

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.

Happy Mother's Day!

The flowers at the front of the church are to honor all women among us and the life they give to our community and beyond.

Upcoming Events

Next Sunday: Message by Ray Romero.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast: Stockade will be serving their annual pancake breakfast to the moms **Today**. 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! Please bring a dish to share: A-Q Salad/Side, R-Z Dessert. Table for volunteer opportunities after each worship service. Ticket sales start **Today**. Contact Toni Shuma: toni@shuma.us or 408.824.4708.



Prayer Requests

Praise God for...

1. providing our agency with the staffing needed for our programs with at-risk youth.
2. the safe birth of a firstborn son, Dantonio, to Daniel and Toni and four sisters.

Please pray for...

1. my sister who may be put on dialysis soon.
2. my ex-husband to get a job, take responsibility for his finances and be convicted to pay the money he owes my son.
3. Jim, an unbeliever, to have his spiritual eyes opened. Wisdom for how I should interact with him.
4. salvation for Keith.
5. healing and comfort for Larry.
6. healing and forgiveness in my family because of my ill manners and big mouth.
7. my sister Dolores who is caring for my mom who suffers from severe dementia while she deals with her own breast cancer treatment.

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

<i>March 2015</i>	<i>received</i>	<i>disbursed</i>	<i>gain/(loss)</i>
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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Foundations for Life

(Acts 1:9-26)



Benvenuto Tisi da Garofalo - Ascension of Christ (1510-1520)

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were devoting themselves to prayer,
together with the women
and Mary the mother of Jesus,
and his brothers.

Acts 1:14
(esv)

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Music: Justin Garcia & Team

Host: Sharon Coleman

Message: Brian Morgan

Call to Worship:

You have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture—
how he would suffer and die
and then rise from the dead on the third day;
how the same power that raised Jesus from the dead
raised him to heaven and seated him at the right hand of God,
where he now lives to intercede on our behalf.

So let us draw near to God with full assurance of faith,
and sing for joy for his unfailing love to redeem us,
granting us direct access into this grace in which we stand.

Scripture Reading: Phil 1:27-28

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. (ESV)

Songs

Forever (C. Tomlin)

Forever Reign (J. Ingram, R. Morgan)

All To Us (C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, M. Maher, M. Redman)

The Lord's Prayer (D. Burns)

Offertory

We Believe (M. Hooper, R. Fike, T. Ryan)

Text: Acts 1:9-26

I. The Ascension: Understanding Jesus' Role

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ 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."

II. Mutual Dependence in Persevering Prayer

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

III. A Replacement for Judas: The Twelfth Foundation Stone

A. The need for a replacement

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

B. The basis for a replacement

²⁰ "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office."

C. The qualifications for a replacement

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—a witness to his resurrection with us one of these men must become."

D. The process for a replacement

²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

How Firm is Your Foundation?

1. Though Luke's depiction of Jesus' ascension is restrained, its significance was not lost on the apostles (Dan 7:13-14; Acts 2:33-35; Eph 1:21; 4:10; Phil 2:9-11; Heb 1:3-4). What impact should Jesus' ascension have upon your life (Heb 10:19-25)?

2. What qualities does Luke highlight about this new community (note: In Jewish law 120 Jewish men were required to form a new community)? Is this descriptive of your community? What might you do to transform it?

3. During Jesus' ministry the disciples were moved by his frequent and fervent prayers and asked Jesus if he would teach them to pray (Luke 11:1). In the book of Acts we find the disciples like Jesus are persevering in prayer, which suggests that this is a primary role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Read and reflect how and when the early church prayed, and pray that God will transform us as his people to persevere in prayer (Acts 1:14; 24; 2:42; 3:1; 4:31; 6:4, 6; 8:15, 22, 24; 9:11, 40; 10:2, 4, 9, 30, 31; 11:5; 12:5, 12; 13:3; 14:23; 16:13, 16, 25; 20:36; 21:5; 22:17; 27:29; 28:8)

4. Note how thoughtful and methodical Peter is in discerning the necessity and the process to find a replacement for Judas. Does the fact that this is the last time in Scripture that the casting of lots is used to make a decision suggest that the role of decision making is now given to the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:2; 16:6)? Do you rely on the Holy Spirit in your decisions? How?

5. If you were living in Nepal last week during the great earthquake and lost many friends and family and most of the homes in your district had collapsed, what would have happened to your faith (Heb 12:25-29)?