

# 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.

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

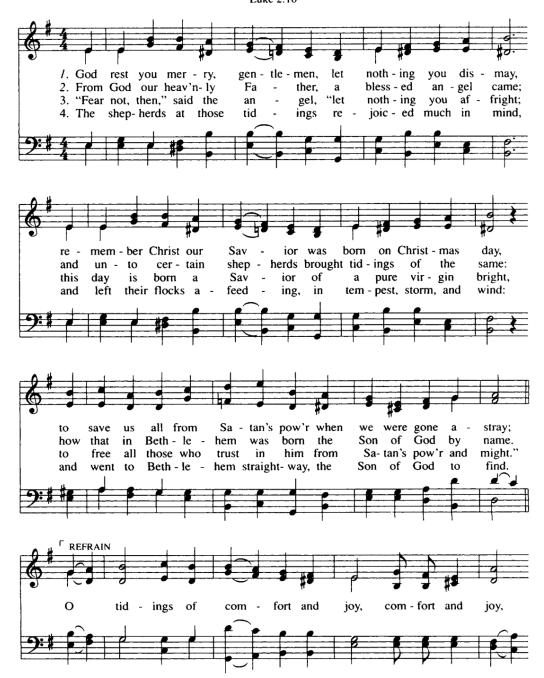
All: Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

#### \* 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.



### \* 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



### **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.

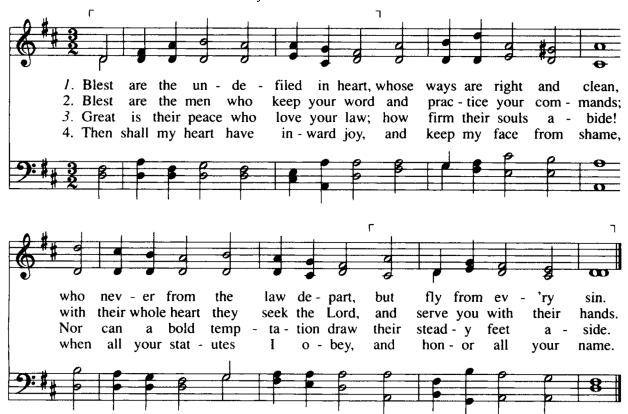
#### HYMN OF PREPARATION

### Trinity Hymnal No. 557

### Blest Are the Undefiled

557

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



#### THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

Deuteronomy 33, ESV page 175 "Moses' Blessing on Israel"



#### \* BENEDICTION

#### **POSTLUDE**

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation Standing

### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

ONLINE: <a href="http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/">http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/</a>

**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\*\* <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97617806601">https://zoom.us/j/97617806601</a>

## 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 <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ca9a69-lessons">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ca9a69-lessons</a>

# 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		
Mr. Joshua Duemler	Intern	616-647-7743		
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. 4th 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.