



BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 25 years
2000 - 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 14, 2025

6:00 p.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.

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Trinity Hymnal

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! Behold, the
 2. A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot
 3. O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the
 4. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a

King of glory waits; the King of kings is
 is humil-ity, his kingly crown is
 Ruler is confessed! O happy hearts and
 temple, set apart from earthly use for

draw-ing near, the Savior of the world is here.
 ho-li-ness, his scepter, pi-ty in dis-tress.
 hap-py homes to whom this King in triumph 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.

* INVOCATION

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-11, ESV page 980

HYMN OF ADORATION

Trinity Hymnal No. 162

162 Of the Father's Love Begotten

*In the beginning was the Word.... The Word was made flesh ... and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. John 1:1, 14 KJV*

Unison

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
• whom the Scrip-tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;
hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wearied prais - es be,

of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
• now he shines, the long - ex - spect - ed; let cre - a - tion
let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

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years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 • praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854;
 Henry W. Baker, 1859

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 Plainsong, 12th cent.
 Arr. by Charles Winfred Douglas, 1916

CATECHISM – To Be A Christian

Q. 12. What does it mean for you to have faith?

A. 12. To have faith means that I believe the Gospel is the truth: that Jesus died for my sins, rose from the dead, and rules over my life. Therefore, I entrust myself to him as my Savior, and I obey him as my Lord.

EVENING PRAYER

Blest Be the King Whose Coming

1 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose coming 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 robed 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!
 From - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

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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**

POSTLUDE

** Congregation Standing*

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering plate 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 WEEK

Wednesday Night DINNER, PRAYER MEETING, & YOUTH GROUP

Please join us for a provided meal 5:45-6:15 p.m. At 6:15, as Dr. Nance leads Prayer Meeting with a devotion and then we will pray together. Youth Group also meets at 6:15 and is studying a series on *Christian Practices/ Disciplines*. Youth Group contacts are Gavin Miller gav4gospel@outlook.com Ethan Wilson emtrwilson@gmail.com

Friday Morning 6:30 a.m. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are studying *Creation Worldview* by P. Andrew Sandlin. Contact Willie Mangum with questions.

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 18 & Jan. 1 No Women's Bible Study

Dec. 21 Congregational Meeting, 12 p.m.

Dec. 21 "A Festival of Lessons & Carols", 6 p.m. – Please invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Invitations are on the hall table.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service, 6 p.m.

Dec. 28 No Sunday School, No Evening Worship

Dec. 31 No Wednesday meetings

Jan. 4 Outreach Sunday 6 p.m. Worship at Brightmore; 10am at Pavilion

Jan. 9 Ladies' Bible Study resumes on second Friday each month at 10 a.m. Contact is Nancy Seeley.

Jan. 13 Dinner & Discipleship at Kennedy's, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Mar. 26 QC Pregnancy Resource Center - Night for Life

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

9/30/2025	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income/Gifts	\$230,728	\$270,800	(\$40,072)
Expenses	\$278,208	\$270,800	(\$7,408)
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$47,480)	\$0	(\$47,480)

SESSION

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MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

Scott & Victoria Andes	RUF International - USC	Columbia, SC
Juan & Kelsey Rodriguez	RUF - UNCC	Charlotte, NC
Michael & Laura Cochran	World Witness	England
Josh & Abigail Duemler	University Reformed Church	Lansing, MI
*Drew & Lauren Goodman	World Witness	
Josh & Ashley Grimm	RUF - Queens	Charlotte, NC
Lauren Hinkelman	World Witness	Columbia, SC
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 National	
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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