

**BALLANTYNE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 19, 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

#### **The Gift**

arr. William Cutter

*O come, little children, O come, one and all.  
O come to the cradle in Bethlehem's stall.  
Come see what has happened this holiest of nights.  
Come gaze on the gift from the Father of Might.*

*How sweetly He lies in His bed made of straw  
As Mary and Joseph behold him in awe!  
The shepherds are kneeling before his poor bed,  
While caroling angels are heard overhead.*

*O come, join the shepherds and on ben  
Give thanks to the Father for Jesus our King.  
O lift up your voices and join in the praise  
The angels from heav'n to the Father now raise.*

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

*Psalm 72:18-19*

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**All: Blessed be his glorious name forever! Let the whole earth be filled with his glory!**

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN

born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
 in the high - est;  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## 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

*Adapted from Theodore Beza, 1561*

Leader: Lord God, Father, Eternal and Almighty, we confess before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners, born in corruption, inclined to evil, incapable of ourselves to do good.

**All: We transgress every day, and in many ways, your holy commandments and are therefore worthy of your judgment and condemnation.**

Leader: But, Lord, truly grieved by our sins, we turn humbly to your grace, and beg you to relieve our misery.

**All: Have pity on us, most glorious God, Father of mercy, and pardon our offences for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Colossians 1:13-14*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

*Trinity Hymnal No. 216*

### **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (v. 2)**

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new*

*saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.*

*Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:*

*Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11, ESV page 599

## **THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.

## **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**

## **INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM**

*Love Came Down at Christmas/The First Noel*

arr. McMichael

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION

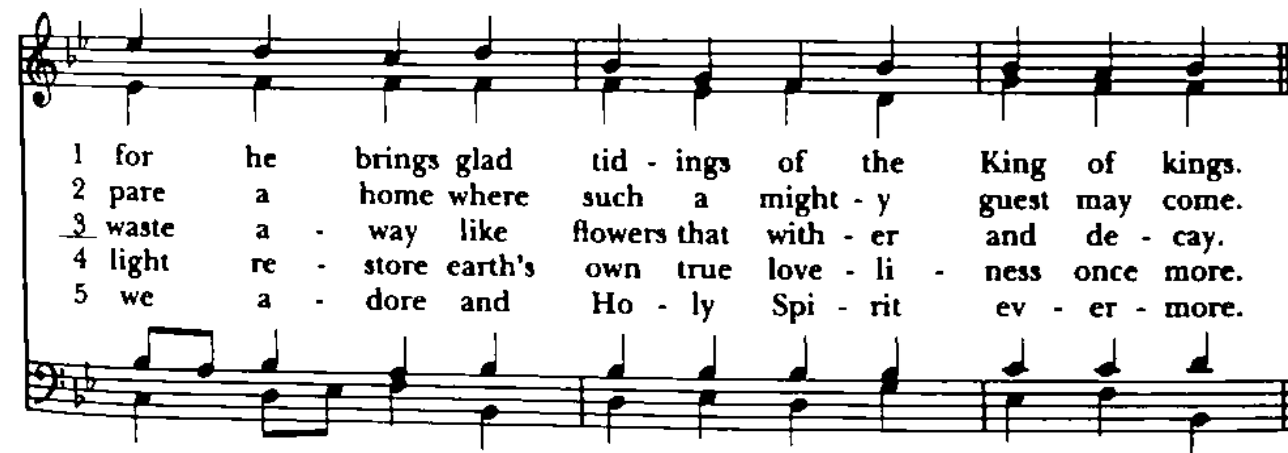
## On Jordan's Banks



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Luke 1:57-80, ESV page 856

“The Benedictus”

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Trinity Hymnal No. 198*

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! 198**

*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. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Be - hold, the  
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot  
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is  
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.  
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 Let me thy inner presence feel;  
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
 Let new and nobler life begin!  
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
 until the glorious crown be won.

**\* 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*



# SERMON NOTES

## 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>
- 4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols**
- 6:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols** – In Person and Live Streamed  
<https://www.ballantynepres.com/webcast>

## THIS WEEK

- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Worship, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 22-31** No Prayer Meeting, Youth Group, or Bible Study; Office will be closed

## NEXT SUNDAY

- Dec. 26** No Sunday School; No Evening Worship

## SAVE THE DATES

- 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
- Jan. 3 & 17** Young Adults meet at Kennedy's, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 16** **\*\*NEW\*\*** Sanctity of Human Life Sunday; Special guests from Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center

## 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. 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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AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SPIRIT IN BALLANTYNE AND BEYOND.**

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