



# BALLANTYNE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020

6:00 p.m.

<https://www.ballantynepres.com/webcast>

*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

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with the justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25*

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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 HYFRYDOL

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 1:12-24, page 964

### Paul's Change of Plans

<sup>12</sup>For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you. <sup>13</sup>For we are not writing to you anything other than what you read and understand and I hope you will fully understand—<sup>14</sup>just as you did partially understand us—that on the day of our Lord Jesus you will boast of us as we will boast of you.

<sup>15</sup>Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. <sup>16</sup>I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. <sup>17</sup>Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? <sup>18</sup>As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. <sup>19</sup>For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. <sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. <sup>21</sup>And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup>and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

<sup>23</sup>But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. <sup>24</sup>Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

## Away in a Manger

*She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7*

Capo 3: Unison F(D)

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes;  
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care.

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

Chords: F(D), Dm(Bm), Gm(Em), C(A), F(D), G(E), G7(E7), C(A), F(D), Am(F#m), D(B), Gm(Em), C7(A7), F(D)

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 CRADLE SONG

## CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 64

Question: What is required in the fifth commandment?

Answer: The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors or equals.

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM OF PREPARATION

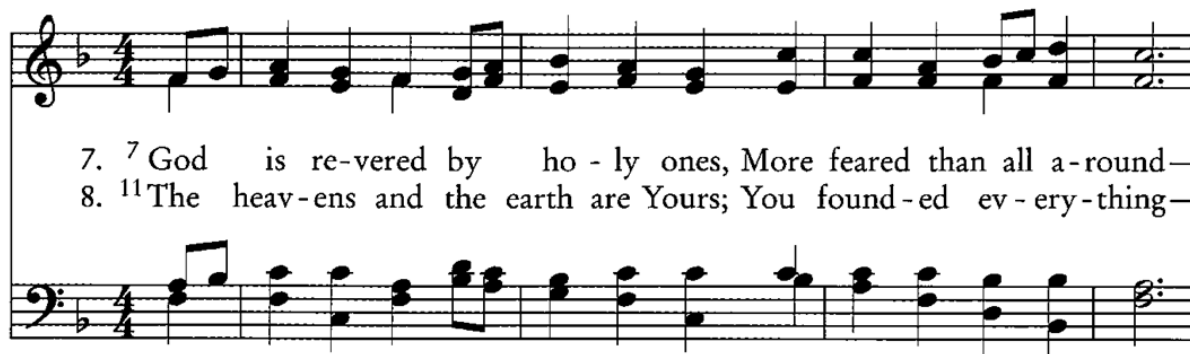
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Psalms 89:7-14

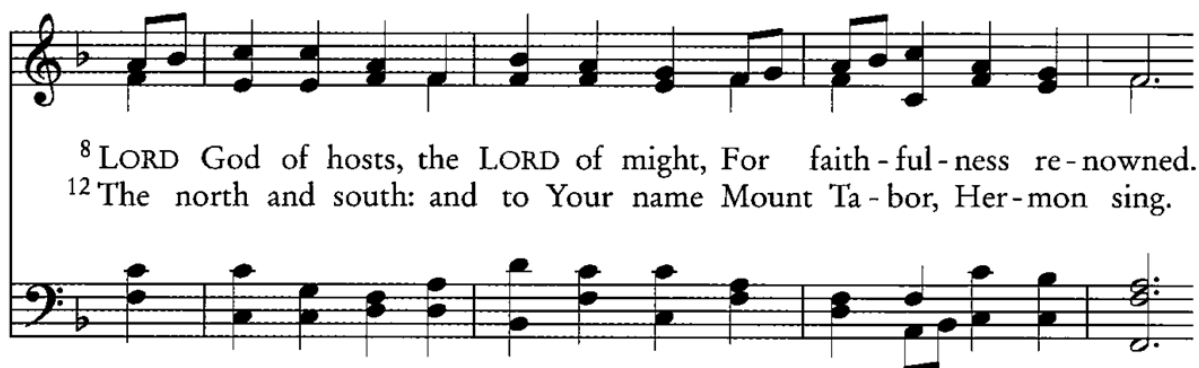
God Is Revered

*Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?*

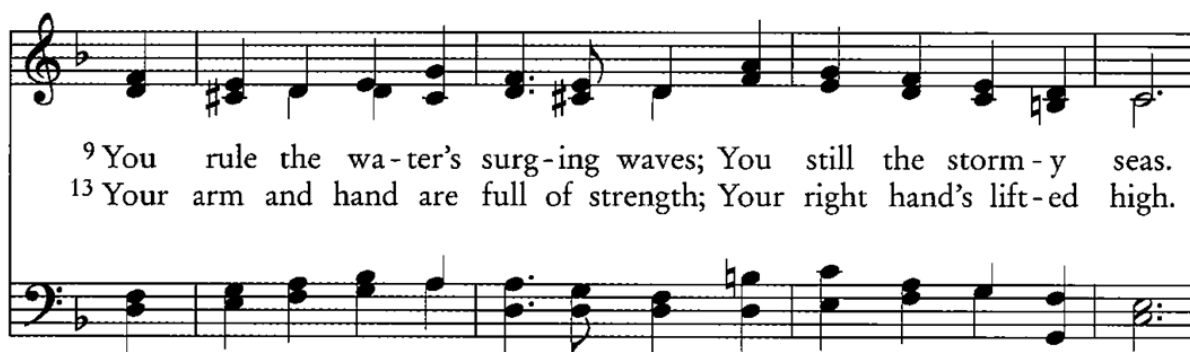
*—Mark 4:41*



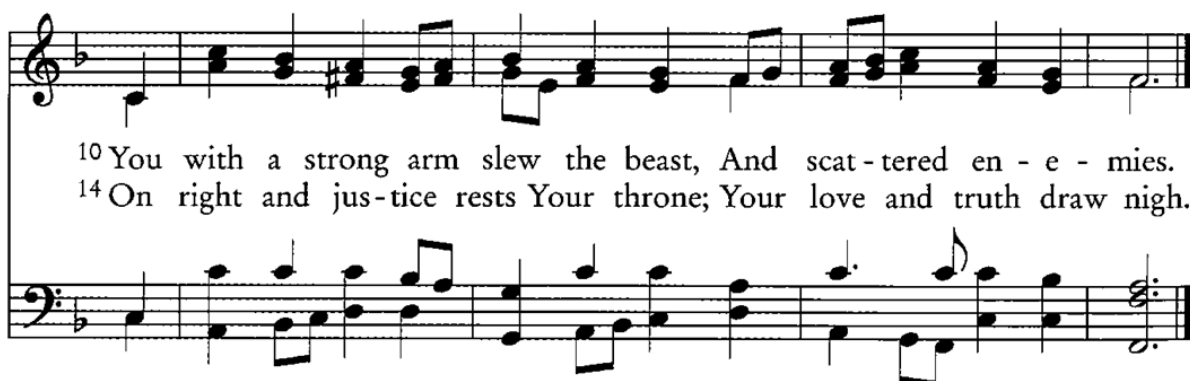
7. <sup>7</sup> God is re-vered by ho - ly ones, More feared than all a-round—  
8. <sup>11</sup> The heav-ens and the earth are Yours; You found-ed ev - ery-thing—



<sup>8</sup> LORD God of hosts, the LORD of might, For faith-ful-ness re-nowned.  
<sup>12</sup> The north and south: and to Your name Mount Ta - bor, Her-mon sing.



<sup>9</sup> You rule the wa-ter's surg-ing waves; You still the storm-y seas.  
<sup>13</sup> Your arm and hand are full of strength; Your right hand's lift-ed high.



<sup>10</sup> You with a strong arm slew the beast, And scat-tered en - e - mies.  
<sup>14</sup> On right and jus-tice rests Your throne; Your love and truth draw nigh.

**THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD**

Dr. Mantle Nance

“Favor &amp; Faithfulness”

Deuteronomy 5, ESV page 150

**The Ten Commandments**

**5** And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, “Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them. <sup>2</sup>The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. <sup>3</sup>Not with our fathers did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. <sup>4</sup>The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, <sup>5</sup>while I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD. For you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain. He said:

<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>8</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>9</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>10</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>11</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>12</sup>“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

<sup>16</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>18</sup> “And you shall not commit adultery.

<sup>19</sup> “And you shall not steal.

<sup>20</sup> “And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>21</sup> “And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.’

<sup>22</sup> “These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. <sup>23</sup> And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders. <sup>24</sup> And you said, ‘Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die. <sup>26</sup> For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? <sup>27</sup> Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say, and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.’

<sup>28</sup> “And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, ‘I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. <sup>29</sup> Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever! <sup>30</sup> Go and say to them, “Return to your tents.” <sup>31</sup> But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.’ <sup>32</sup> You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. <sup>33</sup> You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

## COMMUNION

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

# Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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*When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2:17*

*Unison* *F* *C<sup>7</sup>* *F* *C*

(Ref.) Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

*F* *Dm* *F/C* *C<sup>7</sup>* *Fine*

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

*F* *C* *F* *C<sup>7</sup>* *Dm* *C* *F*

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth rang  
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger our hum - ble Christ was born, and

*C* *F* *Gm* *G<sup>7</sup>* *C<sup>7</sup>* *D.C.*

hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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### \* BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

\* Congregation Standing

## 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

- Dec. 23** No Prayer Meeting or Youth Group  
**Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve Worship, 6 p.m.**  
**Dec. 25** No Men's Bible Study

## SAVE THE DATES

- Dec. 27** No In-Person EVENING Worship - Live-Stream Only  
**Dec. 30** No Prayer Meeting or Youth Group  
**Jan. 1** No Men's Bible Study

## SESSION

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Dr. Brian Jerby	Women's Ministry	704-574-0678
Mr. Dennis Kachmarsky	Clerk	704-996-9561
Mr. Bob Stone	Personnel	704-442-0109
Mr. Mark Seeley	Elder Emeritus	

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Mr. Rob Kelley	Building/ Grounds	704-907-5474
Mr. Keith Kowadlo	Men's Ministry	704-618-6181
Mr. Jake Spencer	Chair/ Finance	704-617-0197
Mr. Tim Teague	Clerk	704-770-1421

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Mr. Michael Moon	Intern	828-989-7356
Miss Phoebe Pritchett	WIM Intern	770-823-2508
Mrs. Marilyn Spencer	Treasurer	704-617-0304

### MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

Scott & Victoria Andes	RUF International - USC	Columbia, SC
John Baber	RUF - UNCC	Charlotte, NC
Michael and Laura Cochran	World Witness	England
Drew & Lauren Goodman	World Witness	Sully, Wales
Josh & Ashley Grimm	RUF - Queens	Charlotte, NC
John & Judy Lehner	Pilgrim Grace for Spain	Charlotte, NC
*Human Coalition	1505 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	Charlotte, NC
Rob & Rachel Turner	Arsenal Hill Presbyterian	Columbia, SC
Michael & Lauren Wenzler	RUF - CSU	Ft. Collins, CO
Justin & M. Westmoreland	Trinity Presbyterian Church	Norman, OK

*\*Missionary of the Month*

### CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

11/30/20 YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$285,603	\$310,933	(\$25,330)
Expenses:	\$310,113	\$310,933	(\$820)
Net Income/ (Deficit)	(\$24,510)	\$0	(\$24,510)

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