

# MISSION BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

## WELCOME

If you are visiting MBCC for the first time below is some info to help you navigate your evening with us. Please see the "THE INSERT" for info on upcoming events and other announcements. If you have any questions or want to be added to our weekly eZine, please feel free to contact us at [info@missionbaycc.org](mailto:info@missionbaycc.org). Again, thanks for hanging out with us this evening, we are glad you are here!

## CHILDREN

There is no church school for the summer, so all children are invited to stay in worship. Kids K and under may also go to childcare located through the right side double doors and down the stairs.

## COFFEE

Please feel free to grab some coffee or snacks from the entrance areas and bring them into worship.

## TWITTER

We welcome and encourage you to find ways to connect to the MBCC crew, so if a thought, prayer, question or aha hits you some time during worship or the week, please feel free to follow and direct your musing to @mbcc.

## DINNER

happens downstairs after we finish with the formal worship service each week. All are welcome—this is best place to get to know this community. We worship by being in community too. \$5 suggested donation to help offset annual dinner costs.

## About MBCC Worship...

We are a church community who thinks and believes that worship should be fun, meaningful, and interactive. We understand that people receive and process information in different ways so we invite you to open yourself to experiencing God through singing, silence, prayer, journaling, listening, responding, praying, or, if you need, getting up and wandering about with a cup of coffee.

## Why we Worship...

We gather as the Body of Christ to respond to God for the blessings in our lives and to grow into a Spirit-filled community of energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

## Some other Worship Values...

Our worship is informed by a variety of styles, rituals and traditions but we see these things only as avenues for connecting with God, nothing more, nothing less. We value the rhythms of life, so we celebrate such church seasons as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and the "ordinary" times in between. We also value the power of language and use a broad use of Biblical imagery for and about God. Lastly, in our act of worship, we embrace the idea that we best discern the Mind of Christ and the Will of God TOGETHER.

## *First Sunday of Advent, 12.05.10 | Hope*

Preacher: Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow

Music Leader: Pete Feltman

Ministers and Artists, The Community

Dinner: The Reyes-Chow Pugh Crew

## *This Sunday Evening...*

Thank you for spending your evening here at Mission Bay Community Church. We hope that you will find ways that will open your heart, mind, and soul to the presence of the Spirit of God.

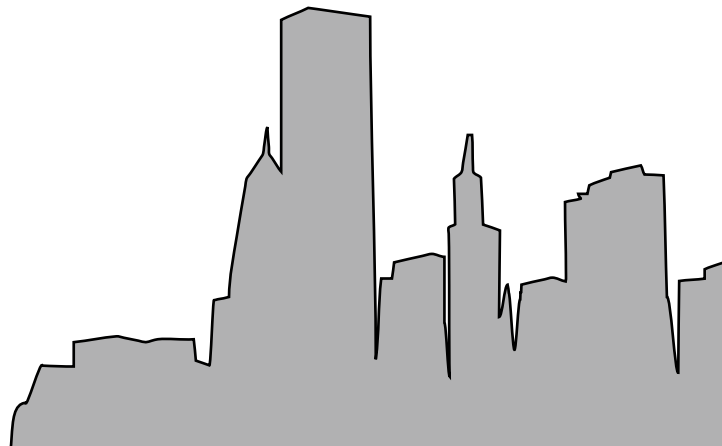
Our Sunday Worship gathering is a time for God's people to gather in Christian community, to give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives and to respond in ways that God would hope for us. If you are new to the whole church thing, know that it is our hope that God meets you wherever and however God intends.

We are in the season known as "Advent" a time when we wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. Sure we know what's coming at the end of the month, but this particular time in our church year offers us the gift of time to reflect on the eternal promises of God: that of love, hope, joy and peace for the world.

We continue with "hope." Too often the world confuses hope for optimism which in turns is labeled as naive. We will explore what it means to believe and live in the HOPE of God, not just as a concept, but as a life choice?"

If you have any questions about life, faith, or church, please feel free to drop me a note or give me a call.

*Bruce, the Pastor here*



# THE FOOLISH HUMILITY OF HOPE

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**PASTOR BRUCE**

## *Order of Worship*

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Lighting of the Advent candle**

### **Advent Carol**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Songs**

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12**

*The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of readings that both gives us a glimpse into the fullness of what the Bible has to offer and joins us to thousands of congregations around the world that are exploring the same texts. All scripture readings come from the Today's New International Version (TNIV) or the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible.*

### **John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

1 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

4 John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. 6 Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. 9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. 10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit

and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

### **Sermon and Conversation**

### **Stations:**

**Prayer candles, Communion, Song and Reflection**

### **Community Prayers**

### **Closing Song and Offering**

### **Charge and Benediction**

*Please feel free to join us downstairs for dinner and fellowship*

# THE INSERT 12.05.10

Your weekly glimpse into the chaotic and lovely crew that is Mission Bay Community Church.\*

**In prayer** *please take time to pray for:*

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**this week** *in the next seven days:*

- **TODAY Sunday:** Dinner: Reyes-Chow/Pugh Crew!
- **Monday, 10-3:** MBCC Office Hours
- **Thursday, 7-9: Session Meeting; 6-8 Excelsior Action Group Holiday Party at The Bottoms Up.**
- **Friday-Wednesday:** Bruce will be out of town, but reachable by electronic means.
- **NEXT Sunday:** Third Sunday in ADVENT: Joy

**coming soon** *mark your calendars:*

- **Advent Bible Study I and II:** Looks like they are not happening this year, look for new studies in 2011
- **Stewardship 2011:** It is never to late to pledge to 2011, but thanks for those who have done so far! Thanks!
- **Homeless Memorial: December 21 at 5:30 join others at City Hall for an interfaith candlelight memorial service to honor those who have died on our streets.**
- **Christmas Eve Service:** 6:00 at MBCC our traditional lessons and carols as read by our young folks.
- **Congregational Meeting:** Jan 16 after worship we will receive the 2011 budget, Elect new Elders and Approve the Pastoral "Terms of Call" (salary package).
- **Freedom Sunday:** W/thousands of other churches, on March 13 our worship will focus on modern day slavery and human trafficking. [www.freedomssunday.org](http://www.freedomssunday.org)

**ongoing activities**

- **Food Pantry:** MBCC sponsored Excelsior Community Food Pantry takes place every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday's with MBCC providing volunteers each 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. For more info eMail [foodpantry@missionbaycc.org](mailto:foodpantry@missionbaycc.org)
- **Pastoral Care Team:** If you have a prayer, need support, have an approaching milestone or are interested in learning more about the PCT please the contact: [pastoralcare@missionbaycc.org](mailto:pastoralcare@missionbaycc.org).
- **Goodreads:** If you are on Goodreads, a few folks are gathering together. Search for "MBCC Book Group."
- **Social Networks:** Visit [blog.missionbaycc.org](http://blog.missionbaycc.org) or on Facebook ([missionbaycc](https://www.facebook.com/missionbaycc)) or on Twitter ([@mbcc](https://twitter.com/mbcc))

**our finances** *a financial snapshot of mbcc*

April: -\$1666      May: -\$894      June: +\$1,451  
July: -\$2,730      Aug: +\$3,433      Sep: -2,025  
TOTAL 2010: -\$4,231/year or -\$529/month

**on the offering board** *give back to god*

*fill out a slip on the board and drop it in the offering basket when it comes around or email [info@missionbaycc.org](mailto:info@missionbaycc.org)*

- **Song Requests:** If there are some songs that you would like to request - no promises - please let Pete know!
- **PC Help: The office could use some help getting some computer stuff networked.**
- **Prayer Cards:** Please fill out a prayer card with your joy or concern and too whom you wish it to go. You can drop it in the offering basket as it goes around.
- **Bible Studies:** Let us know if you are interested in any of the Bible Studies that are going on this year!
- **Dinner Hosts:** Dinner is one of the best parts about the MBCC community, but we need folks to host. We can reimburse you so don't let cost hamper you, just bring your hospitality and help feed the crew.
- **Do you eBay?:** If you do and would like to sell some things on our behalf, please let us know.

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- **Girls Scouts, Troop 30409:** MBCC hosts a Girl Scout Troop with some of our girls and parents involved in its running. Contact the office for more info.
- **Online Giving:** To sign up for automatic giving to mbcc please visit: [www.missionbaycc.org/donate/](http://www.missionbaycc.org/donate/) or donate via Paypal to [info@missionbaycc.org](mailto:info@missionbaycc.org)
- **YELP:** If you are a Yelper, we would really appreciate you taking the time to leave a review! Thanks!
- **eScrip.com:** Automatically donate a percentage of your purchases through Safeway, B&N, etc. Group:1579000

**contact us** *all mbcc all the time*

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\***"the insert"** *add your event information*

If you would like anything in "The Insert" please send it to the church office by Friday, Midnight for inclusion on Sunday: [info@missionbaycc.org](mailto:info@missionbaycc.org)