



BAY AREA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2, 2022

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

Knowing God without knowing our wretchedness makes for pride. Knowing our wretchedness without knowing God makes for despair. Knowing Jesus Christ strikes the balance because he shows us both God and our wretchedness.

-Blaise Pascal

It was pride that changed angels into devils, it is humility that makes men as angels.

-Saint Augustine

Pride is ruthless, sleepless, unsmiling concentration on the self.

-C.S. Lewis

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

————— T I M E O F P R A I S E —————

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**People: Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

Leader: Who forgives all our sins
and heals all our diseases.

**People: Who redeems our life from the pit,
and crowns us with love and compassion.**

**All: He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
Hallelujah!**

**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 #94 (1,2,4)

How Firm a Foundation

PRAYER OF ADORATION

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE*

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord, please forgive our sins and set us free from them.

We confess to the sin of pride:

All: We have been sure of our own goodness and importance and have looked down on others. Help us to appreciate the true worth of other people.

Leader: We confess to the sin of envy:

All: We have been displeased when others have been more successful or sought after than we have been. Help us to rejoice when others prosper.

Leader: We confess our sin of anger:

All: We have lost our tempers, nursed grievances, and withheld forgiveness from others. Help us to be patient and understanding with everyone.

Leader: We confess to the sin of self-indulgence:

All: We have had enough, and more, yet have neglected the needs of others. Help us to deny ourselves so that others may not be in need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Trinity Hymnal #32 (1,2,3)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

Hopson

The Gift of Love

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*

Daniel 4:1-37

⁴ King Nebuchadnezzar,

To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth:

May you prosper greatly!

² It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.

³ How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!

His kingdom is an eternal kingdom;

his dominion endures from generation to generation.

⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. ⁵ I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. ⁶ So I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. ⁷ When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. ⁸ Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)

⁹ I said, “Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me. ¹⁰ These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. ¹¹ The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. ¹² Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed.

¹³ “In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. ¹⁴ He called in a loud voice: ‘Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵ But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field.

“Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live with the animals among the plants of the earth. ¹⁶ Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let him be given the mind of an animal, till seven times pass by for him.

¹⁷ “The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people.’

¹⁸ “This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. Now, Belteshazzar, tell me what it means, for none of the wise men in my kingdom can interpret it for me. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”

¹⁹ Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him. So the king said, “Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you.”

Belteshazzar answered, “My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries! ²⁰ The tree you saw, which grew large and strong, with its top touching the sky, visible to the whole earth, ²¹ with beautiful leaves and abundant fruit, providing food for all, giving shelter to the wild animals, and having nesting places in its branches for the birds— ²² Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth.

²³ “Your Majesty saw a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump, bound with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, while its roots remain in the ground. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven; let him live with the wild animals, until seven times pass by for him.’

²⁴ “This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵ You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.

²⁶The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷ Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

²⁸ All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

³¹ Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³² You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

³³ Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

³⁵ All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.

He does as he pleases
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: “What have you done?”

³⁶ At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. ³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Yates

Grace Only Runs Downhill

SONG OF PREPARATION*

Man of Sorrows

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.

All: 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.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

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	Women's Retreat Early Bird Registration Deadline	
10/4	Women's Zoom Study Begins: Praying The Lord's Prayer	7:30pm
10/5	Women's Bible Study: What's SHE Doing Here?	10am & 7pm
10/5	Youth and Middle School (Guys & Girls) Groups	7pm
10/5	Discover BAPC	7pm
10/14	Women's Retreat: Let's Face It	6:30-9:30pm
10/15	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	8am
10/15	Women's Retreat: Let's Face It	9am-2pm



Anchor Point Run For Health, November 12th

Join us in supporting one of Anchor Point's biggest fundraisers. Their annual Run for Health will take place on November 12th. They are seeking volunteers of all ages to help with a variety of tasks. Please contact Scott Hansen or the church office for more details.

G I V I N G U P D A T E

September Giving Goal: \$52,520
September Actual Giving: \$46,247

YTD Giving Goal: \$170,690
YTD Giving Total: \$145,207

V O L U N T E E R R O T A T I O N

Elder of the Day

Today: Mike Bliss
Next Week: Chris D'Souza

Children's Church

Today: Samantha + Josh Kroese
Next Week: Alison + Josh Banks

Deacon of the Day

Today: Morris Tuck
Next Week: Andrew Kroese

Nursery

Today: Caroline Boone + Della Brown
Next Week: Laura Gelber + Molly Kang

Greeters

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

Communion Preparation

October: Linda Hendrickson
November: Marilyn Smith + Clay McCarty

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Online Bible Study



Women's Zoom Bible Study Begins October 4th, 7:30pm

An online study of Praying the Lord's Prayer by J.I. Packer begins this fall! Together, we'll walk

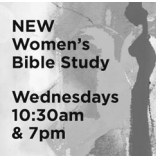
through Christ's pattern of prayer and learn how to strengthen our communication with him. For further details, please see the Women of the Way table in the lobby or contact Fran Bliss.



BAPC Women's Retreat October 14th & 15th

Knowing that our identity rests secure in Christ is one thing. Living it out in a culture fixated on

external appearances, personal performance and the right connections? That can be a challenge. You're invited to renew and refresh with us through study, breakout sessions, food, fellowship, and more this fall, as we seek to better understand what our true identity is and the peace it brings to daily life.



Women's In-Person Bible Study Wednesdays, 10am & 7pm

Join us for an in-person study on Wednesdays at 10am or 7pm! Together we'll study What's SHE

Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus' Genealogy by Susan Tyner. More information is available at the Women of the Way table.

MEN'S MINISTRY



Men's Fellowship Breakfast October 15th, 8am

All men are invited to join us for breakfast, a short devotional, and fellowship in the gym on

October 18th at 8am as we grow in community together. This event is free and open to all ages.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Youth Group & Tween Girls' Group Meets Wednesdays at 7pm

Experience community and build friendships as you grow in your walk with Jesus! 9th-12th grade students and 6th-8th grade girls meet upstairs in the youth & tween rooms each Wednesday at 7pm for study, fun, and fellowship.



Middle School Guy's Group Begins October 5th, 7pm

Bond with friends and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. We invite all 5th-8th grade

boys to join the new middle school group that will meet every Wednesday beginning October 5th. Please contact Mark Kubena or Mike Smith for more information.

MISSIONS UPDATE



During the month of October, please be praying for Craig and Heather Gahagen, who serve in the Amazon region of Peru through a cooperative between Mission to the World (MTW) and South America Mission (SAM).

Craig is the director of SAMAIR, which flies missionaries into remote regions of the jungle, so that they may spread God's word where there are no roads. These flights save missionaries weeks of travel by foot and canoe. In addition, he and Heather are leaders in their local church, Mil Palmeras. Please pray that God would continue to grant them endurance and resources as they seek to spread the gospel in these remote areas through aviation, and that Mil Palmeras would be able to engage their city of Pucallpa and beyond.

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*

Obeying 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.*

— S T A F F & L E A D E R S H I P —

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