



BALLANTYNE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 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

Matthew 2:6, 1 Timothy 3:16

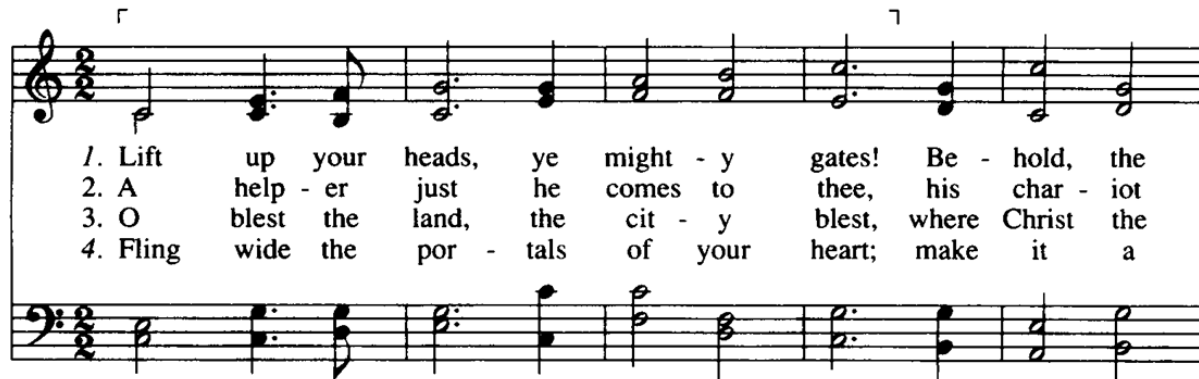
Leader: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

All: Proclaim it among the nations. Great indeed, is the mystery of godliness: Christ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

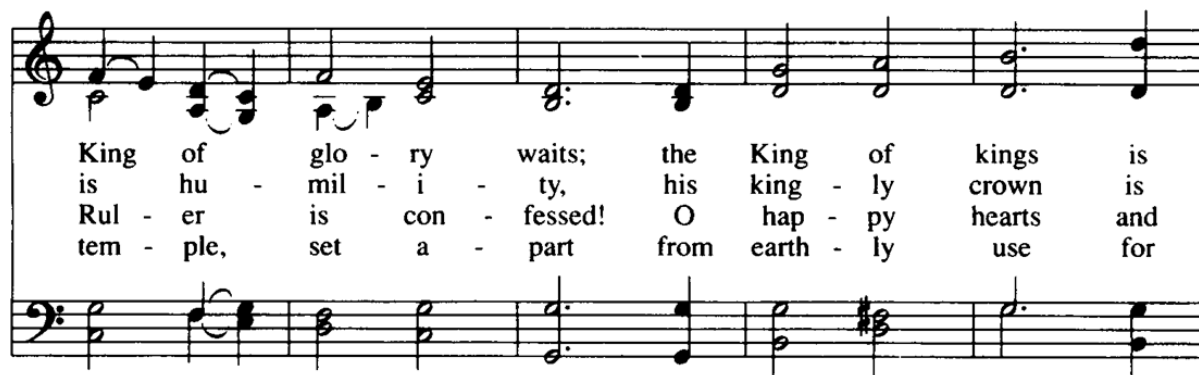
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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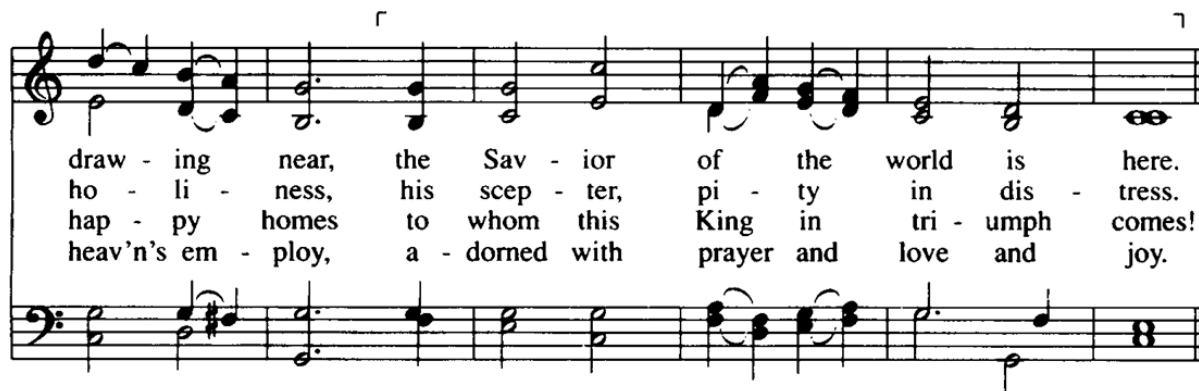
Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for



draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

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TRURO

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

From John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

Leader: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good.

All: Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses.

Leader: We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress.

All: Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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.

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

PRAYER FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

"Known By God"

Galatians 4:8-11, ESV page 974

Paul's Concern for the Galatians

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

* COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

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My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. John 6:55

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with two verses indicated by numbers 1 and 2. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, along with dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'r' (ritardando). The hymn concludes with a double bar line.

1. Bread of the world in mer - cy bro - ken, wine of the
 2. Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the

soul in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
 tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the

spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead,
 to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

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 EUCHARISTIC HYMN

COMMUNION

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

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Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

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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

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)

THIS SUNDAY AT BPC

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship – In Person and Live Streamed
<https://www.ballantynepres.com/webcast>

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship – In Person and Live Streamed
<https://www.ballantynepres.com/webcast>

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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Mr. Dennis Kachmarsky	Clerk	704-996-9561
Mr. Bob Stone	Personnel	704-442-0109
Mr. Mark Seeley	Elder Emeritus	

DIACONATE

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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

STAFF

Miss Aimee Jobe	Pianist	803-389-5395
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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*