



Bay Area

PRESBYTERIAN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 7, 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

If the blood of Christ alone is uniformly set forth as purchasing satisfaction, reconciliation and absolution, how dare you to presume to transfer so great an honor to your works.

-John Calvin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— TIME OF PRAISE —————

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

People: **Let those who fear the Lord say:
“His love endures forever.”**

Leader: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

People: **The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;**

Leader: The Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: **This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Trinity Hymnal #2 (1,2,5)

O Worship the King

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

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.

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Come Praise and Glorify
Grace Unmeasured

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we are so very thankful to be your children by grace. You set your unfailing love and affection upon us before we were born and have given us gifts we do not deserve. It grieves us to confess that we often fail you and fall short of your standards for our lives. We are often selfish rather than generous, insensitive rather than loving, cold rather than compassionate. Forgive us for this Lord. Help us, by your grace, to live each day proclaiming with our actions as well as our attitudes, that Jesus Christ is the Light that never fails. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Isaiah 44:22

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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

Newton, Sharp

How Amazing!

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

Revelation 19:1-10

19 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

² for true and just are his judgments.

He has condemned the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth by her adulteries.

He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

³ And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried:

“Amen, Hallelujah!”

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

both great and small!”

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

7 Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.

8 Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

9 Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Marriage, Mystery, & Communion

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Is He Worthy?

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 #235 (1,2,3,5)

There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood

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**

Today	Communion Sunday	10:30am
Today	Sunday Supper	5:30pm
5/10	Middle and High School Youth Groups	7pm
5/12	Friday Small Group	1:30pm
5/12	Men's Evening Bible Study	7pm



Sunday Supper, Today at 5:30pm

Grow in community with us at our monthly dinner! Ham will be served as the main dish. While you may bring a side or dessert, it's not required- we hope you'll just eat and fellowship with us!



Senior Recognition Sunday, May 21st

Celebrate and honor our high school seniors with us in worship on Sunday, May 21st. We'll take a moment to recognize their hard work, persistence, and dedication and to pray for their future endeavors and their families.



Micah Ministry Food Pantry

Help us provide meals for families in need at nearby McWhirter Elementary! Food items may be dropped off in the box located in the sanctuary kitchen anytime. Our Middle School Girls' youth group will partner with the Micah Ministry to create meal bags and distribute them.

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.

In February, Debbie suffered a stroke caused by a hematoma. While her recovery is progressing well, please continue to pray for her complete recovery.

MEN'S MINISTRY



**Men's Evening Bible Study
May 12, 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 second Friday of the month at 7pm in the sanctuary.



**Men's Fellowship Breakfast
May 27, 8am**

Men, college age and up, are invited to join us for breakfast, a short devotional, and fellowship in the gym on May 27th at 8am, as we get to know and grow our relationships with other men at BAPC.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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

Registration is now open at bapc.org/kids! This year we will go back in time to ancient Babylon and meet Daniel, who was torn from his home and learned how to trust God in the middle of difficult times.

Interested in helping with VBS leading up to or during the week of June 5-9? Please contact Hannah Stahl at hstahl@bapc.org and let her know!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**Womens' Online Bible Study
Begins May 16, 7:30pm**

Join us for connection and a study of Ephesians from the comfort of your home! We'll be using the book *Alive in Him* by Gloria Furman to draw us into closer community and understand how "wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Meet us on Zoom at 7:30pm!



**Womens' In-Person Bible Study
Begins June 14, 10am**

There is much confusion on the topics of gender equality and roles, inside and outside the church. What does the Bible say about women? Is there a way to see its message as not just something to believe, but something to be enjoyed? Join us for study and discussion using the book *Women & God* by Kathleen Nielson this summer! Childcare will be available, please sign up at bapc.org/women

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Chris D'Souza
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

Communion Preparation

May: Jack + Heather Amuny
June: Linda Hendrickson

Children's Church

Today: Juli + Chris Simpson
Next Week: Andrew Boone

Infant Nursery

Today: Ann Breen
Next Week: Kathryn Felts

Toddler Nursery

Today: Cavanaugh Family
Next Week: D'Souza Family

Coffee & Donuts

Today: Clay McCarty
Next Week: Ethan Stahl

Adults

Come Lord Jesus: Studies on the End Times, Room 88

9th - 12th Grade

History of the Canon, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Acts to Romans, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

God's Growing Church, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Serving God, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

Jesus Is the Savior, Room 107

Nursery

Toddler Nursery, Room 108

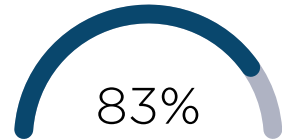
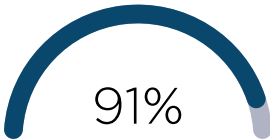
Infant Nursery, Room 106

**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

April Giving Goal: \$65,650
April Actual Giving: \$59,530
Amount Under: (\$6,120)

July 2022-June 2023 Annual Budget Goal: \$682,760
Received as of 04/30/2023: \$568,073
Amount Under: (\$114,687)



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