

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 14, 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.

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:17,21

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

All: Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

26 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 1:46, 47



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: Gracious Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not convicted me of sin.

All: Even my most righteous deeds are filthy rags. I am corrupted by sin and condemned by transgressions.

Leader: Lord Jesus, let your righteousness count for me. Let your blood win my forgiveness.

All: In you I am guilty but pardoned, lost but saved, wandering but found, sinful but cleansed.

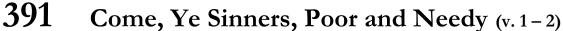
Leader: Renew in me a new spirit to do your will, a new heart to turn from sin.

All: Bring me trusting to your cross, and there receive me by your grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 10:10-11

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved... As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."





OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 51:34-64, ESV page 681

"Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon has devoured me;

he has crushed me;

he has made me an empty vessel;

he has swallowed me like a monster; he has filled his stomach with my delicacies;

he has rinsed me out.

³⁵The violence done to me and to my kinsmen be upon Babylon,"

let the inhabitant of Zion say.

"My blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea,"

let Jerusalem say.

³⁶Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will plead your cause and take vengeance for you.

I will dry up her sea

and make her fountain dry,

³⁷ and Babylon shall become a heap of ruins,

the haunt of jackals,

a horror and a hissing, without inhabitant.

³⁸ "They shall roar together like lions; they shall growl like lions' cubs.

³⁹ While they are inflamed I will prepare them a feast

and make them drunk, that they may become merry,

then sleep a perpetual sleep

and not wake, declares the LORD.

⁴⁰I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter,

like rams and male goats.

41 "How Babylon is taken,

the praise of the whole earth seized!

How Babylon has become

a horror among the nations!

⁴²The sea has come up on Babylon; she is covered with its tumultuous waves.

⁴³ Her cities have become a horror, a land of drought and a desert, a land in which no one dwells, and through which no son of man passes.

⁴⁴ And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and take out of his mouth what he has swallowed.

The nations shall no longer flow to him; the wall of Babylon has fallen.

⁴⁵ "Go out of the midst of her, my people! Let every one save his life from the fierce anger of the LORD!

⁴⁶Let not your heart faint, and be not fearful

at the report heard in the land, when a report comes in one year and afterward a report in another year, and violence is in the land,

and ruler is against ruler.

⁴⁷ "Therefore, behold, the days are coming when I will punish the images of Babylon;

her whole land shall be put to shame, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

⁴⁸Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, shall sing for joy over Babylon, for the destroyers shall come against

them out of the north, declares the LORD.

⁴⁹ Babylon must fall for the slain of Israel, just as for Babylon have fallen the slain of all the earth.

⁵⁰ "You who have escaped from the sword,

go, do not stand still!

Remember the LORD from far away, and let Jerusalem come into your mind:

⁵¹ We are put to shame, for we have heard reproach;

dishonor has covered our face,

for foreigners have come

into the holy places of the LORD's house.'

⁵² "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,

when I will execute judgment upon her images,

and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

⁵³Though Babylon should mount up to heaven,

and though she should fortify her strong height,

yet destroyers would come from me against her,

declares the LORD.

The noise of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!

The LORD is laying Babylon waste and stilling her mighty voice.

Their waves roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is raised,

for a destroyer has come upon her, upon Babylon; her warriors are taken; their bows are broken in pieces, for the LORD is a God of recompense; he will surely repay.

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her governors, her commanders, and her

warriors; they shall sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake, declares the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

58 "Thus says the LORD of hosts:
The broad wall of Babylon shall be leveled to the ground, and her high gates shall be burned with fire.
The peoples labor for nothing, and the nations weary themselves only for fire."

⁵⁹ The word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, son of Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah king of Judah to Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. Seraiah was the quartermaster. ⁶⁰ Jeremiah wrote in a book all the disaster that should come upon Babylon, all these words that are written concerning Babylon. ⁶¹ And Jeremiah said to Seraiah: "When you come to Babylon, see that you read all these words, ⁶² and say, 'O LORD, you have said concerning this place that you will cut it off, so that nothing shall dwell in it, neither man nor beast, and it shall be desolate forever.' ⁶³ When you finish reading this book, tie a stone to it and cast it into the midst of the Euphrates, ⁶⁴ and say, 'Thus shall Babylon sink, to rise no more, because of the disaster that I am bringing upon her, and they shall become exhausted."

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

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.

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

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Ps. 85:6



"Kindness"

Galatians 5:16-26, ESV page 975

Keep in Step with the Spirit

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

335 Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezek. 36:27



* 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

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

Tuesday Night 7-8 p.m. Young Adults **ZOOM** 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** https://zoom.us/j/97617806601

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

NO Women's Bible Study – resumes March 25th

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

Mar. 14 Daylight Savings Time Be	gins
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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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*Missionary of the Month

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

*Rob & Rachel Turner

Michael & Lauren Wenzler

Justin & M. Westmoreland

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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