



BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 24, 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

O Come, All You Unfaithful

L. Clow & B. Kauflin

*O come, all you unfaithful.
Come, weak and unstable. Come, know you are not alone.*

*O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying.
Come, see what your God has done.*

Christ is born. Christ is born. Christ is born for you.

*O come, bitter and broken.
Come, with fears unspoken. Come, taste of His perfect love.*

*O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run.
See what your God has done.*

Christ is born. Christ is born. Christ is born for you.

*He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace for those who believe.*

Congregation to Join
So come, though you have nothing.
Come, He is the offering.
Come, see what your God has done.
Christ is born. Christ is born. Christ is born for you.
Christ is born. Christ is born. Christ is born for you.

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

218

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.

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Smart, 1867

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

from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

Leader: O Lord our God, we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil.

All: We are unable on our own to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments.

Leader: But, Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and all our evil ways.

All: Have compassion on us, most gracious God, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Grant to us your grace, that we might do your will.

All: Accept us now through Jesus Christ. Remove our guilt and send to us your Holy Spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 2:1,2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Patrick M. Liebergen & Felix Mendelssohn

*O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

John 14:15-24, ESV page 901

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

INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

Trinity Hymnal No. 213

213

What Child Is This

Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

Isaiah 9:1-7, ESV page 573

Everlasting Father

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal No. 199

199

See, amid the Winter's Snow

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ... being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself. Phil. 2:5, 8

1. See, a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
 2. Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies:
 3. Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say— what's your joy - ful news to - day?
 4. "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a won - drous light;

see the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
 he who, throned in height sub - lime, sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
 Where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?
 an - gels sing - ing, 'Peace on earth,' told us of the Sav - ior's birth."

REFRAIN

Hail, thou ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!

Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

5. Sacred infant, all divine,
 what a tender love was thine,
 thus to come from highest bliss
 down to such a world as this!

6. Teach, O teach us, holy child,
 by thy face so meek and mild,
 teach us to resemble thee,
 in thy sweet humility.

*** 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*

** Congregation Standing*

CCLI License #3061564 Public Domain

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

4:00 p.m. Pavilion Worship (at Brightmore)

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

THIS WEEK

No Wednesday Meetings or Bible Study

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 27 No Wednesday Meetings

Dec. 31 No Sunday School

Dec. 31 No Evening Worship

Jan. 3 No Wednesday Meetings

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

Jan. 21 *NEW* Sanctity of Human Life Sunday; Special Offering

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
Dr. Catharine Jackson	Music Coordinator	704-604-0330
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 th 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*

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

9925 Providence Road West
Charlotte, NC 28277
704.543.6700 | www.ballantynepres.com