



BALLANTYNE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 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 20:5, Isaiah 12:6

Leader: Let us shout for joy over your salvation.

All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

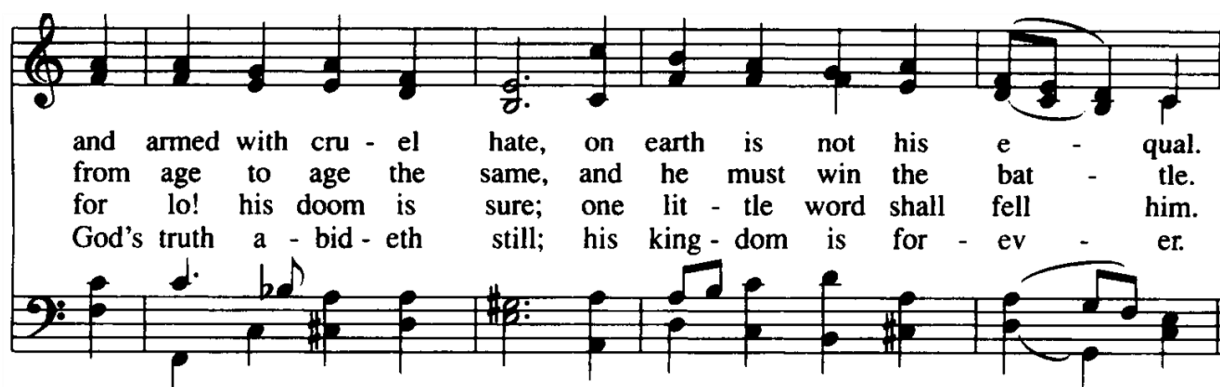
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



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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

Adapted from Theodore Beza, 1561

Leader: Lord God, Father, Eternal and Almighty, we confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners, born in corruption, inclined to evil, incapable of ourselves to do good.

All: We transgress every day, and in many ways, your holy commandments and are therefore worthy of your judgment and condemnation.

Leader: But, Lord, truly grieved by our sins, we turn humbly to your grace, and beg you to relieve our misery.

All: Have pity on us, most glorious God, Father of mercy, and pardon our offences for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Ps. 95:2

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now, our
 2. Un - seal our lips to sing your praise, our

hearts in true de - vo - tion bow, your Spir - it send with
 souls to you in wor - ship raise, make strong our faith, in -

grace di - vine, and that let your truth with - in us shine.
 crease our light, that we may know your name a - right:

Gedaliah Murdered

41 In the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, son of Elishama, of the royal family, one of the chief officers of the king, came with ten men to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. As they ate bread together there at Mizpah, ² Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the ten men with him rose up and struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, son of Shaphan, with the sword, and killed him, whom the king of Babylon had appointed governor in the land. ³ Ishmael also struck down all the Judeans who were with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldean soldiers who happened to be there.

⁴ On the day after the murder of Gedaliah, before anyone knew of it, ⁵ eighty men arrived from Shechem and Shiloh and Samaria, with their beards shaved and their clothes torn, and their bodies gashed, bringing grain offerings and incense to present at the temple of the LORD. ⁶ And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah came out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he came. As he met them, he said to them, "Come in to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam." ⁷ When they came into the city, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the men with him slaughtered them and cast them into a cistern. ⁸ But there were ten men among them who said to Ishmael, "Do not put us to death, for we have stores of wheat, barley, oil, and honey hidden in the fields." So he refrained and did not put them to death with their companions.

⁹ Now the cistern into which Ishmael had thrown all the bodies of the men whom he had struck down along with Gedaliah was the large cistern that King Asa had made for defense against Baasha king of Israel; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain. ¹⁰ Then Ishmael took captive all the rest of the people who were in Mizpah, the king's daughters and all the people who were left at Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. Ishmael the son of Nethaniah took them captive and set out to cross over to the Ammonites.

¹¹ But when Johanan the son of Kareah and all the leaders of the forces with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, ¹² they took all their men and went to fight against Ishmael the son of Nethaniah. They came upon him at the great pool that is in Gibeon. ¹³ And when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah and all the leaders of the forces with him, they rejoiced. ¹⁴ So all the people whom Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son

of Kareah. ¹⁵ But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites. ¹⁶ Then Johanan the son of Kareah and all the leaders of the forces with him took from Mizpah all the rest of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, after he had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam—soldiers, women, children, and eunuchs, whom Johanan brought back from Gibeon. ¹⁷ And they went and stayed at Geruth Chimham near Bethlehem, intending to go to Egypt ¹⁸ because of the Chaldeans. For they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land.

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.

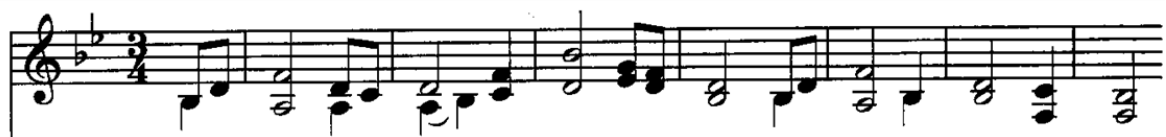
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Charles Meineke


THE PRAYER FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone


ARP Psalter 62A




1. ¹ My soul finds rest in God a - lone; Sal - va - tion comes from Him.
2. ⁴ They plot to bring him top - pling down, In lies they take de - light;
3. ⁷ On God a - lone my glo - ry rests, And my sal - va - tion sure.



² He's my sal - va - tion, for - tress, rock; Un - shak - en I'll re - main.
And as they bless him with their mouth, In heart they curse with spite.
God is my might - y rock of strength, My ref - uge most se - cure.



³ How long will you at - tack a man, By mur - der make him fall,
⁵ Find rest, my soul, in God a - lone, For my hope comes from Him.
⁸ In Him, O peo - ple, at all times Re - ly with con - fi - dence;



As though he were a tot - t'ring fence, Or like a lean - ing wall?
⁶ He's my sal - va - tion, for - tress, rock; Un - shak - en I'll re - main.
Be - fore Him, now, pour out your heart, For God is our de - fense.

“Sola Fide”

Galatians 3:1-9, ESV 973

3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. **2** Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **4** Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? **5** Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— **6** just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. **8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” **9** So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

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As When the Hebrew Prophet Raised

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. John 3:14, 15

1. As when the He - brew proph - et raised the bra - zen ser - pent high,
 2. So from the Sav - ior on the cross a heal - ing vir - tue flows;
 3. For God gave up his Son to death, so gen - 'rous was his love,
 4. Not to con - demn the sons of men the Son of God ap - peared;
 5. He came to raise our fall - en state, and our lost hopes re - store;

the wound - ed looked and straight were cured, the peo - ple ceased to die:
 who looks to him with live - ly faith is saved from end - less woes.
 • that all the faith - ful might en - joy e - ter - nal life a - bove.
 no weap - ons in his hand are seen, nor voice of ter - ror heard:
 faith leads us to the mer - cy seat, and bids us fear no more.

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* BENEDICTION

* 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**

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 |

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