ANTHEM

Watts, Martin

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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 3:1-10

3Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. ⁴And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Series: God's Advancing Kingdom
Full of God's Grace and Power

SONG OF PREPARATION*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

————— 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*

Trinity Hymnal #164 (1,2,4,6)

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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**

3/7	Women's Zoom Study: Blessed	7:30pm
3/8	Women's In-Person Bible Study: Blessed	10am & 7pm
3/8	High School and Middle School Youth Groups	7pm
3/9	Men's Bible Study: Revelation 1-5	6:30am
3/9	Girls' Night Out	6:30pm
3/10	Friday Small Group	1:30pm
3/24-3/25	Men's Retreat	

Please note that due to the Men's Retreat taking place this month, both the Men's Breakfast and the Men's Friday Bible Study have been postponed until April.



Sunday Supper, Today at 5:30pm

Grow in community with us! Join us for our monthly fellowship dinner today at 5:30pm. Chicken tacos will be served as the main dish. We hope to see you there!



New Adult Sunday School Class, Begins Today

Join us this week at 9am as we kick off a new adult Sunday School class, "Come Lord Jesus: Studies on the End Times". Together we'll learn to anticipate and rightly consider Jesus' second advent through study in Daniel, Matthew, and Revelation.



Spring Work Day, April 1st, 8:30-1:30pm

Help us beautify our building on Saturday, April 1st starting at 8:30am! We'll have a variety of tasks available for any skill set, ranging from spring cleaning to light repair work.

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

March: Marilyn Smith + Clay McCarty
April: Jack + Heather Amuny

Children's Church

Today: Lynn Hilmers + De Anne Meh
Next Week: Alison + Joshua Banks

Infant Nursery

Today: Abigail Bouck
Next Week: Laura Gelber

Toddler Nursery

Today: Kim Bouck + Taliah Bouck
Next Week: Austin + Courtney Owens

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: Ethan Stahl

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 Retreat
March 24 & 25th

Join us at Hall's Bayou Ranch in Santa Fe on March 24 & 25 for our annual retreat! Check-in begins on Friday at 1pm, and we'll enjoy a steak dinner, devotional, and fellowship, that evening. For those wishing to spend the night, you may tent camp on-site or sleep in the bunkhouse (limited bunks available). Registration is open to all men college-aged and up and available at bapc.org/men. Cost is \$20 for food and lodging and an additional \$20 if you'd like to participate in Saturday's skeet shoot. Questions? Please contact Dennis Radford or the church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Girls' Night Out
March 9th, 6:30pm

Join us for dinner and a lighthearted night of fun designed to showcase our multigenerational church. While our life experiences may differ, our commonality is in Christ! Dinner tickets are \$12, please sign up at bapc.org/women.



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.



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

Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2023! Join us as we 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



This month, please be praying for Wayne and Amy Newsome, who have been serving in Nagoya, Japan.

Wayne and Amy have been ministering in Nagoya, one of the major urban areas in central Japan, since 1990 with Mission to the World. As team leader, Wayne oversees several sub-teams of missionaries and national partners involved in various stages of church planting, while also mentoring and equipping others. In addition, he serves in leadership at one of the team's local churches. Amy works as a counselor, both in their church and the MTW counseling network, and is the leader for MTW's member care in the Asia/Pacific region. Wayne and Amy invite you to join them in praying for God's name to be made known and worshiped in Japan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9AM

Adults

Fundamentals of our Faith, 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

February Giving Goal:	\$52,520	YTD Giving Goal:	\$452,559
February Actual Giving:	\$50,089	YTD Giving Total:	\$459,550

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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