

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 21, 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

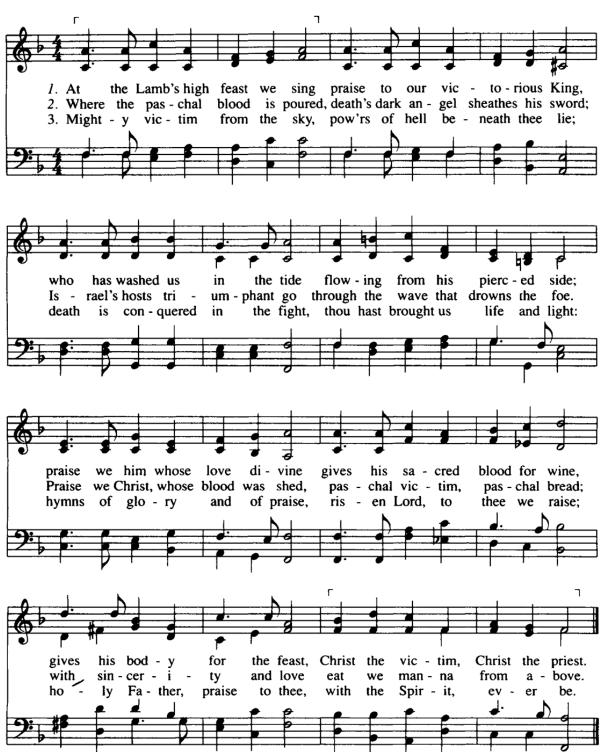
And offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Great are the works of the Lord, full of splendor and majesty; He remembers His covenant forever. He broke the bread and gave thanks; He said, "This is my body which is for you."

* HYMN OF PRAISE

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing 420

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Cor. 5:7



NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 12: 1-21, ESV page 970

Paul's Visions and His Thorn

12 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses— ⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Concern for the Corinthian Church

¹¹I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. ¹²The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works. ¹³ For in what were you less favored than the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this wrong!

¹⁴Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. ¹⁵I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? ¹⁶But granting that I myself did not burden you, I was crafty, you say, and got the better of you by deceit. ¹⁷Did I take advantage of you through any of those whom I sent to you? ¹⁸I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not act in the same spirit? Did we not take the same steps?

¹⁹ Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves to you? It is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ, and all for your upbuilding, beloved. ²⁰ For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. ²¹ I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced.

A friend of ... "sinners." Matt. 11:19



CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism No. 76

Question: Which is the ninth commandment?

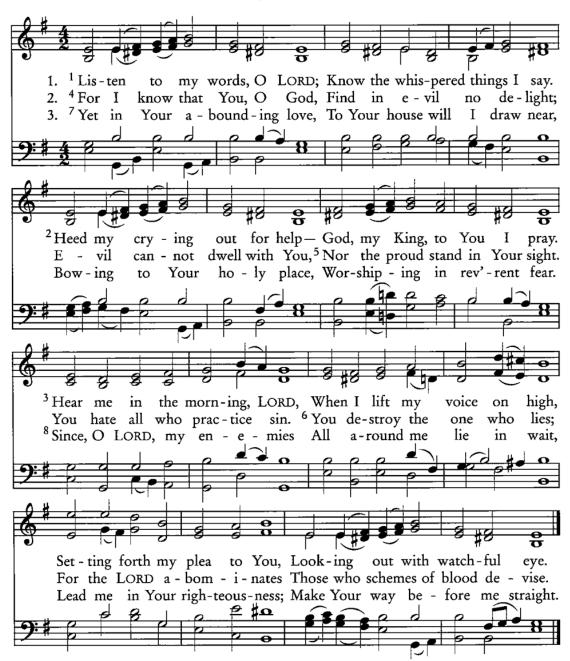
Answer: The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Listen to My Words, O LORD

Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you.

— John 12:35

Psalm 5



- 4. 9 In their mouth there is no truth; All their heart destruction seeks, Like an open grave their throat, While their tongue with honey speaks.
 - Make them bear their guilt, O God; Snare them in the things they planned! Cast them out for all their sins: Rebels who against You stand.
- 5. 11 Yet let all who trust in You
 Sing for joy through all their days.
 Guard all those who love Your name;
 Let them give You joyful praise.
 - 12 Blessing to the righteous one, You, O LORD, will surely bring; With Your favor, like a shield, You will give him covering.

"Our Eyes Are On You"
2 Chronicles 20:1-12, ESV page 372

Jehoshaphat's Prayer

20 After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. ²Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar" (that is, Engedi). ³Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴And Judah assembled to seek help from the LORD; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

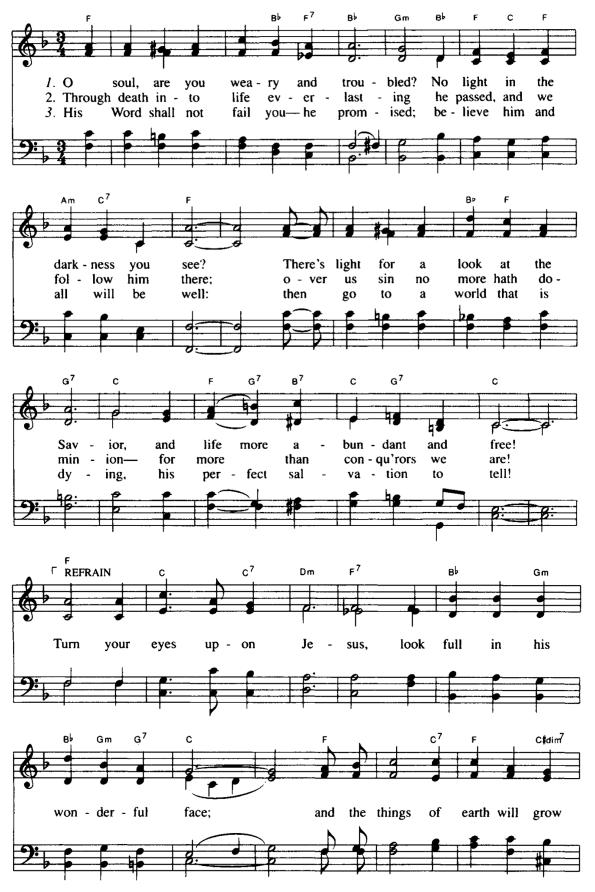
⁵ And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶ and said, "O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. ⁷ Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? ⁸ And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, ⁹ If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' ¹⁰ And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— ¹¹ behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. ¹² O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

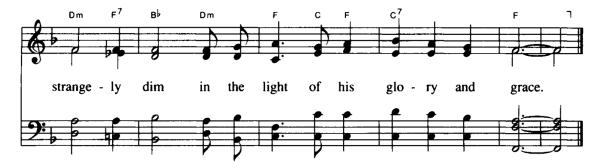
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Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth. Is. 45:22





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* CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

* 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

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

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, as well as having Zoom set up. Contact Phoebe Pritchett with any questions: Phoebe@ballantynepres.com or 770.823.2508.

Zoom link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/95704412821</u>

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. 25	Women's Bible Study resumes, 7 p.m.
Mar. 27	Youth Group Mini-Golf event, RSVP to Joshua by 3/22
Mar. 28	Palm Sunday
Apr. 2	Good Friday Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 4	Easter Sunday
Apr. 6	Young Adults meet at BPC, 7 p.m.
Apr. 11	Congregational Meeting to vote Matt Spear as our new Treasurer
Apr. 16-18	High School Retreat - RSVP to Joshua by 3/29

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Drew & Lauren Goodman	World Witness	Sully, Wales
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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

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)

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