

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 24, 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

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 46:3, Psalm 24:5

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.

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Ps. 34:1



- Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised. Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply: May Jesus Christ be praised.
- Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

German, ca. 1800 Tr. by Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858 LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.D. Joseph Barnby, 1868

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

Leader: Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care.

All: We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.

Leader: Apart from you, we are nothing; all of our righteous deeds are as filthy rags. Only your grace can sustain us.

All: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. 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.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 49:1-22, page 675

Judgment on Ammon

49 Concerning the Ammonites.

Thus says the LORD:

"Has Israel no sons?
Has he no heir?
Why then has Milcom dispossessed Gad,
and his people settled in its cities?

Therefore, behold, the days are coming,
declares the LORD,
when I will cause the battle cry to be heard
against Rabbah of the Ammonites;
it shall become a desolate mound,
and its villages shall be burned with fire;
then Israel shall dispossess those who dispossessed him,
says the LORD.

3 "Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste!
Cry out, O daughters of Rabbah!
Put on sackcloth,
lament, and run to and fro among the hedges!
For Milcom shall go into exile,
with his priests and his officials.
4 Why do you boast of your valleys,
O faithless daughter,
who trusted in her treasures, saying,
Who will come against me?'
5 Behold, I will bring terror upon you,
declares the Lord GOD of hosts,
from all who are around you,
and you shall be driven out, every man straight before him,
with none to gather the fugitives.

⁶ "But afterward I will restore the fortunes of the Ammonites, declares the LORD."

Judgment on Edom

⁷Concerning Edom.

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Is wisdom no more in Teman?
Has counsel perished from the prudent?
Has their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths,
O inhabitants of Dedan!

For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time when I punish him.

9 If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings?

If thieves came by night, would they not destroy only enough for themselves?

10 But I have stripped Esau bare;
I have uncovered his hiding places, and he is not able to conceal himself.

His children are destroyed, and his brothers, and his neighbors; and he is no more.

11 Leave your fatherless children; I will keep them alive; and let your widows trust in me."

¹² For thus says the LORD: "If those who did not deserve to drink the cup must drink it, will you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you must drink. ¹³ For I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a horror, a taunt, a waste, and a curse, and all her cities shall be perpetual wastes."

¹⁴I have heard a message from the LORD, and an envoy has been sent among the nations: "Gather yourselves together and come against her, and rise up for battle!
¹⁵ For behold, I will make you small among the nations, despised among mankind.
¹⁶ The horror you inspire has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill.
Though you make your nest as high as the eagle's, I will bring you down from there, declares the LORD.

¹⁷ "Edom shall become a horror. Everyone who passes by it will be horrified and will hiss because of all its disasters. ¹⁸ As when Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring cities were overthrown, says the LORD, no man shall dwell there, no man shall sojourn in her. ¹⁹ Behold, like a lion coming up from the jungle of the Jordan against a perennial pasture, I will suddenly make him run away from her. And I will appoint over her whomever I choose. For who is like me? Who will summon me? What shepherd can stand before me? ²⁰ Therefore hear the plan that the LORD has made against Edom and the purposes that he has formed against the inhabitants of Teman: Even the little ones of the flock shall be dragged away. Surely their fold shall be appalled at their fate. ²¹ At the sound of their fall the earth shall tremble; the sound of their cry shall be heard at the Red Sea. ²² Behold, one shall mount up and fly swiftly like an eagle and spread his wings against Bozrah, and the heart of the warriors of Edom shall be in that day like the heart of a woman in her birth pains."

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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THE PRAYER FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

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What Wondrous Love Is This

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1



"Free to Love" Galatians 5:1-15, ESV 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.

²Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

⁷You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸This persuasion is not from him who calls you. ⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. ¹¹But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. ¹²I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

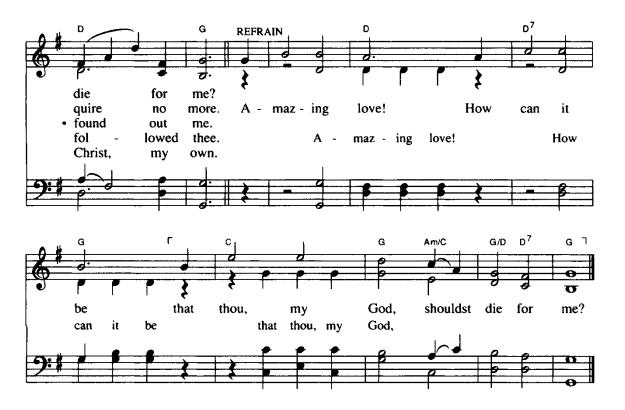
¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

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And Can It Be That I Should Gain

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8





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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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^{*} 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 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. 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

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: https://meet.google.com/udm-kagp-gfy

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

Phoebe Pritchett leads a weekly study on Colossians and an extended time of prayer. Please join us in person or via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/95704412821 Contact Phoebe with any questions: Phoebe@ballantynepres.com 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 - https://zoom.us/j/93124082779

SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 14 Deacons' Benevolence Offering

Mar. 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar. 28 Palm Sunday

Apr. 2 Good Friday Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 4 Easter Sunday

SESSION

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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)	\$0	(\$12,777)

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