

## Welcome

Welcome to PBCC. We are glad you have joined us today.

We gather in worship to remind ourselves who God is, what he has done in Christ, and what he is doing through his Spirit.

We gather in worship to praise God and receive afresh his Spirit in us, to affirm that we are family, reconciled one to another, and to be empowered to reach out to the world.



If you are new, please fill out an information card, found in the pew racks, and drop it in the offering plate so we can contact you. Our ushers, greeters and hosts in the Information Booth are available to answer any questions.

If you are a regular attender, please also use an information card to update your contact information, or to submit a prayer request to be shared with pastors, elders, a confidential prayer team and printed in our worship guide.

A prayer team is available at the front left of the auditorium after each service.

## Sunday Classes

**Body Life in Mandarin**, led by Joseph Chou & Teng Moh at 10:30am in room 205, on-going.

**For more information** about these events and regular weekly activities, please see our website, weekly e-bulletin, or ask at the Information Booth.

## Upcoming Events

**Next Sunday:** Message by Brian Morgan Acts 1:12-26

**Baptism:** Please join us **Today at 2pm** at the home of David and Karen Downing. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Andy Drake: andy@pbcc.org. Information about baptism and maps to the Downing home are available in the Information Booth.

**Newcomers' Dessert:** New to PBCC? Would you like to know more about what shapes us as a church and find ways to get connected? Please come get to know us, and let us get to know you **tonight** for dessert **from 6:30pm-8pm** at the Drake home. Maps available in the Information Booth. For more info contact Andy: andy@pbcc.org.

**Golf Tournament:** Join us this **Saturday, May 9th**. All skill levels are welcome! Register at our table outside the auditorium **TODAY**, or online under upcoming events.

**Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast:** Stockade will be serving their annual pancake breakfast to the moms this **Mother's Day, May 10th**. As always, breakfast will be served between services.

**All Church Picnic is May 24 at Ortega Park.** Come enjoy fun, food, & fellowship with your PBCC family! Table for volunteer opportunities after each worship service. Ticket sales start **May 10th**. Contact Toni Shuma: toni@shuma.us or 408.824.4708.



## Prayer Requests

**Praise God for...**

1. my cancer check-up. It showed no cancer! They got it. Woo Hoo!
2. a successful stem cell transplant for my son-in-law, Dennis.

**Please pray for...**

1. healing for Rebecca's injured back and slackening of her constant pain.
2. my anxiety attacks and panic attacks when I come in contact with 3 specific individuals.

If you would like to share a prayer request through the bulletin, please drop a note in the offering plate.

*For emergencies, call the Prayer Vine,*

*Bev Abel (408.247.6921), June Hendry (650.967.8591) or Libby Knab (650.968.2422)*

## Financial Report

March 2015	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$166,839	\$177,094	(\$ 10,255)
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$170,498	\$181,382	(\$ 10,884)
Need Fund	\$1,909	\$2,109	
Missions Fund	\$12,512	\$9,975	

Service Times: 8:30, 10:30 am Sundays

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# Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino

## Prerequisites for Life

(Acts 1:1-11)



Giotto, *The Ascension* (1305) wikiart.org

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” (Eph 4:8 esv)

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

Music: James Garcia & Team  
Host: Andy Drake  
Message: Brian Morgan

### Call to Worship:

Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For the LORD, the most high, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.  
God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.  
God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our king, sing praises!  
For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm! (adapted from Psalm 47 ESV)

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 72:1-4,7,8

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!  
<sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!  
<sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!  
<sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!  
<sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!  
<sup>8</sup> May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth! (ESV)

### Songs

**O Worship The King** (C. Tomlin)

**Cornerstone** (J. Myrin, R. Morgan, E. Liljero, W. Bradbury)

**Jesus Shall Reign** (I. Watts)

**God of This City** (A. Boyd, R. Bleakley, P. Comfort, P. Kernaaghan,  
A. McCann, I. Jordan)

**Text: Acts 1:1-11**

### I. Waiting for the Promise

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### II. Understanding our Role

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

### III. Understanding Jesus’ Role

<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**Questions to think about**

1. Do you see your faith as a missionary faith? What motivates you in this area? (2 Cor 5:10-15)
2. What cultural barriers make it difficult to share your faith? How did Paul overcome those barriers? (Acts 17:16-31; 2 Cor 4:1-12)
3. How does Jesus’ exaltation to God’s right hand undergird our mandate to witness? (Ps 2; Acts 8:3-4; 10:1-34)
4. Have you ever sensed that God was inviting you to pray for an individual or group outside your comfort zone and then experienced a surprising encounter that opened the door to witness? (Acts 8:26-40; Isa 56:3-8)
5. Reflect on the places God has “sent” you over the past year (i.e. business trips, vacations, neighbors, social engagements, cultural events, hospital visits, relatives, etc.). Were you aware of open doors to witness in any of those settings? (Col 4:2-6)
6. Looking to the months ahead, pray for God to open a door to witness where he is “sending” you.