

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.

Bridges Class: Christians Connecting with Muslims **Sundays, now - June 9**, 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. "Bridges" seeks to replace fear with love and gentle boldness, reshaping the way Christians respond to their Muslim neighbors. Facilitators: Bernard Bell and Miel Horrilleno.

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

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Upcoming Events

Next Sunday: Brian Morgan will continue our study in Acts.

All children in grades K-8 are invited to submit art for the **2019 Youth Art Exhibit**. Call for Art packets are in the Info Booth and online at pbcc.org/ministries/art. Paperwork is due **June 10**.

Operation Christmas Child – is still happening this year. We are also asking that the Lord would raise up one or more of you to serve alongside us as we lead the OCC project here at PBCC. Please e-mail Gay gayzim3@aol.com or Tess tess328@aol.com or call 408-745-1288 for more information.

Happy Mother's Day!

We recognize that Mother's Day can be painful for those who have experienced a loss. The flowers placed in front of the church are dedicated to the women whose heart's desire to raise a child has not been realized. We honor ALL women among us today for the life they give to our community and beyond.

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for...

1. health and an attitude that glorifies God.
2. healing in my relationship with my son.
3. a believer who is recovering from a stroke.
4. complete healing and quick recovery for a believer's seriously injured foot.

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

March 2019	received	disbursed	gain/(loss)
General Fund	\$190,388	\$178,923	\$11,465
Gen. Fund 12 mo. average	\$200,858	\$184,827	\$16,031
Need Fund	\$6,835	\$1,849	
Missions Fund	\$17,757	\$13,525	

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“Not by might, nor by Power,
but by my Spirit”

Acts 19:8-20



I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.
They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams.
Isaiah 44:3b-4 (NIV)

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Music: James Garcia and Team
Host: Christine Berlier
Message: Brian Morgan

Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (ESV)

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD,
the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

People: Praise be to you O Lord!

Leader: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

People: Praise be to you O Lord!

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD,
and you are exalted as head above all.
Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might,
and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

People: Praise be to you O Lord!

All: And now we thank you, our God,
and praise your glorious name.

Praise be to you O Lord!

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 44:1-5; 60:4-5 (NIV)

- ¹ But now listen, Jacob, my servant,
Israel, whom I have chosen.
- ² This is what the LORD says—
he who made you, who formed you in the womb,
and who will help you:
Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant,
Jeshurun (“upright”), whom I have chosen.
- ³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.
- ⁴ They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams.

- ⁵ Some will say, ‘I belong to the LORD’;
others will call themselves by the name of Jacob;
still others will write on their hand, ‘The LORD,’
and will take the name Israel. (Isaiah 44:1-5)
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
- ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come. (Isaiah 60:4-5)

Sermon Text: Acts 19:8-20 (ESV)

I. The Failure of Direct Opposition (19:8-12)

A. Rejection leads to a greater open door (vv. 8-9)

⁸ And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus.

B. Unprecedented outpouring of life (vv. 10-12)

¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. ¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

II. The Failure of Infiltration by Imitation (19:13-20)

A. Counterfeit imitation (vv. 13-16)

¹³ Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” ¹⁶ And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

B. Greater reputation and purity (vv. 17-19)

¹⁷ And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ¹⁸ Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. ¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

C. The Inescapable Conclusion (19:20)

²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What observations can you make from this text on how the Spirit leads us?
2. What is the significance of Paul’s extraordinary miracles?
3. Notice that Paul is tirelessly working and ministering in the first half of the text, but he is entirely absent in the second half. Does this suggest to you where or how we should fight our battles in the kingdom?
4. Last week we saw that conversion involves four things: repentance, faith, water baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Which of the four did many of the new converts in Ephesus feel they were lacking?
5. If “fear” of the Lord fell upon our community, what sins and practices do you think we would confess and what practical evidence might we give that we have repented?

Songs:

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) (J. Myrin, M. Redman)
O Praise The Name (Anástasis) (B. Hastings, D. Ussher, M. Sampson)
Who You Say I Am (B. Fielding, R. Morgan)
More Than Enough (S. Edwards, A. Meservy)
Glorious Ruins (M. Crocker, J. Houston)
Holy, Holy, Holy (J. Dykes, R. Heber)
No Longer Slaves (J. Helser, M. Helser)