

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. Our desire is 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 get acquainted with you. Our ushers, greeters and hosts in the Information Booth are available to answer any questions.

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

The information card may be used to share prayer requests with either just the pastors, elders and a confidential prayer team or printed anonymously in our worship guide.

For regular news and updates, subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter: pbcc.org/upcoming/enews-sign-up/.

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

Classes

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

Peacemaking Class, Sundays through December 10, 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. Our remaining classes will be "Gently Restore" and "Go and be Reconciled." Led by Wade Walter.

Tuesday Evenings in the Psalms 7-8:30pm, through December 12, in Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of worship as we make our pilgrimage through the book of Psalms. Led by Brian Morgan and friends.

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

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Upcoming Events*

Next Sunday Shawn Reese will teach on Christ and Creation from Col 1.

Missionary Christmas offering: Please place in the offering **this Sunday or next**, using a pew envelope and entering "Missionary Christmas" on the line marked other.

Liberia 2018: If you have any questions about the Liberia 2018 trip, stop by room 109 today after 2nd service **12:00-1:pm**.

Grief Group will meet at the home of Sandy Martin, 5913 Tompkins Dr., San Jose on **Monday, December 4 at 7pm**. Phone # 408.446.9455.

Young at Heart meets on **December 8, 5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We serve dinner, entertain, sing and have fun. Sign up at our table today.

New Art Exhibit, *From Heaven to Earth*; Artist Reception on **December 10, 2-4pm**. Come see the art and meet the artists!

*More detailed information can be found on our website under the "UPCOMING" button.



Prayer Requests

Please Pray for...

1. God to give me healing and direction as I deal with severe anxiety, fear, worry and depression.
2. Shelley who is very ill. Pray for healing and peace.
3. our sister, Mary, who is depressed and hurting for her 2 sons and 5 grandchildren, in the midst of painful divorces. Pray for God to touch all their hearts with healing and new life in Him.

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

For emergencies, call the Prayer Vine, Bev Abel (408.247.6921)

Holiday Service Schedule

<i>Dec 17</i>	Choir Christmas Concert	7:00pm
<i>Dec 24</i>	Christmas Eve (Family Service)	8:30am; 10:30am
<i>Dec 24</i>	Christmas Eve (Lessons and Carols)	7:00pm
<i>Dec 31</i>	New Year's Eve Services	8:30am; 10:30am

*There will be no childcare or children's classes for any of the above services or events.

Financial Report

<i>October 2017</i>	<i>received</i>	<i>disbursed</i>	<i>gain/(loss)</i>
General Fund	\$193,577	\$191,103	\$2,474
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$201,925	\$191,322	\$10,603
Need Fund	\$2,761	\$1,966	
Missions Fund	\$16,988	\$11,858	

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Surpassing Love

Matthew 5:43-48



A Cup of Kindness and Friendship
by Nancy Woodward

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
Romans 12:20a (NIV)

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Music: James Garcia and Team
Host: Bernard Bell
Message: Shawn Reese

Call to Worship: Psalm 106:1-3, 47-48

- ¹ Praise the LORD.
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
- ² Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD
or fully declare his praise?
- ³ Blessed are those who act justly,
who always do what is right.
- ⁴⁷ Save us, LORD our God,
and gather us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.
- ⁴⁸ Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

Let all the people say, "Amen!"

Praise the LORD. (NIV)

Songs:

Joyful (The One Who Saves) (B. Brown)
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (J. Smith, C. Wesley)
Holy Holy Holy (God With Us) (M. Maher)
King Of My Heart (J. McMillan, S. McMillan)
Reckless love (C. Culver, C. Asbury, R. Jackson)
Show the way (D. Wilcox)
Christ Be All Around Me (D. Leonard, J. Mooring, L. Mooring, L. Jordan)

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴ Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. ¹⁵ Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. ¹⁶ Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. ¹⁷ Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. ¹⁸ If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. ¹⁹ Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." ²⁰ Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. ²¹ Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good. (THE MESSAGE)

Scripture Text: Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (NIV)

Outline

I. Scribal Teaching (43)

II. Jesus' Teaching (44)

III. Jesus' Application (45-48)

IV. Implications

A. Agape through concrete deeds

B. Agape through prayer

C. Agape through surrendering to God's love for us