

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.

Prayer requests can be shared with either just the pastors, elders and a confidential prayer team or printed anonymously in our worship guide.

If you are a regular attender, please also use an information card to update your contact information.

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.

Evening Classes

Monday Night Class: New Testament Church History. The first seventy years of the church, from its genesis on the day of Pentecost, through to the end of the NT at the close of the first century. How did the church spread? How did it function? **Mondays 7-9pm, Sept. 19–Dec. 12** in Fellowship Hall. Taught by Bernard Bell. Questions? email bernard@pbcc.org.

Tuesday Evenings in the Psalms 7-8:30pm, starting Oct 4 in Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of worship as we make our pilgrimage through the book of Psalms, setting forth a psalm each week as our text for prayer, singing and poetry. All ages welcome and regular attendance is not required. Led by Brian Morgan and friends.

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

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Upcoming Events

Next Sunday: Joel Taylor will continue the Sermon on the Mount.

Sunday Night Life: Join us **Sunday evenings starting tonight, Sept 25 – Oct 16** for a great time of dinner, fellowship, and teaching from 5:30-7:30 pm. Donations of \$6 per person or \$15 per family requested for dinner. Check out the flyer under upcoming events on our website for a brief description of the five wonderful classes being offered. Bring a friend.

Artists' Reception for current exhibit, *Blessed are the Merciful*, will be **Sunday, October 2**, following second service.

Men's Retreat November 4-6 at Mount Hermon: Rikk Watts will be our speaker. He will be looking at how Christianity has transformed our world and how it can transform us today. You don't want to miss this weekend! Sign-ups start today after each service or online on our website.



Prayer Requests

Praise God for...

1. many job opportunities and God's guidance in making a choice.
2. a beautiful wedding for my son.
3. the new job for my son and for mine. God is a wonderful provider.

Please Pray for...

1. my sister Dolores as she deals with caring for our mother in addition to her own issues.
2. a restored friendship.
3. my willingness to surrender lust and addiction, doing whatever it takes while at ARC and for healing from childhood PTSD and emotional neglect.
4. my daughter's college admission.
5. my friend who is struggling in her marriage.
6. blessings in my new job.
7. God to strengthen my son and daughter-in-law's faith in their marriage.
8. volunteers for Kids Club. Many teams, including our PBCC team, still need more volunteers in order to begin.

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) or Libby Knab (650.968.2422)*

Financial Report

<i>August 2016</i>	<i>received</i>	<i>disbursed</i>	<i>gain/(loss)</i>
General Fund	\$170,008	\$180,081	(\$10,073)
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$177,162	\$185,838	(\$8,676)
Need Fund	\$1,965	\$4,192	
Missions Fund	\$10,400	\$8,959	

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The Spiritually Poor

Matthew 5:3



On These Hills by Kathy Self

Now when Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”.

Matthew 5:1-3 (NIV)

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Music: Dave Hibbert & the PBCC Choir
Host: Bernard Bell
Message: Shawn Reese

Call to Worship: based on Ps 34:1-8, 18

Leader: We will bless the Lord at all times,

People: God's praise is always on our lips; in the Lord our souls shall make their boast.

Leader: The humble shall hear and be glad. Glorify the Lord with us.
Together let us praise God's name.

People: We sought the Lord and were heard, from all our terrors set free.

Leader: Look toward God and be radiant; let your faces not be ashamed.
When the poor cry out, the Lord hears them and rescues them
from all their distress.

People: Taste and see that the Lord is good. They are happy who seek refuge in God.

All: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.(NIV)

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:16-19

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (NIV)

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:3-10

³ **Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (NIV)

"The greatest need of modern Christianity is the rediscovery of the Sermon on the Mount as the only practical way to live."

E. Stanley Jones

Reflection Questions:

What is Good News for you in this Beatitude?

Is being poor in spirit your heart's desire?

What does dependency on Jesus look like in your life?

What (or who) is currently hindering your dependency on Jesus?

How will your prayers change as a result of this Beatitude?

Songs

Oh For a Thousand Tongues (C. Wesley)
Rock of Ages (A. Toplady)
Fairest Lord Jesus (Public Domain)
Face the Cross (R. Elaine, S. Schram)
Unwavering (M. Maher)