

## Welcome to PBCC

We are glad you 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 a Newcomer, please fill out the information card found in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate so we can get acquainted with you. Along with our pastors, elders and greeters, the volunteers in the Information Booth are available to answer questions and help with whatever you need. For PBCC news and updates, subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at pbcc.org.

We encourage involvement in small groups for walking through life together, helping each other make Jesus Lord of life. For information on our various groups, contact Shawn@pbcc.org or Sharon@pbcc.org.

## Classes

**Body Life in Mandarin**, led by Joseph Chou & Teng Moh on **Sundays**, 10:30am in room 104, on-going.

**Encountering God in ALL the Seasons of Life**: Tracing through the life of Jacob from conception to death. Taught by Brian Morgan **Wednesdays**, 7-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall. (resumes January 9)

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

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## Upcoming Events

**Next Sunday:** Shawn Reese will continue our Advent series with Matthew 2:13-23.

**RealOptions Tree of Life:** Simply take a bag off the tree in the back of the auditorium and purchase the suggested item or send in a donation. This helps us provide free services, touched hearts and transformed lives.

**PBCC Choir Christmas Concert tonight, December 16, at 7 pm.** Stay after for hot chocolate and cookies in the Fellowship Hall.

## Prayer Requests

*Praise God for . . .*

1. His faithfulness and provision to PBCC members amidst their ongoing trials and tribulations.

*Please Pray for . . .*

1. the Holy Spirit's guidance over the youth, young adult and singles communities at PBCC.
2. our holidays, that all our giving would be wise, free and cheerful.
3. my granddaughter to do well in her upcoming interview for a competitive grad school program and that she be judged fairly. If the program is a good fit, please pray that she be admitted.

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\*

**Tonight:** Choir Christmas Concert 7pm  
**Christmas Eve, Dec 24:** (Family Service) 4pm  
(Lessons and Carols) 7pm

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

## Financial Report

	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
September 2018			
General Fund	\$201,119	\$195,873	\$5,246
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$200,117	\$197,527	\$2,590
Need Fund	\$2,125	\$3,641	
Missions Fund	\$20,085	\$12,568	

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Where is he  
who has been born king of the Jews?  
Matthew 2:1-12



**Giotto, Adoration of the Magi**  
Scrovegni Chapel (Padua, c. 1305)

A star shall come out of Jacob,  
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel. (Num 24:17)

And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising. (Isa 60:3)

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him tribute;  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts!

May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him! (Ps 72:10-11)

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

Music: Scott Kinder and Team

Host: Shawn Reese

Message: Brian Morgan

### **The Word that Calls us to Worship**

- 14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.  
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.
- 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
“Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.
- 17 The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing
- Zephaniah 3:14-17 (ESV)

### **Prophetic Text: Micah 5:1-4**

- 1 Marshal your troops now, city of troops,  
for a siege is laid against us.  
They will strike Israel’s ruler  
on the cheek with a rod.
- 2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”
- 3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,  
and the rest of his brothers return  
to join the Israelites.
- 4 He will stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth. (NIV)

**Scripture Reading/Sermon Text: Matt 2:1-12 (ESV)**

### **A Magi come from the east having seen a rising star**

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

### **B Herod summons the chief priest and scribes**

<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

### **X Micah’s prophecy of the birthplace of the King**

<sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:  
‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

### **B’ Herod summons the Magi and sends them to Bethlehem**

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

### **A’ The star leads the Magi to the house where they worship the king**

<sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

### **Epilogue: The Magi, being warned in a dream, return “another way”**

<sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

### **Songs:**

**Hark The Herald** (R. Critchley, C. Wesley)

**O Come O Come Emmanuel** (L. Larson)

**What Child is This** (W. Dix)

**What A Beautiful Name** (B. Fielding, B. Ligertwood)

**O Come All Ye Faithful** (C. Oakeley, J. Wade)

**O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem** (G. Scheer)

**Joy To The World** (G. Handel, I. Watts)