

BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AN EPIPHANYTIDE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 14, 2024

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

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 49:6

Leader: I will make you as a light for the nations,

All: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymnal 1982 No. 127

Earth Has Many a Noble City

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed between the two staves of each system. The first system covers the first five lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next five lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,
5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,

1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. K. D. Smith (b. 1928)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, our loving Heavenly Father, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face. Fill us with your Spirit to be a light for the nations, that your salvation may reach to the end of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and who taught us to pray, saying:

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

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. 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 apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:7-9

The blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

Trinity Hymnal No. 227

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (v. 2-3)

*Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;
Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.*

*When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-9, ESV page 619

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 OFFERTORY

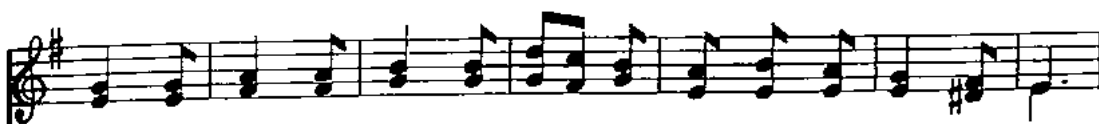
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John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.

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1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
2. Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
 Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
 Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Sounds through the earth and skies.



REFRAIN



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect Light. A - MEN.



THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

Matthew 2:1-12, ESV page 807

“The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ”

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal No. 226

As with Gladness Men of Old

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When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
• so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
• all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

* 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*

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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

No Choir rehearsal – resuming January 21st

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 series on studying God as triune using *Delighting in the Trinity* by Michael Reeves - led by Chuck Sammons and Jordan Perkins

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

THIS WEEK

Tuesday Night 6:30 p.m. YOUNG ADULTS meet at Kennedy's

Our Young Adults group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. We are currently studying the book of Acts. Please come for a meal followed by a time of Bible study and prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Levi Martin. levitater1517@gmail.com.

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 a new study on Acts and Fellowship.

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

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

Mark Seeley leads the discussion on Ephesians

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Guests - Queen City Pregnancy Resource Center

For Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 21st, BPC will welcome guest speakers during Sunday School, to share information about Queen City PRC. We will also collect a special offering for their ministry.

SAVE THE DATES

- Jan. 16** Young Adults meet at Kennedy's, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 21** Choir rehearsals will resume
- Jan. 21** Sanctity of Human Life Sunday; Special Offering
- Jan. 31** *NEW* No Wednesday Activities; Shepherding groups will meet
- Feb. 4** Evening Worship AT BRIGHTMORE, arrive at 5:50 p.m.
- Feb. 11** Deacons' Benevolence Fund 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
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Mr. Levi Martin	Intern	540-986-5185
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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.**

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