

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

October 18, 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.

CHORAL INTROIT

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1; 111:1

Leader: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

All: Praise the Lord! We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3



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

Leader: Holy and Merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature. We are prone to evil and slothful in good.

All: All our sins and offenses are against You, O Lord. We have sinned in wandering from Your ways and wasting Your gifts.

Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us! Have mercy on us for we are ashamed of our sins and how we have dishonored You.

All: Teach us to hate our errors and transgressions. Cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins, for the sake of Christ.

Leader: And, O Father, send Your grace into our lives.

All: That we might walk in the light and be pleasing to You in all our ways, according to Your Word. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

366 My People, Give Ear, Attend to My Word

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. Ps. 78:1



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 40:1-16, page 668

Jeremiah Remains in Judah

40 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he took him bound in chains along with all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah who were being exiled to Babylon. ²The captain of the guard took Jeremiah and said to him, "The LORD your God pronounced this disaster against this place. ³The LORD has brought it about, and has done as he said. Because you sinned against the LORD and did not obey his voice, this thing has come upon you. ⁴Now, behold, I release you today from the chains on your hands. If it seems good to you to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will look after you well, but if it seems wrong to you to come with me to Babylon, do not come. See, the whole land is before you; go wherever you think it good and right to go. ⁵If you remain, then return to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon appointed governor of the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people. Or go wherever you think it right to go." So the captain of the guard gave him an allowance of food and a present, and let him go. ⁶Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, at Mizpah, and lived with him among the people who were left in the land.

⁷When all the captains of the forces in the open country and their men heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land and had committed to him men, women, and children, those of the poorest of the land who had not been taken into exile to Babylon, ⁸ they went to Gedaliah at Mizpah—Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Johanan the son of Kareah, Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. ⁹ Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, swore to them and their men, saying, "Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. ¹⁰ As for me, I will dwell at Mizpah, to represent you before the Chaldeans who will come to us. But as for you, gather wine and summer fruits and oil, and store them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken." ¹¹ Likewise, when all the Judeans who were in Moab and among the Ammonites and in Edom and in other lands heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant in Judah and had appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, as governor over them, ¹² then all the Judeans returned from all the places to which they had been driven and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah. And they gathered wine and summer fruits in great abundance.

¹³ Now Johanan the son of Kareah and all the leaders of the forces in the open country came to Gedaliah at Mizpah ¹⁴ and said to him, "Do you know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam would not believe them. ¹⁵ Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah at Mizpah, "Please let me go and strike down Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no one will know it. Why should he take your life, so that all the Judeans who are gathered about you would be scattered, and the remnant of Judah would perish?" ¹⁶ But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall not do this thing, for you are speaking falsely of Ishmael."

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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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THE PRAYER FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

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O Savior, Precious Savior

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. 1 Pet. 1:8



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"The Supremacy of the Son" Hebrews 1:1-4, ESV 1001

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7



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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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday Night 7 p.m. Women's Prayer Meeting **IN PERSON** and via Zoom

Each week we will study a prayer in the Bible and then spend an extended time of prayer together. We will be meeting in person at the church, as well as having Zoom set up. Contact Phoebe Pritchett with any questions: Phoebe@ballantynepres.com or 770.823.2508. Join Zoom meeting: https://zoom.us/i/95704412821 Meeting ID: 957 0441 2821

Tuesday Night (Oct. 20) 7-8 p.m. Young Adults **ZOOM ONLY** Meeting

Michael Moon will lead our young adults ZOOM call. Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/95762871957

Meeting ID: 957 6287 1957

Wednesday Night 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Congregational Prayer Meeting

Dr. Nance leads with a devotional and then we will pray together on a ZOOM call hosted by Michael Moon. ** The ZOOM meeting password is the same as the Prayer List password**

Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/97617806601 Meeting ID: 976 1780 6601

Thursday Night 6 p.m. ZOOM Youth Group

Josh Duemler leads our Youth Group using ZOOM. Our current series is called "Who is Jesus?", where we are looking at the book of Mark, as we seek to discover how Mark answers this question and grow in our faith and knowledge of Jesus.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/i/95777569226 Meeting ID: 957 7756 9226

Friday Morning 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study **IN PERSON** and via Zoom

Men's Bible Study meets at church at 7 a.m., in person, while simultaneously broadcasting live via Zoom for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

Join Zoom meeting: https://zoom.us/i/93124082779 Meeting ID: 931 2408 2779

Saturday (Oct 24th) 6 p.m. Youth Bonfire with Sovereign Grace PCA and Starmount ARP for students grades 6-12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at a Sovereign Grace family's house (address details to follow). Please contact Joshua <u>i.m.duemler@gmail.com</u>, 616-647-7743 by Oct. 18th to RSVP

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

| 9/30/20 YTD | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Income | \$246,343 | \$254,400 | (\$8,057) |
| Expenses | \$240,323 | \$254,400 | (\$14,077) |
| Net Income/ (Deficit) | \$6,020 | \$0 | \$6,020 |