

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020 6:00 p.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.

CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 5:12

Let us lift our voices and exclaim that "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

HYMN OF PRAISE



"How To Encourage Others" Numbers 32, ESV 140

Reuben and Gad Settle in Gilead

32 Now the people of Reuben and the people of Gad had a very great number of livestock. And they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, and behold, the place was a place for livestock. ²So the people of Gad and the people of Reuben came and said to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the chiefs of the congregation, ³ "Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon, ⁴the land that the LORD struck down before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock, and your servants have livestock." ⁵And they said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. Do not take us across the Jordan."

⁶ But Moses said to the people of Gad and to the people of Reuben, "Shall your brothers go to the war while you sit here? ⁷ Why will you discourage the heart of the people of Israel from going over into the land that the LORD has given them? ⁸ Your fathers did this, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. ⁹ For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the people of Israel from going into the land that the LORD had given them. ¹⁰ And the LORD's anger was kindled on that day, and he swore, saying, ¹¹ 'Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not wholly followed me, ¹² none except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the LORD. ¹³ And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone. ¹⁴ And behold, you have risen in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the LORD against Israel! ¹⁵ For if you turn away from following him, he will again abandon them in the wilderness, and you will destroy all this people."

¹⁶Then they came near to him and said, "We will build sheepfolds here for our livestock, and cities for our little ones, ¹⁷ but we will take up arms, ready to go before the people of Israel, until we have brought them to their place. And our little ones shall live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁸ We will not return to our homes until each of the people of Israel has gained his inheritance. ¹⁹ For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has come to us on this side of the Jordan to the east." ²⁰ So Moses said to them, "If you will do this, if you will take up arms to go before

the LORD for the war, ²¹ and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before the LORD, until he has driven out his enemies from before him ²² and the land is subdued before the LORD; then after that you shall return and be free of obligation to the LORD and to Israel, and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. ²³ But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out. ²⁴ Build cities for your little ones and folds for your sheep, and do what you have promised." ²⁵ And the people of Gad and the people of Reuben said to Moses, "Your servants will do as my lord commands. ²⁶ Our little ones, our wives, our livestock, and all our cattle shall remain there in the cities of Gilead, ²⁷ but your servants will pass over, every man who is armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord orders."

²⁸ So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel. ²⁹ And Moses said to them, "If the people of Gad and the people of Reuben, every man who is armed to battle before the LORD, will pass with you over the Jordan and the land shall be subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession. ³⁰ However, if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan." ³¹ And the people of Gad and the people of Reuben answered, "What the LORD has said to your servants, we will do. ³² We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us beyond the Jordan."

³³ And Moses gave to them, to the people of Gad and to the people of Reuben and to the half-tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land and its cities with their territories, the cities of the land throughout the country. ³⁴ And the people of Gad built Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer, ³⁵ Atrothshophan, Jazer, Jogbehah, ³⁶ Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran, fortified cities, and folds for sheep. ³⁷ And the people of Reuben built Heshbon, Elealeh, Kiriathaim, ³⁸ Nebo, and Baal-meon (their names were changed), and Sibmah. And they gave other names to the cities that they built. ³⁹ And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and captured it, and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it. ⁴⁰ And Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he settled in it. ⁴¹ And Jair the son of Manasseh went and captured their villages, and called them Havvoth-jair. ^[a] ⁴² And Nobah went and captured Kenath and its villages, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

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Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD. Ps. 135:1



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

Phoebe Pritchett leads with a prayer in the Bible and then we 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.

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 ** https://zoom.us/j/97617806601

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. https://zoom.us/j/95777569226

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

Keith Kowadlo leads Men's Bible Study, which meets at church at 7 a.m., in person, while simultaneously broadcasting live via Zoom - https://zoom.us/j/93124082779

SAVE THE DATES

Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 8 Deacons' Benevolence Fund Offering

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

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