

# SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

January 17, 2021 11:00 a.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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

#### \* **Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: Listen to me, all the remnant who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb.

All: For we have received blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of our salvation.

Isaiah 46:3, Psalm 24:5



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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**

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self- controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Spirit of the Living God 726

That you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph. 3:19



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#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 48:21-47, page 674

<sup>21</sup> "Judgment has come upon the tableland, upon Holon, and Jahzah, and Mephaath, <sup>22</sup> and Dibon, and Nebo, and Beth-diblathaim, <sup>23</sup> and Kiriathaim, and Beth-gamul, and Beth-meon, <sup>24</sup> and Kerioth, and Bozrah, and all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near. <sup>25</sup> The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, declares the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> "Make him drunk, because he magnified himself against the LORD, so that Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he too shall be held in derision. <sup>27</sup> Was not Israel a derision to you? Was he found among thieves, that whenever you spoke of him you wagged your head?

<sup>28</sup> "Leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, O inhabitants of Moab! Be like the dove that nests in the sides of the mouth of a gorge. <sup>29</sup>We have heard of the pride of Moab he is very proud of his loftiness, his pride, and his arrogance, and the haughtiness of his heart. <sup>30</sup> I know his insolence, declares the LORD; his boasts are false. his deeds are false. <sup>31</sup>Therefore I wail for Moab; I cry out for all Moab; for the men of Kir-hareseth I mourn. <sup>32</sup> More than for Jazer I weep for you, O vine of Sibmah! Your branches passed over the sea, reached to the Sea of Jazer; on your summer fruits and your grapes the destroyer has fallen. <sup>33</sup>Gladness and joy have been taken away from the fruitful land of Moab; I have made the wine cease from the winepresses; no one treads them with shouts of joy; the shouting is not the shout of joy.

<sup>34</sup> "From the outcry at Heshbon even to Elealeh, as far as Jahaz they utter their voice, from Zoar to Horonaim and Eglath-shelishiyah. For the waters of Nimrim also have become desolate. <sup>35</sup> And I will bring to an end in Moab, declares the LORD, him who offers sacrifice in the high place and makes offerings to his god. <sup>36</sup> Therefore my heart moans for Moab like a flute, and my heart moans like a flute for the men of Kir-hareseth. Therefore the riches they gained have perished.

<sup>37</sup> "For every head is shaved and every beard cut off. On all the hands are gashes, and around the waist is sackcloth. <sup>38</sup> On all the housetops of Moab and in the squares there is nothing but lamentation, for I have broken Moab like a vessel for which no one cares, declares the LORD. <sup>39</sup> How it is broken! How they wail! How Moab has turned his back in shame! So Moab has become a derision and a horror to all that are around him."

<sup>40</sup> For thus says the LORD: "Behold, one shall fly swiftly like an eagle and spread his wings against Moab; <sup>41</sup> the cities shall be taken and the strongholds seized. The heart of the warriors of Moab shall be in that day like the heart of a woman in her birth pains; <sup>42</sup> Moab shall be destroyed and be no longer a people, because he magnified himself against the LORD. <sup>43</sup>Terror, pit, and snare are before you, O inhabitant of Moab! declares the LORD. <sup>44</sup>He who flees from the terror shall fall into the pit, and he who climbs out of the pit shall be caught in the snare. For I will bring these things upon Moab, the year of their punishment, declares the LORD. <sup>45</sup> "In the shadow of Heshbon fugitives stop without strength, for fire came out from Heshbon. flame from the house of Sihon; it has destroyed the forehead of Moab, the crown of the sons of tumult. <sup>46</sup>Woe to you, O Moab! The people of Chemosh are undone, for your sons have been taken captive, and your daughters into captivity. <sup>47</sup>Yet I will restore the fortunes of Moab in the latter days, declares the LORD." Thus far is the judgment on Moab.

## 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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## THE PRAYER FOR CHURCH AND WORLD



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## THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

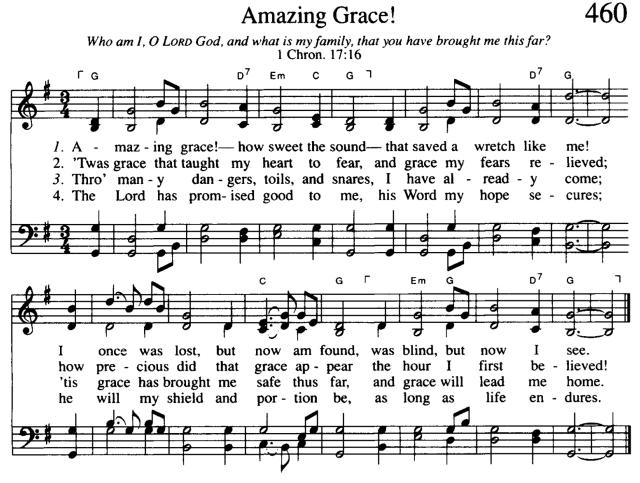
"Stand Firm in Your Freedom" Galatians 5:1-5, page 974

# Christ Has Set Us Free

**5** For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup>Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup>I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup>You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified<sup>[a]</sup> by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup>For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

#### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE



- 5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
- 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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#### \* DOXOLOGY

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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\* Congregation Standing

#### SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HUMAN COALITION

Make checks payable to "Human Coalition" or using the following link, select "Give Online" and choose "Human Coalition" from the "General" dropdown list. <u>http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/</u>

#### **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:** <u>http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/</u>

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 SUNDAY AT BPC

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

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

## THIS WEEK

#### Tuesday Night 7-8 p.m. Young Adults \*\*ZOOM ONLY\*\* Meeting

Michael Moon will lead our young adults ZOOM call: https://zoom.us/j/95762871957

#### Wednesday Night 6:30 p.m. 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\*\* <u>https://zoom.us/j/97617806601</u>

## Wednesday Night 6:30 p.m. YOUTH GROUP - In Person & via Google Meet

For the month of January, Michael Moon will be leading our Youth Group using Google Meet. We are currently doing an Epiphany series on Missions. Please join us in person or on Google Meet following this link: <u>https://meet.google.com/udm-kagp-gfy</u>

## Thursday Night 7 p.m. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - In Person and via Zoom

Phoebe Pritchett will lead a weekly study on Colossians and then we will spend an extended time of prayer together. We will be meeting in person at the church, while simultaneously broadcasting live via Zoom: <u>https://zoom.us/j/95704412821</u> Contact Phoebe Pritchett with any questions: <u>Phoebe@ballantynepres.com</u> or 770.823.2508.

# 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 - <u>https://zoom.us/j/93124082779</u>

# **Saturday Afternoon – YOUTH PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT, 1-4:30 p.m.** RSVP to <u>J.M.Duemler@gmail.com</u> by Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

# SAVE THE DATES

- Jan. 17 Special Offering for Human Coalition
- Jan. 19 Young Adults meet via Zoom, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 21 Women's Bible Study begins, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 23 Youth Photo Scavenger Hunt, 1 p.m. RSVP by Monday, Jan. 18th
- Feb. 14 Deacons' Benevolence Offering

#### Session

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#### MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

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Drew & Lauren Goodman	World Witness	Sully, Wales
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John & Judy Lehner	Pilgrim Grace for Spain	Charlotte, NC
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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

12/31/20 YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$330,189	\$339,200	(\$9,011)
Expenses:	\$342,966	\$339,200	\$3,766
Net Income/ (Deficit)	(\$12,777)	<b>\$</b> 0	(\$12,777)

#### SHARING THE LOVE OF THE FATHER, THE GRACE OF HIS SON, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SPIRIT IN BALLANTYNE AND BEYOND.