

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 14, 2021 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.

#### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 13:5-6

Leader: I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

All: I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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## O Savior, Precious Savior

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. 1 Pet. 1:8



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#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

2 Corinthians 11:1-33, ESV page 969

#### Paul and the False Apostles

11 I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! <sup>2</sup> For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. <sup>3</sup> But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. <sup>4</sup> For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles. <sup>6</sup> Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

<sup>7</sup> Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? <sup>8</sup> I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. <sup>9</sup> And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. <sup>10</sup> As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. <sup>11</sup> And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

<sup>12</sup> And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. <sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

#### Paul's Sufferings as an Apostle

<sup>16</sup> I repeat, let no one think me foolish. But even if you do, accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little. <sup>17</sup> What I am saying with this boastful confidence, I say not as the Lord would but as a fool. <sup>18</sup> Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast. <sup>19</sup> For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! <sup>20</sup> For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. <sup>21</sup> To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. <sup>24</sup> Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; <sup>26</sup> on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; <sup>27</sup> in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. <sup>28</sup> And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

<sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. <sup>31</sup> The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup> At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, <sup>33</sup> but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

# 465 Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Where sin increased, grace increased all the more. Rom. 5:20



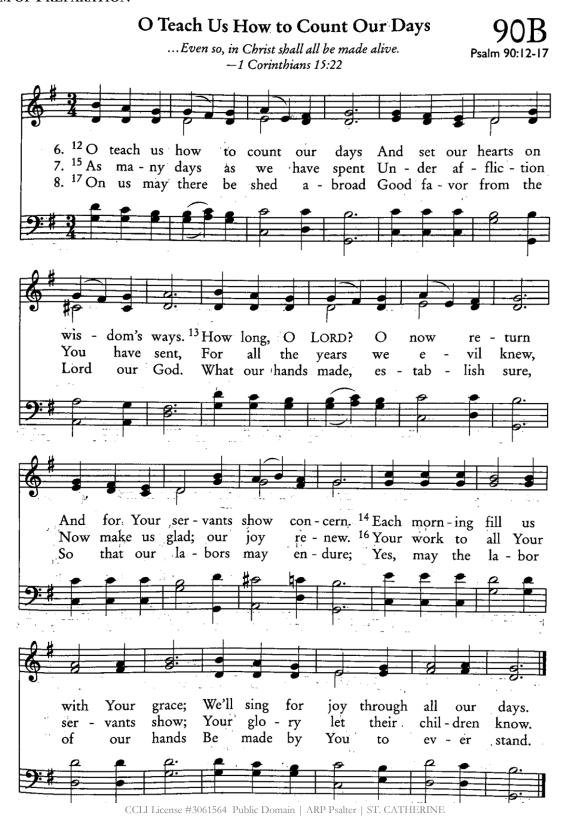
#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 75

Question: What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

Answer: The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

#### **EVENING PRAYER**

#### PSALM OF PREPARATION



"Do Unto Others..."

Deuteronomy 15, ESV page 158

#### The Sabbatical Year

15 "At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release. <sup>2</sup> And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release what he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, his brother, because the LORD's release has been proclaimed. <sup>3</sup> Of a foreigner you may exact it, but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. <sup>4</sup> But there will be no poor among you; for the LORD will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess— <sup>5</sup> if only you will strictly obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

<sup>7</sup> "If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, <sup>8</sup> but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. <sup>9</sup> Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, "The seventh year, the year of release is near," and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. <sup>10</sup> You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. <sup>11</sup> For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

<sup>12</sup> "If your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you, he shall serve you six years, and in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. <sup>13</sup> And when you let him go free from you, you shall not let him go empty-handed. <sup>14</sup> You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, out of your threshing floor, and out of your winepress. As the LORD your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. <sup>15</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this today. <sup>16</sup> But if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he is well-off with you, <sup>17</sup> then you shall take an awl, and put it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your slave forever. And to your female slave you shall do the same. <sup>18</sup> It shall not seem hard to you when you let him go free from you, for at half the cost of a hired worker he has served you six years. So the LORD your God will bless you in all that you do.

<sup>19</sup> "All the firstborn males that are born of your herd and flock you shall dedicate to the LORD your God. You shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. <sup>20</sup> You shall eat it, you and your household, before the LORD your God year by year at the place that the LORD will choose. <sup>21</sup> But if it has any blemish, if it is lame or blind or has any serious blemish whatever, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God. <sup>22</sup> You shall eat it within your towns. The unclean and the clean alike may eat it, as though it were a gazelle or a deer. <sup>23</sup> Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it out on the ground like water.

# May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5



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#### \* BENEDICTION

#### **POSTLUDE**

<sup>\*</sup> 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:** <a href="http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/">http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/</a>

**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

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

Michael Moon will lead our young adults ZOOM call: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95762871957">https://zoom.us/j/95762871957</a>

#### 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\*\* <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97617806601">https://zoom.us/j/97617806601</a>

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

Josh Duemler leads our Youth Group in person and over Google Meet. Our current series is called "What is Jesus doing?" and we are looking at the second half of Mark's gospel. As Jesus goes to Jerusalem to die and rise again, how are we as his disciples supposed to follow him? Please join us! Google Meet link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/udm-kagp-gfy">https://meet.google.com/udm-kagp-gfy</a>

NO Women's Bible Study – resumes March 25<sup>th</sup>

### 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 - <a href="https://zoom.us/j/93124082779">https://zoom.us/j/93124082779</a>

#### SAVE THE DATES

<b>Mar. 14</b>	Daylight Sa	avings Time	e Begins
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- Mar. 16 Young Adults Zoom Call, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 25 Women's Bible Study resumes, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 28 Palm Sunday
- Apr. 2 Good Friday Worship, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 4 Easter Sunday

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Mr. Mark Seeley	Elder Emeritus		
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Mr. Jake Spencer	Chair/ Finance	704-617-0197	
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\*Missionary of the Month

John & Judy Lehner

\*Rob & Rachel Turner

Michael & Lauren Wenzler

Justin & M. Westmoreland

#### CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

2/28/21 YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$58,366	\$56,771	\$1,595
Expenses:	\$64,140	\$56,771	\$7,369
Net Income/ (Deficit)	(\$5,774)	\$0	(\$5,774)

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