



**BALLANTYNE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 10, 2023

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

*Hark! the Glad Sound!*

P. Doddridge

*Hark! the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;*

*Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.*

### \* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Revelation 22*

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

**All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

# Blest Be the King Whose Coming

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of  
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!  
bear it so he can make us free!

## 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

*A Book of Common Prayer*

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**All: We have followed too much the desires and devices of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws.**

Leader: 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 there is no health in us.

**All: O Lord, have mercy on us miserable offenders.**

Leader: Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life. To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Isaiah 53:6,12*

We all, like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all... He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 1:9-20, ESV page 1028

## THE CONFSSION 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

*Rejoice*

Frank Hernandez

*Rejoice, rejoice, a Savior is come, to God be glory.  
Goodwill t'ward men and peace on earth, for Christ the Lord is He.  
Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, these shall be His name.  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace, with justice shall He reign.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, a virgin has borne a Child most marvelous.  
The scriptures tell "Emmanuel!" means God is with us.  
Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, these shall be His name.  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace, with justice shall He reign.*

*And He shall be great, He shall be great.  
And there shall be no end to His kingdom,  
and He shall reign forever more,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, for He will save His people from their sins.  
And He shall bless with righteousness the soul that trusts in Him.  
Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, these shall be His name.  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace, with justice shall He reign!*

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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*  
Is. 11:1

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der  
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I  
 3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by  
 4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness  
 5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our

stem hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing,  
 have in mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it,  
 • an - gels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry,  
 fills the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor  
 hu - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry,

as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright,  
 the vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right  
 • was born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped  
 the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God;  
 who dost our weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray.

a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 she bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 • and in the man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.  
 from sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 to the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

German hymn, ca. 1500  
 St. 1-2 tr. by Theodore Baker, 1894  
 St. 3-4 tr. by Harriett R. Spaeth, 1875  
 St. 5 tr. by John C. Makker, 1914

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.  
 German melody, 15th cent.  
 Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609; alt.

Isaiah 9:1-7, ESV page 573

“Wonderful Counselor”

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

**Hark! The Glad Sound!**

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -  
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

\* 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. Hymn Preview** in the sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for ages 3 to adult, nursery available  
**Adult Sunday School** - Dr. Nance is teaching a 3-week series called Spiritual Formation through the Church Year, Part One: The Cycle of Light (Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany)
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting**
- 4:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols**
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**

## 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.

**\*\*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 semester the Youth Group is exploring *What is a Disciple?*. Please join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for snacks and a lesson. Contact Jordan Perkins for more information or to be added to the weekly email: [jordanmperkins16@gmail.com](mailto:jordanmperkins16@gmail.com)

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

Mark Seeley leads the discussion on Ephesians and further coordination details will be forthcoming.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Plan now to attend a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17th at 6 p.m. Invite friends and neighbors to come hear the Christmas story told through scripture and music. Light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided.

## SAVE THE DATES

**Dec. 10** Congregational Meeting

**Dec. 17** A Festival of Lessons & Carols, 6 p.m.

**Dec. 19** Young Adults meet at Kennedy's, 6:30 p.m.

**Jan. 7** Evening Worship AT BRIGHTMORE, arrive at 5:50 p.m.

## Christmas Schedule

**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**Dec. 24 & Dec. 31** No Sunday School

**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Worship at the PAVILION, 4 p.m.

**Dec. 27 & Jan. 3** No Wednesday Meetings

**Dec. 31** No Evening Worship

## CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

9/30/2023	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income/Gifts	\$247,960	\$262,922	(\$14,962)
Expenses	\$264,823	\$262,922	(\$1,901)
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$16,863)	\$0	(\$16,863)

**SESSION**

Dr. Mantle Nance	Senior Minister	980-329-8458
Mr. Tim Ball	Missions	803-323-9031
Mr. Kenneth Jackson	Personnel, Discipleship	704-604-0331
Mr. Dennis Kachmarsky	Clerk	704-996-9561
Mr. Mark Seeley	Elder Emeritus	

**DIACONATE**

Mr. Sam Bullard	Mercy	704-451-1569
Mr. Rob Kelley	Clerk, Building & Grounds	704-907-5474
Mr. Alex Moore	Deacon	828-289-2460
Mr. Dan Tubaugh	Finance	704-989-7200

**STAFF**

Miss Aimee Jobe	Pianist	803-389-5395
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Mrs. Christie Kelley	Administration	704-953-1951
Mr. Levi Martin	Intern	540-986-5185
Mr. Jordan Perkins	Intern	970-893-0909
Miss Phoebe Pritchett	Women's Ministry	770-823-2508
Rev. Chuck Sammons	Intern	432-559-8470
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
*John & Judy Lehner	Serge for Spain	Charlotte, NC
PAK7		Pakistan
Queen City Pregnancy Resource Ctr.	1505 E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	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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