

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 attendee, 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.

Whispers of Rest: 40 ways to refresh your soul with God's peace and presence. Led by Grace Kvamme & Bonnie Gray on **Sundays, 10:30am in Fellowship Hall, now – March 25**. Brunch at Kvamme's March 25.

Tuesday Evenings in the Psalms 7–8:30pm, now – June 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.

Footsteps of Paul - Follow Paul's second and third journeys. Designed for those taking the tour in May, but open to anyone. Teacher: Bernard Bell. **Mondays, March 19–April 23, 7–9pm** in Fellowship Hall.

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

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Upcoming Events*

Next Sunday Shawn Reese will teach our Palm Sunday message.

Grief Group meets at the home of Sandy Martin, 5913 Tompkins Dr., San Jose. The next meeting is on **Monday, March 19, at 6:30pm**. Contact Sandy at: 408.446.9455.

SERVICE SUNDAY EXPO - today after each service in Fellowship Hall. Learn about our SERVICE SUNDAY projects and get registered!

Forum: Religion and Violence - talk by Bernard Bell, followed by Q & A. **Tonight, 7pm** in the auditorium.

New Art Exhibit begins next week featuring art by PBCC Grades K-8 & art from Whispers of Rest class; **Artist Reception next Sunday 12–1pm**.

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

Easter Services

Palm Sunday - March 25 - 8:30 & 10:30 am

Good Friday - March 30 - 7 pm

Easter Sunday - April 1 - 8:30 & 10:30 am

Prayer Requests

Praise God for...

1. my 2013 & 2014 completed tax returns and my brand new accountant.
2. the breakthrough at Compass Bible Study. Praise for personal encounters with God and prepared hearts for open sharing. Pray that these seeds be planted and nurtured.
3. my oldest and unbelieving son telling me he cares about me and acts like it too!

Please Pray for...

1. healing for 22-month-old Gregory with cancer. All options were tried and failed.
2. our family as we prepare for hosting orphans this summer. Pray for God's provision of funds and preparing our hearts.
3. my wife and I to be back together.

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)

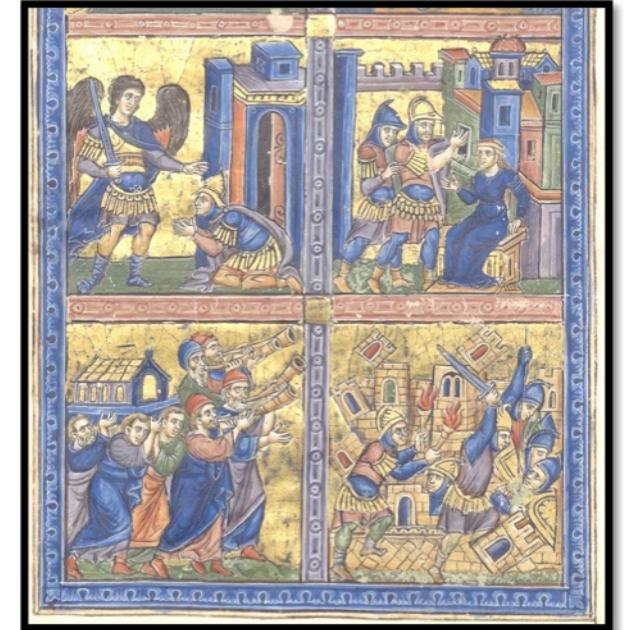
Financial Report

January 2018	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$137,780	\$179,419	(\$41,639)
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$194,737	\$195,659	(\$922)
Need Fund	\$3,730	\$5,019	
Missions Fund	\$20,738	\$14,421	

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Holy War, Are You Ready?

Joshua 6:1-27



Bible abrégée en français
Source: gallica.bnf.fr
Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal, Ms-5211 réserve, fol. 69v.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen....

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down
after they had been encircled for seven days.

Hebrews 11:1, 30

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Music: Brian Moore and Team

Special Music: Dave Hibbert and the PBCC Choir

Host: Bernard Bell

Message: Brian Morgan

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-5

- ¹ The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ² The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!
- ⁴ The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he! (ESV)

Scripture Text: Joshua 6:1-6:27

I. The Battle Plan for the Capture of Jericho (6:1-5)

A. Instructions to Joshua – A holy procession

^{6:1} Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ² And the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³ You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. ⁴ Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ And when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.”

B. Joshua instructs the people (6:6-7)

⁶ So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.” ⁷ And he said to the people,

“Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD.”

II. Commands Perfectly Executed (6:8-14)

A. Day 1 – The piercing cries of the shofars in the midst of a thundering silence (6:8-11)

⁸ And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. ⁹ The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually.

¹⁰ But Joshua commanded the people, “You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.” ¹¹ So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

B. Days 2-6 – Circling, circling, circling...silence (6:12-14)

¹² Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. ¹³ And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. ¹⁴ And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days.

III. Day 7: Circle, Shout —>Judge and Save (6:15-19)

¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. ¹⁷ And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

¹⁸ But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. ¹⁹ But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD.”

IV. The Fall of Jericho (6:20-21)

A. Shouting by faith—>victory (20-21)

²⁰ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. ²¹ Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

B. Saving the remnant (6:22-25)

²² But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her.” ²³ So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. ²⁴ And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. ²⁵ But Rahab the prostitute and her father’s household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

V. Epilogue: After the Battle

A. A curse if Jericho rebuilt (6:26)

²⁶ Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, “Cursed before the LORD be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. At the cost of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest son shall he set up its gates.” (see 1 Kings 16:34)

B. Joshua exalted (6:27)

²⁷ So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

Songs:

O Praise The Name (Anástasis) (B. Hastings, D. Ussher, M. Sampson)
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (LAUDA ANIMA) (L. Fellingham intro)
How Great Is Our God (E. Cash, J. Reeves, C. Tomlin)
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (M. Luther, T. Walker)
This is My Father’s World (M. Babcock, Arr. E. Hagenberg)
Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho (traditional Black Spiritual)
By Faith (K. Getty, K. Getty, S. Townend)