



Advent

P R E P A R E H I M R O O M

November 27, 2022

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bay Area Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

November 27, 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

Advent begins in the dark.

-Fleming Rutledge

A voice of one calling:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

-Isaiah 40:3-5

Continue seeking him with seriousness. Unless He wanted you, you would not be wanting Him.

-C.S. Lewis

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mike, Melissa, Felicity and Wyatt Smith

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-3

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Leader: See, darkness covers the earth,

People: And thick darkness is over the peoples;

Leader: But the LORD rises upon you,

People: And his glory appears over you.

**All: Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

ADVENT HYMN*

Trinity Hymnal #194 (1,3,4)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE*

King of Kings

O Come All Ye Faithful

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

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

Matthew 1:21-22

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal #196 (1,3,4)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

————— 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

Gaelic Alleluia

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

Matthew 1:1-17

- ¹ This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:
² Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram,
⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed,⁶ whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.
David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
Abijah the father of Asa,⁸ Asa the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah,
⁹ Uzziah the father of Jotham,¹⁰ Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,¹⁰ Hezekiah the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah,
¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.
¹² After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abihud,
Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,
¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Elihud,¹⁵ Elihud the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob,
¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the
Messiah.¹⁷ Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile
to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

The Promised King

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Peace Has Come

BENEDICTION*

**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**

11/30	High School and Middle School Youth Group	7pm
12/2	Friday Small Group	1:30pm
12/3	Middle School Girls Christmas Party	6-8:30pm
12/4	Communion Sunday	10:30am
12/8	Women's Christmas Tea	7pm
12/9	Men's Ministry Winter Kickoff	7pm
12/10	Christmas Concert Set-Up & Decorating	5-9pm
12/11	Christmas Concert & Dinner	5pm



Choir Concert and Dinner, December 11th at 5pm

This annual tradition is the highlight of the Christmas season! Join us on Sunday, December 11th at 5pm for a free Christmas concert and a catered dinner afterward. Dinner tickets may be purchased at bapc.org or in the lobby.



Poinsettia Dedications, now through December 16th

Poinsettias are a thoughtful way to honor a loved one or show appreciation to a friend or family member. Help us beautify our sanctuary this Advent by purchasing a poinsettia and dedicating it to a loved one. Dedications will be featured in the bulletin and slides on December 18th and plants may be gifted or taken home on Christmas Eve. Visit the lobby table or bapc.org to purchase!



Christmas in the Pines, December 17th at 6pm

Carols, cocoa, cookies, and more! All are invited to an outdoor time of worship, fellowship, and refreshments under our lit pine trees. Please bring a blanket or chair with you for seating, and feel free to invite a friend or neighbor.

MISSIONS UPDATE



Frank and Cindy Sindler oversee MTW teams working in East Africa, providing care and oversight of many missionary teams in that region. In addition to his role of Regional Director, Frank is teaching and writing courses for pastoral training in Africa and managing an African agricultural development program. Please pray for the Sindlers as they work to train and equip Pastors, care for Missionary teams in East Africa, spread training in permaculture in collaboration with Foundations for Farming, and work to provide African churches with quality training and Christian education programs.

30 Days of Prayer for Global Missions



The missions committee invites you to join in a month of prayer for global missions during the month of November. Please pick up a prayer calendar on the missions table in the lobby or visit mtw.org/30dop.

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Ministry Winter Kickoff

December 9, 7pm

Join us as we kick off a new season of men's ministry with food, beverages, and a chance to share your input and ideas! Feel free to bring a snack or beverage and plan to meet us at Ethan Stahl's home on Friday, December 9.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Ladies' Christmas Tea

December 8, 7pm

You're invited to our annual Christmas party at the home of Karen Calhoun! Please bring a wrapped ornament and an appetizer and join us for fellowship, carols, an ornament exchange and more. RSVP to Karen by phone or text; due to parking limitations please carpool if possible.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Middle School Girls Christmas Party

December 3, 6-8:30pm

Middle school girls are invited to a Christmas party at Curtis and Annie Briggs' home on December 3rd. They will eat dinner, play games, and make Christmas treats. Please contact Annie Briggs for more information.



The Meaning of Chrismon: A Kids' Christmas Event
December 17, 5pm

Chrismon trees are a historical tradition in the church. Kids ages 0-5th grade are invited to craft Chrismon ornaments with us and learn how their symbols relate to Jesus. Dinner will be served to the children prior to the start of Christmas in the Pines at 6pm.



High School Christmas Party

December 21, 7pm

Celebrate Christmas with us during Youth Group on December 21st! We'll have pizza, games, and a gift exchange. Please contact Curtis Briggs for more information.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

Elder of the Day

Today: Chris D'Souza
Next Week: Mike Bliss

Deacon of the Day

Today: Andrew Kroese
Next Week: Morris Tuck

Greeters

Today: Marilyn Smith + Kris Benavides
Next Week: TBD

Children's Church

Today: Fran Bliss
Next Week: Sam Kroese

Nursery

Today: Caroline Boone
Next Week: Heather Amuny + Laura Gelber

Communion Preparation

December: Jack + Heather Amuny
January: Kathryn Felts

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9AM

Adults

Hebrews, Room 88

Youth Membership Class

Room 94

9th - 12th Grade

Westminster Confession of Faith, Youth Room

5th - 8th Grade

Survey of the Old Testament, Room 91

3rd - 4th Grade

God's Grace in the Law, Room 104

1st - 2nd Grade

Obedying God, Room 102

PreK - Kindergarten

God Created All Things, 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

November Giving Goal:	\$52,520	YTD Giving Goal:	\$275,730
November Actual Giving:	\$36,764	YTD Giving Total:	\$230,316

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

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