



# BAY AREA

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 25, 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

If you're thinking of becoming a Christian, I warn you you're embarking on something, which will take the whole of you.

-C.S. Lewis

Faithfulness rarely feels heroic; it feels much more like showing up and hanging in.

-Margaret Guenther

For the waging of a few days conflict, you will be rewarded with heaven's glory. One moment of celestial joy will dry up all your tears, heal all your wounds, and erase the sharpness of the fight with the joy of your permanent victory.

-William Gurnall

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**People: For the word of the Lord is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.**

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.  
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.**

**All: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,  
even as we put our hope in you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE\*

Trinity Hymnal #598 (1,2,3)

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## SONGS OF PRAISE\*

*Come Praise and Glorify*

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

*All Glory Be Forever*

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions - seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. From the best this world could possibly offer, we turn to you again, unfulfilled. Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

## **PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION**

### **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

Ezekiel 36:25-27

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

### **HYMN OF PRAISE\***

Trinity Hymnal #44 (1,3,4)

*How Great Thou Art*

## **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](http://www.bapc.org/giveonline).*

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

Drennan, Lee

*A New Psalm of Joy*

## 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 3:1-30

<sup>3</sup> King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. He<sup>2</sup> then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up.<sup>3</sup> So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.

<sup>4</sup> Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: <sup>5</sup>As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

<sup>8</sup> At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. <sup>9</sup> They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "May the king live forever!<sup>10</sup> Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold,<sup>11</sup> and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace.<sup>12</sup> But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up."

<sup>13</sup> Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king,<sup>14</sup> and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter.<sup>17</sup>If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand.<sup>18</sup>But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

<sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual<sup>20</sup> and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.<sup>21</sup> So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.<sup>22</sup> The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,<sup>23</sup> and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

<sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

<sup>25</sup>He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

<sup>26</sup>Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire,<sup>27</sup> and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

<sup>28</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

<sup>29</sup> Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way.”

<sup>30</sup>Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

## **MESSAGE**

Pastor Chris Yates

*Faith In The Furnace*

**SONG OF RESPONSE\***

*O Church Arise*

**BENEDICTION\***







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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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](http://www.bapc.org/calendar)**

Today	2022-2023 BAPC Informational Budget Meeting	12pm
9/27	Women's Bible Study: What's SHE Doing Here?	10am & 7pm
9/28	Youth Group & Tween Girls' Group	7-8:30pm
9/28	Discover BAPC	7pm
10/1	Praise in the Pines	7pm
10/2	Communion Sunday	10:30am
10/2	Women's Retreat Early Bird Registration Deadline	



### **2022-2023 BAPC Informational Budget Meeting, Today at 12pm**

All are invited to attend a presentation of the 2022-2023 BAPC budget. The presentation will immediately follow worship today, September 25th.



### **Praise in the Pines, October 1st at 7pm**

Worship outdoors with us under our lit pines trees! Afterwards, we'll enjoy refreshments and fellowship together. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors.



### **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.

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### GIVING UPDATE

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September Giving Goal:	\$52,520	YTD Giving Goal:	\$157,560
September Actual Giving:	\$33,711	YTD Giving Total:	\$132,671

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### MISSIONS UPDATE

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During the month of September, please be praying for Jody Collinge who works with community health evangelism ministries around the world through the Global CHE Network. She primarily develops training materials and works with Children's CHE, or community health evangelism with children. CHE is an integral or wholistic ministry, bringing health and wholeness in Christ through Christian community development. While not traveling, Jody works with children in Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Please be in prayer for her upcoming travels, that plans would proceed smoothly, meetings would be fruitful, and that time with friends and family would be restful.

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 15th at 8am, as we grow in fellowship together. This event is free and open to all ages.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



**Youth Group & Tween Girls' Group Meets Wednesdays, 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.

VOLUNTEER ROTATION

**Elder of the Day**

Today: Bill Calhoun  
Next Week: Mike Bliss

**Deacon of the Day**

Today: Andrew Kroese  
Next Week: Morris Tuck

**Greeters**

Today: Amy Antill + Marilyn Smith  
Next Week: Kris Benavides + Cathy Mahlstedt

**Children's Church**

Today: Sidor Family  
Next Week: Samantha + Josh Kroese

**Nursery**

Today: Benitez Family  
Next Week: Caroline Boone + Della Brown

**Communion Preparation**

October: Linda Hendrickson  
November: Marilyn Smith + Clay McCarty

## 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.*

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## STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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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

### Elders

Mike Bliss

Curtis Briggs

Bill Calhoun

Chris D'Souza

Josh Mehling

### Deacons

John Cover

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Andrew Kroese

Dennis Radford

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