

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

August 30, 2020 11:00 a.m.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

To all who mourn and long for comfort;

To all who struggle and desire victory;

To all who sin and need a Savior;

To all who are strangers and want fellowship;

To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;

And to whoever will come —

This church opens wide her doors

And offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

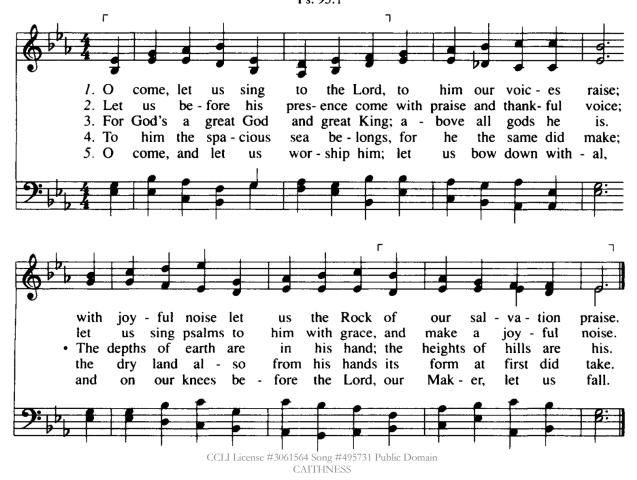
Psalm 95:1-2,3-4a

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

All: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.



PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN Book of Common Prayer

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

All: We have followed too much the desires and devices of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws.

Leader: We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

All: O Lord, have mercy on us miserable offenders.

Leader: Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life. To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 53:6,12

We all, like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all... He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 38:1-6, page 666

Jeremiah Cast into the Cistern

38 Now Shephatiah the son of Mattan, Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiah heard the words that Jeremiah was saying to all the people: ² "Thus says the LORD: He who stays in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live. He shall have his life as a prize of war, and live. ³ Thus says the LORD: This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon and be taken." ⁴ Then the officials said to the king, "Let this man be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." ⁵ King Zedekiah said, "Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you." ⁶ So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Trinity Hymnal No. 734

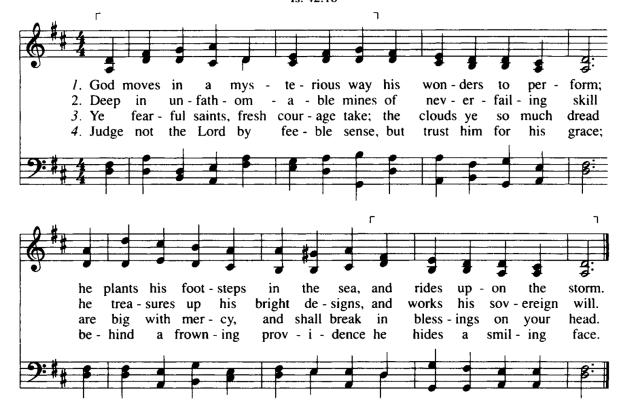
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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God Moves in a Mysterious Way

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. Is. 42:16



- 5. His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.
- Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

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THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

"Uniquely Good News" Galatians 1:6-10, ESV page 972

⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. Gal. 1:4



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* DoxoLogy Trinity Hymnal No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Amen

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**TITHES AND OFFERINGS

At this time, we do not plan to collect the offering by passing the plate. These are available in the back of the sanctuary. Online or mail-in giving are still encouraged, but you can drop a check in the plate if that is more convenient.

ONLINE: http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/

MAIL: Please mail tithe checks (no cash) to the treasurer's address. She will immediately deposit to the church's account and forward the Wells Fargo e-mail confirmation to you:

Marilyn Spencer - BPC Treasurer 3020 Shaker Drive Charlotte, NC 28210

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

| 7/31/20 YTD | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Income | \$205,868 | \$197,867 | \$8,001 |
| Expenses | \$190,478 | \$197,867 | (\$7,389) |
| Net Income/ (Deficit) | \$15,390 | \$0 | \$15,390 |

BALLANTYNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S MISSION IS TO DECLARE GOD'S GLORY TO BALLANTYNE, SOUTH CHARLOTTE, AND BEYOND.