

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 information about Sunday events and regular weekly activities, please see our website, weekly e-newsletter, or ask at the Information Booth.

Community Hour Cafe is short a monthly coordinator for the 1st and 4th Sunday of the month. Please contact Linda Marten: lindamarten@gmail.com to learn more about these two opportunities.

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

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Upcoming Events

Next Sunday: Brian Morgan will continue in Acts.

Call For Art Deadline for God's Dwelling Place, an exhibit for **Adult and High School Artists**; photo of work due **May 23**. Info: Info Booth and pbcc.org → Serving at PBCC → VAM.

God is Awesome!, the current art exhibit that shows art by PBCC children from Grades 3-8, ends **Next Sunday, May 29 at 12 noon**.

All Church Picnic May 29 at Ortega Park. Come enjoy fun, food, & fellowship with your PBCC family! Stop by our table for volunteer opportunities and to buy tickets after each worship service **today!** Cost: \$4 ages 12+, \$3 3-11, Free ages 2 and under. Contact Toni Shuma: toni@shuma.us or 408.824.4708.

Sex and the Brain Seminar: Sunday, June 5, 2:30pm-4:30pm in the PBCC auditorium. This seminar will address how pornography and other sexual messages can impact our brain chemistry, creating a need to act in ways that may be contrary to our own values and morals. The good news is that our brains can heal, we can be restored from feelings of shame and guilt, and our relationships can thrive again! Whether for yourself, your spouse, your kids or your friend, this seminar is full of helpful information and tools to bring freedom from a bondage that so many experience today. There will be an opportunity to ask questions anonymously.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for...

1. me that my faith would not fail. My spouse is two-faced.
2. salvation for my 61 year-old cousin just diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
3. peace for my sister as she goes through an ugly divorce and move. Pray for God's leading for new housing by July 1.

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>April 2016</i>	<i>received</i>	<i>disbursed</i>	<i>gain/(loss)</i>
General Fund	\$128,331	\$183,218	(\$ 54,887)
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$184,204	\$180,227	\$ 3,977
Need Fund	\$1,885	\$732	
Missions Fund	\$8,144	\$42,166	

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Liberating Prayer

Acts 12:1-17



Antonio de Bellis, *The Liberation of St. Peter*, 1640

Bring me out of prison,
that I may give thanks to your name!
The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 142:7 (ESV)

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Music: Lucinda King, Dave Hibbert and the PBCC Choir
Host: Larry Brown
Message: Brian Morgan with Jim Martin, IJM

Call to Worship: select verses from Psalm 146

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.
The LORD sets prisoners free,
the LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.
Let us praise the LORD in song;
We shall sing praise to our God as long as we live. (NIV)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:6-9a

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?
Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter —
when you see the naked, to clothe them,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,
and your healing will quickly appear;
then your righteousness will go before you,
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.
Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say, 'Here am I.' (NIV)

Songs

This I Believe (The Creed) (B. Fielding, M. Crocker)
Praise to the Lord The Almighty (J. Neander)
Lord I Need You (J. Reeves, K. Stanfill, M. Maher, C. Nockels, D. Carson)
And Can It Be #203 (C. Wesley Arr. B. Kauffman)
What the Lord Has Done in Me (R. Morgan Arr. L. Larson)
God Is Able (B. Fielding, R. Morgan)

Scripture Text: Acts 12:1-17

¹ About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ² He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³ and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. (ESV)

⁶ Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸ And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. ¹¹ When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³ And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place. (ESV)

Notes

Our guest:

Today we welcome Jim Martin, Vice President of Spiritual Formation for International Justice Mission. PBCC has partnered with the Mumbai office with a goal of raising \$50,000 a year, which is the approximate annual cost for two IJM lawyers plus training materials for them to educate government officials. We surpassed our goal the last two years and this year we are ¼ of the way there. If you would like join us in this campaign go to www.ijm.org/pbc.