



BALLANTYNE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 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.

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelations 12:10, Isaiah 9:6

Leader: Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.

All: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and His name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

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Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*** INVOCATION**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 1:1-11, page 964

Greeting

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:


2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God of All Comfort


3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. **5** For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. **6** If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. **7** Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. **9** Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. **10** He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. **11** You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

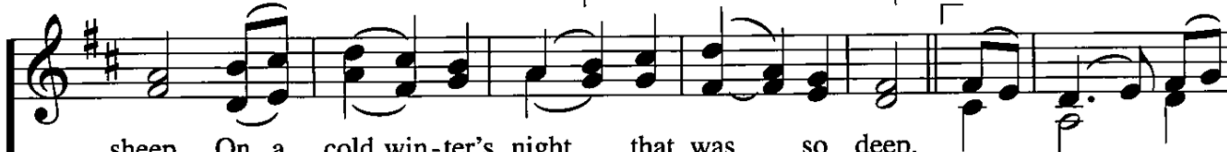
223 The First Noel




• 1. The first No - el the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor
 • 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
 • 3. And by the light of that same star The wise men
 • 4. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es




shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it gave great
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -
 to our heav - en - ly Lord Who hath made heav'n and earth of

sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night. No - el, No -
 tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.




el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.



CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 63

Question: Which is the fifth commandment?

Answer: The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

EVENING PRAYER


PSALM OF PREPARATION

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Psalm 22:27-31

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him


Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. — Matthew 28:19



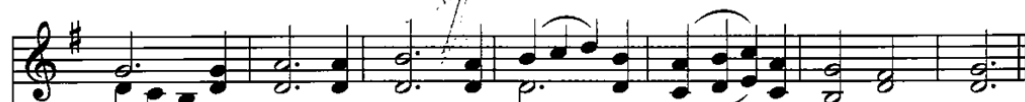
12. ²⁷ All ends of earth will turn to Him; The LORD they
13. ²⁹ All those who prosper in the earth Will eat and
14. ³⁰ A seed will rise to do His will, And of the



will a - gain re - call. The na-tions' fam - 'lies all will come,
low be - fore Him bend; And in His pres-ence all will bow,
Lord be made a - ware. ³¹ The gen - er - a - tion that will come



To wor - ship and be - fore Him fall, ²⁸ Be - cause the
Who help - less to the dust de - scend, Who e - ven
Will then His righ - teous - ness de - clare To peo - ple



LORD the king-dom owns And rules a - bove all earth-ly thrones.
though they vain-ly strive, Can nev - er keep their souls a - live.
who are yet to be, That He has done this; it was He.

Take Care!

Deuteronomy 4, ESV page 148

Moses Commands Obedience

4 “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules^[a] that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. **2** You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. **3** Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. **4** But you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. **5** See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. **6** Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ **7** For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? **8** And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

9 “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— **10** how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’ **11** And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. **12** Then the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. **13** And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments,^[b] and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. **14** And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.

Idolatry Forbidden

15 “Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, **16** beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, **17** the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, **18** the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. **19** And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. **20** But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day. **21** Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance. **22** For I

must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land. ²³Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. ²⁴For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

²⁵“When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, so as to provoke him to anger, ²⁶I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed. ²⁷And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. ²⁸And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice. ³¹For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

The LORD Alone Is God

³²“For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. ³³Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? ³⁴Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him. ³⁶Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them^[c] and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, ³⁸driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, ³⁹know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. ⁴⁰Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”

Cities of Refuge

⁴¹Then Moses set apart three cities in the east beyond the Jordan, ⁴²that the manslayer might flee there, anyone who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without being at enmity with him in time past; he may flee to one of these cities and save his life: ⁴³Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

Introduction to the Law


⁴⁴This is the law that Moses set before the people of Israel. ⁴⁵These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the rules, which Moses spoke to the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt, ⁴⁶beyond the Jordan in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the people of Israel defeated when they came out of Egypt. ⁴⁷And they took possession of his land and the land of Og, the king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who lived to the east beyond the Jordan; ⁴⁸from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, as far as Mount Sirion^[a] (that is, Hermon), ⁴⁹together with all the Arabah on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE



As with Gladness Men of Old

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When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10




1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day* keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
• so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
• all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.



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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

Wednesday Night 6:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting IN PERSON & via ZOOM

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>

Wednesday Night 6:30 p.m. Youth Group IN PERSON & via Google Meet

Josh Duemler leads our Youth Group using Google Meet. 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. Google Meet
link: <https://meet.google.com/udm-kagp-gfy>

Thursday Night 7 p.m. BPC Women's Ugly Sweater & Christmas Bingo ZOOM call

Put on your "ugliest" sweater or fun Christmas attire and join us on Zoom for fellowship and Christmas Bingo. Also, we will have a basket in the church office to collect new, unwrapped baby items for Human Coalition. **Please RSVP online** or to phoebe@ballantynepres.com
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96224103889>

Friday Morning 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study IN PERSON & 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

Dec. 13 A Festival of Lessons of Carols, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Please invite friends and neighbors, and plan to join us for a candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols. By weaving readings from Scripture with beloved music of the season, the wonder of the Christmas story is heard anew.

In order to allow plenty of room for visitors and social distancing, we plan to have two services. **Please RSVP online** or to christie@ballantynepres.com indicating the service(s) you plan to attend, 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. and include any guests you've invited.

Dec. 15 Young Adults meet via Zoom, 7 p.m.

Dec. 23 No Prayer Meeting or Youth Group

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 6 p.m.

Dec. 25 No Men's Bible Study

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

Dr. Mantle Nance	Senior Minister	980-329-8458
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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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Mrs. Christie Kelley	Administration	704-953-1951
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 th 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

10/31/20 YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$246,656	\$282,667	(\$18,011)
Expenses	\$283,604	\$282,667	\$937
Net Income/ (Deficit)	(\$18,948)	\$0	(\$18,948)

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