



BALLANTYNE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 16, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 24:50-53

“And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.”

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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*Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory
may come in. Ps. 24:7*

1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height; Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
 he hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison
 en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 10:11-12

"Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God."

Spirit of the Living God

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

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The first system of music is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.' written below the notes.

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The second system of music continues the melody from the first system, with the same lyrics 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.' written below the notes.

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

The third system of music features a new melody with the lyrics 'Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!' written below the notes. The melody is more rhythmic and expressive, with some notes beamed together.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The fourth system of music returns to the original melody from the first system, with the lyrics 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.' written below the notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 47, ESV page 472

God Is King over All the Earth

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

47 Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great king over all the earth.

³He subdued peoples under us,

and nations under our feet.

⁴He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Selah*

⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

⁸God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

⁹The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to
God;

he is highly exalted!

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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1. O Breath of God, come fill this place; re - vive our
2. O Word of God, so clear and true, re - new our
3. O Love of God, so un - re - strained, re - fresh our
4. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son and God the

hearts to know Your grace And from our slum - ber
minds to trust in You; And give to us the
souls in Je - sus' name. Let us re - flect Your
Spir - it make us one; In ho - li - ness let

make us rise, that we may know the ris - en Christ.
Bread of Life, that we may know the ris - en Christ.
sac - ri - fice, that we may know the ris - en Christ.
us u - nite, that we may know the ris - en Christ.

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GETTY & MADEIRA

THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

“The Law of the Ascended Christ”

Galatians 6:2-5, ESV page 975

² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load.

Christ ... entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Heb. 9:24

1. Gold - en harps are sound - ing, an - gel voic - es ring, pearl - y gates are
2. He who came to save us, he who bled and died, now is crowned with
3. Pray - ing for his chil - dren in that bless - ed place, call - ing them to

o - pened, o - pened for the King: Christ, the King of glo - ry, Je - sus,
glo - ry at his Fa - ther's side. Nev - er - more to suf - fer, nev - er -
glo - ry, send - ing them his grace; his bright home pre - par - ing, faith - ful

King of love, is gone up in tri - umph to his throne a - bove.
more to die, Je - sus, King of glo - ry, is gone up on high.
ones, for you; Je - sus ev - er liv - eth, ev - er lov - eth too.

¹ REFRAIN
All his work is end - ed, joy - ful - ly we sing;

Je - sus hath as - cend - ed: glo - ry to our King!

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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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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We are not currently passing the offering plates. Online or mail-in giving are encouraged. If tithing in person is more convenient, the offering plates are available on the hall table.

ONLINE: <http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/>

MAIL: Please mail tithe checks (no cash) to the treasurer's address. He will immediately deposit to the church's account and forward the Wells Fargo e-mail confirmation to you:

Matt Spear BPC Treasurer, 1722 Tanglebriar Court, Weddington, NC 28104

*DEACONS' BENEVOLENCE FUND OFFERING

Make checks payable to BPC and note "Benevolence Fund" in the memo line, or using the following link, select "Online", "Give Online" and choose "Deacon's Benevolent Fund" from the "General" dropdown list. <http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/>

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 COMMUNION Worship – In Person and Live Streamed

<https://www.ballantynepres.com/webcast>

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**
<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 Resumes - In Person and via Zoom

Phoebe Pritchett leads a weekly study on Ruth followed by an extended time of prayer. We meet weekly in person at the church, as well as via Zoom. If you have questions or would like the book, please contact Phoebe Pritchett or 770.823.2508 or Phoebe@ballantynepres.com. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95704412821>

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>

Saturday Afternoon 1 - 4 p.m. YOUTH Paintball

SAVE THE DATES

May 16 *Deacons' Benevolence Fund Offering

May 18 Young Adults Zoom Call, 7 p.m.

May 22 Youth Paintball, 1-4 p.m.

May 23 **Next Sunday Bring-your-own TAILGATE LUNCH**, honoring 2020 and 2021 BPC Graduates – drinks and dessert will be provided

SESSION

Dr. Mantle Nance	Senior Minister	980-329-8458
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Mr. Mark Seeley	Elder Emeritus	

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MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

Scott & Victoria Andes	RUF International - USC	Columbia, SC
John Baber	RUF - UNCC	Charlotte, NC
Michael and Laura Cochran	World Witness	England
Drew & Lauren Goodman	World Witness	Sully, Wales
Josh & Ashley Grimm	RUF - Queens	Charlotte, NC
Human Coalition	1505 E. 4 th Street	Charlotte, NC
John & Judy Lehner	Pilgrim Grace for Spain	Charlotte, NC
Rob & Rachel Turner	Arsenal Hill Presbyterian	Columbia, SC
*Michael & Lauren Wenzler	RUF - CSU	Ft. Collins, CO
Justin & M. Westmoreland	Trinity Presbyterian Church	Norman, OK
<i>*Missionary of the Month</i>		

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

3/31/21 YTD	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$82,849	\$85,157	(\$2,308)
Expenses:	\$91,489	\$85,157	\$6,332
Net Income/ (Deficit)	(\$8,640)	\$0	(\$8,640)

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