

College Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to College Avenue Presbyterian Church!

We're glad you're here with us today and look forward to worshipping together and getting to know each other. Children's Coloring Sheets & Quiet Toys are located at the table area in the front to the left of the stage. We also have a lounge, off the entryway, where we broadcast the service if you need more space. We share a small snack and coffee after the service to connect, reconnect and make new connections.

Please come join us.

CHILDREN

We invite children 3 years old to 6th grade to depart for Godly Play (our Sunday School) during the song of praise. You can gather your child(ren) after worship upstairs in the GP room.

CAPC WORSHIP 101 PRAYER CARDS

You're invited to share your prayers of concern and gratitude with the community by filling out the cards, located in the pews, and leaving them in the glass jar on the left of the communion table before the end of the call to worship. We'll use them later in the Prayers of The People time using a call and

WIFI

response prompt.

2wire927 is our open wifi access. The password is 7304088568. If you tweet or instagram we invite you to use hashtag #capcoakland

NESTLÉ PARKING LOT

We are able to park in the lot. They ask us to enter and exit off of Chabot Road, and to access the lot via the pedestrian door on Chabot. GATHERING SONG "Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" - Blue Hymnal #356

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "When Will People Cease Their Fighting?" - Blue Hymnal #401

TIME OF CONFESSION - Bob Brylawski

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE "Don't Be Afraid" - insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Bob Brylawski
Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card

Liturgist: God, in your mercy.

Community: Hear our prayer.

To pray with someone after the service, look for today's liturgist in the lounge off the entryway.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING "Amen Chorus" - Blue Hymnal #299

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

- Bob Brylawski

Jeremiah 29:1-7 & Luke 17:11-21

Pew Bible, p. 763,1015

SERMON "Living in Gratitude" - Rev. Nancy Martin Vincent

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" - Blue Hymnal #150

CELEBRATING THE SIGN AND SEAL OF GOD'S LOVE IN CHRIST: COMMUNION

All who seek God's presence in the experience of Jesus of Nazareth are welcome

SONG DURING COMMUNION "10,000 Reasons" - Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good! Leader: And all the time! **People:** God is good! **People:** God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST "المسيح سلام" or "Salam almasih" (Arabic)

We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community as an audible sign of the Dominion of God working for the healing transformation of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

September Birthdays

Betty Trowbridge
 Mercy Beatty
 Michael Mendonca
 Linda Davis
 Olivia Wenzler
 Linda Trowbridge

8 Rev Monte McClain 28 Lisa Ko

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPC CHOIR | on vacation, starting up Sunday 9/11.

Friday Night Meal | Friday 6-7pm. Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help: ellenbry@comcast.net

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sunday 9:30-10:15am. *The Great Emergence.* Find pre-class resources and study materials on our blog at www.capcoakland.me.

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wednesday 7-8:30pm, meets near CAL campus | Questions: contact Marda Stothers 510.540.7173

Women's Group | 1^{st} , 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} Saturdays of the month 8:30-10am in the library. Currently discussing Acts of the Apostles.

Next week in Worship: Communion and our monthly collection of canned foodstuffs for the Deacons' Food Closet.

Recreation VBS Camp | We had a great week of camp! You can see photo memories at www.recreationvbs.org. Then click on 2016 PHOTOS in the principal menu.

Coffee & Conversations : Tuesday 9/13 10-11am Join us for a no-host informal, safe, open conversation time about faith and ethics. We met on the plaza in front of Safeway at Claremont @ College Aves.

Church Retreat Registration Monies: you can turn in your retreat monies to Anne Marie Adams today. She's teaching Godly Play, but will be at Coffee Hour.

Blessing of the Backpacks : Sunday, September 11th Kicking off the new school year in worship with a blessing and community-wide invitation to teachers to be celebrated.

Staff Vacations: Monte is on vacation this week. Rev. Nancy Martin Vincent is preaching Sunday 9/4.

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Chickwendu Okereke, Joy Barnes

Liturgist: Bob Brylawski

Fellowship: Fredora Darmstadt, Kristy McClain

Godly Play: Children in worship

Musicians: Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Roger Kim

& Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 9/11/16:

Ushers: Bob Brylawski, Jeff Trowbridge

Liturgist:

Fellowship: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson

Godly Play: Joy Barnes, Emma Fleming



Finding God in the tough times. Jeremiah 29:1-7 & Luke 17:11-21

When the leper realized that he was healed, he ran to find Jesus, fell on his knees and thanked him. In Jeremiah, the prophet tells the people that though they are in exile, they are to live their life. When we live our life in gratitude – finding God in the tough times – we learn to find life.

We welcome back to the pulpit today the Rev. Nancy Martin Vincent. Nancy is a pastor who specializes in interim/transitional ministry having served churches throughout the Bay Area, Reno and has just returned from serving two churches in Seattle. Nancy lives in Emeryville with her husband Paul and golden Retriever Gabby.



Next Sunday, September 11th at 10:30am.

We're beginning the school year with a blessing of our students, teachers and school staff members - those who are members of our congregational community and also those who serve in the schools in our surrounding community. Don't forget to bring your backpack for a blessing!

We're also collected school supplies needed and identified by the faculty and staff at our neighboring Claremont Middle School. Many stores are doing spectacular sales on such supplies (Target, Office Depot). You can bring your donations when you come to church up and through our celebration of the 11th.

Needed items include:

Paper towels	Kleenex	hand sanitizer
post it notes	pens	pencils
erasers	expo markers	colored pencils
color crayons	color markers	highlighters

Call to Worship Prayer:

by Rev. Thom Shuman @ www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

Whether we live in an apartment or a house; if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel; if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

God says, 'when you search for me, you will find me.'

Whether we have been wandering and lost; or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

God says, 'I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.'

"Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

Author: Robert Robinson; Blue Hymnal #356

- 1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!
- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.
- 3. O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter,
 Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 Prone to leave the God I love;
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.

"When Will People Cease Their Fighting?"

Author: Constance Cherry (1986); Blue Hymnal #401

- 1. When will people cease their fighting? When will armies wage no war, nations conquer not their neighbor, weapons idle, used no more? When will guns and bombs be silent? When will captives be set free? All creation groans in longing for the world's true liberty.
- 2. Floods and earthquakes, drought and famine plague the world with awesome ill, but far greater is war's horror caused by human, stubborn will. Blest are those who, working, praying, purpose in their hearts to be instruments of peace, committed to the nations' harmony.
- 3. As we strive for peace with vigor, hoping to be shown the way, we are strengthened in the knowledge of a future, perfect day; for we know that deeper, richer peace is ours when Christ shall reign: then will all our swords be plowshares and God's children free from pain.

Don't be Afraid

John Bell (Iona)

Don't be afraid my love is stronger My love is stronger than your fear Don't be afraid my love is stronger And I have promised, promised to be always near

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Author: Christian H. Bateman (1843); Blue Hymnal #150

- 1. Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
 Let all, with heart and voice,
 Before His throne rejoice;
 Praise is His gracious choice.
 Alleluia! Amen!
- 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
 Let praises fill the sky;
 Alleluia! Amen!
 He is our Guide and Friend;
 To us He'll condescend;
 His love shall never end.
 Alleluia! Amen!
- 3. Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore, Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

"10.000 Reasons"

Author: Christian H. Bateman (1843); Blue Hymnal #150

Chorus

Bless the Lord Oh my soul, Oh my soul Worship his holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I worship your holy name

1. The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes

chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

chorus

3. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing your unending, ten thousand reasons and then forevermore

chorus