

**BALLANTYNE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 12, 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

### CHORAL INTROIT

#### *Psalm 34A*

*At all times I will bless the Lord, In praise my mouth employ.*

*My soul is boasting in the Lord; The poor will hear with joy.*

*O glorify the Lord with me, Let us exalt His name!*

*In all my fears I sought the Lord, From Him my rescue came.*

*O taste and see the Lord is good; Those trusting Him are blessed.*  
*O fear the Lord, saints; none who fear Will be with need oppressed.*

*The lions young may hungry be, And they may lack their food;*

*But they who truly seek the Lord Will not lack any good.*

### **\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 34:3*

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me!

**All: And let us exalt his name together!**

## Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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*They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.*  
Matt. 2:11

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,  
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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 and Merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature. We are prone to evil and slothful in good.

**All: All our sins and offenses are against You, O Lord. We have sinned in wandering from Your ways and wasting Your gifts.**

Leader: O Lord, have mercy on us! Have mercy on us for we are ashamed of our sins and how we have dishonored You.

**All: Teach us to hate our errors and transgressions. Cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins, for the sake of Christ.**

Leader: And, O Father, send Your grace into our lives.

**All: That we might walk in the light and be pleasing to You in all our ways, according to Your Word. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 Peter 2:9-10*

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

*ARP Psalter No. 5*

### *Listen to My Words, O Lord (verse 5)*

*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.  
Blessing to the righteous one,  
You, O Lord, will surely bring;  
With Your favor, like a shield,  
You will give him covering.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

1 Samuel 2:1-10, ESV page 225

## **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.*

## **THE PRAYER FOR CHURCH AND WORLD**

## **COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

CHORAL ANTHEM

**Cradle Carol**

by Victor C. Johnson

*Before the paling of the stars, before the winter morn,  
before the earliest dove could sing, Jesus Christ was born.*

*Priest and King lay fast asleep in Jerusalem,  
young and old in slumber deep in crowded Bethlehem.*

*Born in a stable, cradled in a manger,  
in the world His hands had made,  
Jesus, born on this day.*

*Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.  
While angel hosts from heav'n come winging,  
sweetest songs of joy are singing.*

*Born in a stable, cradled in a manger,  
in the world His hands had made,  
Jesus, born on this day.  
Our Savior is born this day.*

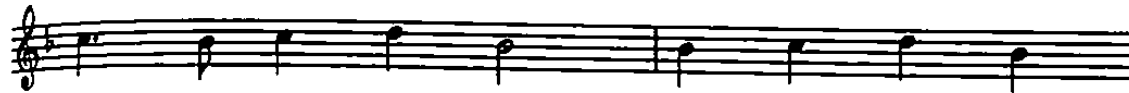
\* HYMN OF PREPARATION

1982 Trinity Hymnal No.

**Savior, of the Nations Come**



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Luke 1:46-56, ESV page 856

“The Magnificat”

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Trinity Hymnal No. 229*

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Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

*She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger. Luke 2:7*

1. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;  
 2. An - gels sang a - bout his birth, wise men sought and found him;  
 3. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

there he lay, the Un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.  
 heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.  
 he is still the Un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?  
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.  
 all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ring - ing.  
 praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glo - ry!

## \* 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*

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## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering plates will be passed during morning worship. Below are additional ways to give:

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

**MAIL:** Please mail any tithes and offering checks (no cash) to the treasurer's home address and he will ensure the funds are deposited into the church's account: Matt Spear BPC Treasurer, 1722 Tanglebriar Court, Weddington, NC 28104

## THIS SUNDAY AT BPC

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir rehearsal** -contact Dr. Catie Jackson for more information about choir.
- 9:45 a.m. Children's and Youth** begin Sunday school hour in the choir room
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School** for ages 3 to adult, nursery available as needed  
**Adult Sunday School** is studying the "Westminster Confession of Faith"
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship** – In Person and Live Streamed  
<https://www.ballantynepres.com/webcast>
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting**
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols**
- 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 at BPC**

This week the Youth Group will meet for a meal, and then we will make the votive candles for Lessons and Carols. Then we will take a break and get started on a new series on James in the upcoming year!

### **Friday Morning 7 a.m. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - In Person**

Keith Kowadlo leads Men's Bible Study, which meets at church at 7 a.m.

### **Saturday Morning 10 a.m. SHOWER FOR TONYA MOON**

#### **At the Jackson's, 7518 Lancer Drive, Charlotte, NC 28226**

Tonya is registered at Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/TM8R41M88N6M> and Target: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift-giver?registryId=da78b6c0-2941-11ec-b93f-61a893255c71&type=BABY>

Please RSVP to [phoebe@ballantynepres.com](mailto:phoebe@ballantynepres.com)

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

### **A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, 6 P.M.**

Please invite friends and neighbors, and plan to join us Sunday, December 19th at 6 p.m. for a candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols. By weaving readings from Scripture with beloved music of the season, the wonder of the Christmas story is heard anew. There will be a reception with light refreshments.

Sign up to bring food at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ca9a69-lessons>

## SAVE THE DATES

- Dec. 12** Congregational Meeting immediately after morning worship  
**Dec. 19** **Lessons and Carols** at BPC, 6 p.m.  
**Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve Worship**, 6 p.m.  
**Dec. 26** No Sunday School; No Evening Worship  
**Dec. 22-31** No Prayer Meeting, Youth Group, or Bible Study

## CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

10/31/21	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income-Gifts	\$393,559	\$283,857	\$109,702
Expenses	\$272,508	\$283,857	\$11,349
Net Income-Deficit	\$121,051	\$0	\$121,051

## SESSION

Dr. Mantle Nance	Senior Minister	980-329-8458
Mr. Tim Ball	Elder	803-323-9031
Mr. Kenneth Jackson	Missions	704-604-0331
Dr. Brian Jerby	Women's Ministry	704-574-0678
Mr. Dennis Kachmarsky	Clerk	704-996-9561
Mr. Bob Stone	Personnel	704-442-0109
Mr. Mark Seeley	Elder Emeritus	

## DIACONATE

Mr. Sam Bullard	Mercy	704-451-1569
Mr. Rob Kelley	Building/ Grounds	704-907-5474
Mr. Keith Kowadlo	Men's Ministry	704-618-6181
Mr. Tim Teague	Clerk	704-770-1421
Mr. Dan Tubaugh	Finance	704-989-7200

## STAFF

Miss Aimee Jobe	Pianist	803-389-5395
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Dr. Catharine Jackson	Music Coordinator	704-604-0330
Mrs. Christie Kelley	Administration	704-953-1951
Mr. Michael Moon	Intern	828-989-7356
Mr. Jordan Perkins	Intern	970-893-0909
Miss Phoebe Pritchett	Women's Ministry	770-823-2508
Mr. Matt Spear	Treasurer	704-301-0524

## MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

Scott & Victoria Andes	RUF International - USC	Columbia, SC
*John & Mary Ann 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
Queen City Pregnancy Resource Ctr.	1505 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	Charlotte, NC
John & Judy Lehner	Serge 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 Ch.	Norman, OK

*\*Missionary of the Month*

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