



BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 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**

Ephesians 1:3

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Trinity Hymnal No. 211

211

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
Luke 2:10

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

REFRAIN
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

* INVOCATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:1-12, ESV page 809

HYMN OF ADORATION

Trinity Hymnal No. 232

O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild

232

Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Phil. 2:8

1. O Je - sus sweet, O Je - sus mild, your Fa - ther's
2. O Je - sus sweet, O Je - sus mild, your birth the
3. O Je - sus sweet, O Je - sus mild, we seek to

will you have ful - filled. From heav'n a - bove to
world with hope has filled. Your death has ran - somed
do what you have willed. All that we have comes

earth you came, and born as man you took our
our lost race, for on the cross you took our
from a - bove; Lord, keep us walk - ing in your

name. O Je - sus sweet, O Je - sus mild.
place. O Je - sus sweet, O Je - sus mild.
love. O Je - sus sweet, O Je - sus mild.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 7

20 Q. Are all people then saved through Christ just as they were lost through Adam?

20 A. No. Only those are saved who through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.

21 Q. What is true faith?

21 A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

22 Q. What then must a Christian believe?

22 A. All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.

23 Q. What are these articles?

23 A. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Trinity Hymnal No. 557

Blest Are the Undefined

557

*Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law
of the LORD. Ps. 119:1*

1. Blest are the un - de - filed in heart, whose ways are right and clean,
2. Blest are the men who keep your word and prac - tice your com - mands;
3. Great is their peace who love your law; how firm their souls a - bide!
4. Then shall my heart have in - ward joy, and keep my face from shame,

who nev - er from the law de - part, but fly from ev - 'ry sin.
with their whole heart they seek the Lord, and serve you with their hands.
Nor can a bold temp - ta - tion draw their stead - y feet a - side.
when all your stat - utes I o - bey, and hon - or all your name.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. Each line of music is accompanied by a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

Deuteronomy 33, ESV page 175

“Moses’ Blessing on Israel”

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Trinity Hymnal 441



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 thron - g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

** Congregation Standing*

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 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.

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, to approve our 2022 budget

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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Mr. Michael Moon	Intern	828-989-7356
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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 th 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*

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

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