

THE LORD'S DAY

March 17, 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

CHORAL INTROIT

 We Lift Up As Our Shield God's Name (v. 1)
Trinity Hymnal No. 104
We lift up as our shield God's name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, Our rock and tower, God of Light, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word, We claim the name of grace and might, Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

* **Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: The humble will be filled with fresh joy from the LORD.

All: And the poor will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

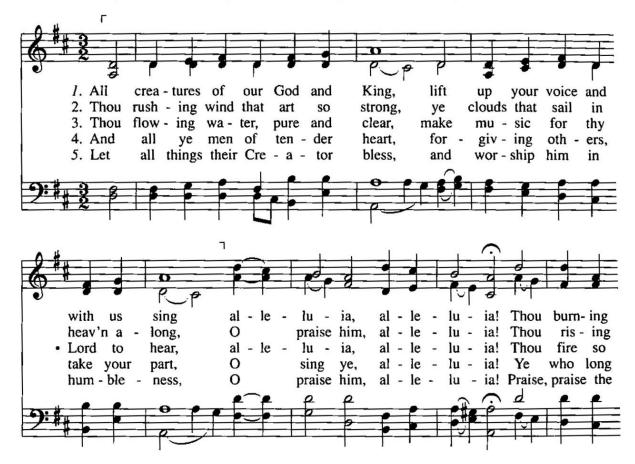
* HYMN OF PRAISE

Trinity Hymnal No. 115

115

All Creatures of Our God and King





Isaiah 29



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

From John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

- Leader: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good.
- All: Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses.

Leader: We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress.

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

Leader: And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no 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

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place (v. 1, 4, 6)

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22, ESV page 976

Ephesians 2:4-9

Trinity Hymnal No. 469

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

John Rutter

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.



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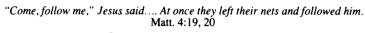
ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE L.M.D. Traditional Irish melody Arr. by Donald Hustad, 1984; alt. 1990

THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

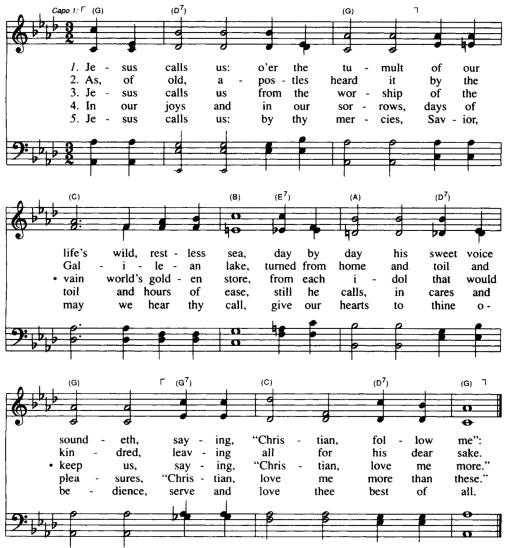
Luke 14:12-24, ESV page 874 "The Parable of the Great Banquet"

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal 591



Jesus Calls Us



Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852; alt.

GALILEE 8.7.8.7. William H. Jude. 1887

*** BENEDICTION**

* DOXOLOGY

DGY 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

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 - Mark Seeley will be leading the adult Sunday		
	morning class entitled "A Journey Through Ephesians."		

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** <u>https://zoom.us/j/97617806601</u>

Wednesday Night 6:30 p.m. YOUTH GROUP at BPC

Our new series is in the book of Philippians, examining how God's grace informs the way Christians approach friendship. Please join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for snacks and a lesson. Contact Austin Cassel for more information or to be added to the weekly email: <u>acassel340@gmail.com</u>

Thursday Evening 7 p.m. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - In Person

Phoebe Pritchett continues our weekly study on Revelation.

Friday Morning 6:45 a.m. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - In Person

Mark Seeley leads the discussion on Ephesians

UPCOMING EVENTS

Palm Sunday Pot Providence Breakfast

Please plan to join us at 9:30 a.m. on March 24th for a "Pot Providence" (Potluck) breakfast. Bring a breakfast food item to share. Please contact Joann Nabb with questions <u>Joann.Nabb@protonmail.com</u>

Easter Lilies

We will have Easter lilies for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning, March 31st. If you would like to purchase one or more in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill out a form located on the hallway table outside the sanctuary doors, and enclose \$10 payment per lily. Place orders in the designated basket in the front office or email <u>admin@ballantynepres.com</u>. Please make checks payable to "BPC" and note "Easter Lily" on the memo line. The lilies will be available to take home after morning worship. Thank you for placing your order on or before Wednesday, March 27th.

"Night for Life" dinner

You are invited to the Queen City PRC "Night for Life" dinner on Tuesday, April 9th, at the Crown Ballroom in Uptown. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the lives being saved through this amazing ministry. Award-winning musical artist and speaker, Mark Schultz, will be the special guest! Register at: https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=26802&blm_aid=238226 Select BPC, and 'Sally Nance' as your table host. Email questions to thenanceclan@yahoo.com. We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening of celebrating life!

SAVE THE DATES

Mar. 24 No Sunday School, Palm Sunday Potluck Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

Mar. 26 Young Adults meet at Kennedy's, 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 29 Good Friday Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

- Mar. 31 Easter Sunday Worship Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Apr. 7 Evening Worship AT BRIGHTMORE, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 9 Queen City PRC "Night for Life" dinner at Crown Ballroom uptown
- Apr. 14 Deacons' Benevolence Fund Offering

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

12/31/2023	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income/Gifts	\$340,991	\$350,562	(\$9,571)
Expenses	\$355,736	\$350,562	(\$5,174)
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$14,745)	\$ 0	(\$14,745)

Session

Dr. Mantle Nance	Senior Minister	980-329-8458				
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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				
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Mr. Austin Cassel	Intern	717-557-4418				
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 & Laura Cochran	World Witness	England			
Josh & Abigail Duemler	University Reformed Church	Lansing, MI			
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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