

**BALLANTYNE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Celebrating 25 years*  
2000 - 2025

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 14, 2025

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

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*J. Montgomery*

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.*

### \* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

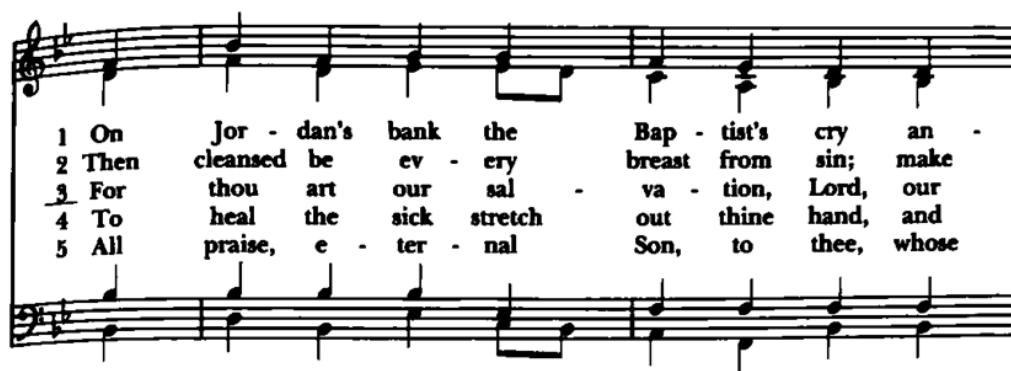
*Revelation 22*

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE

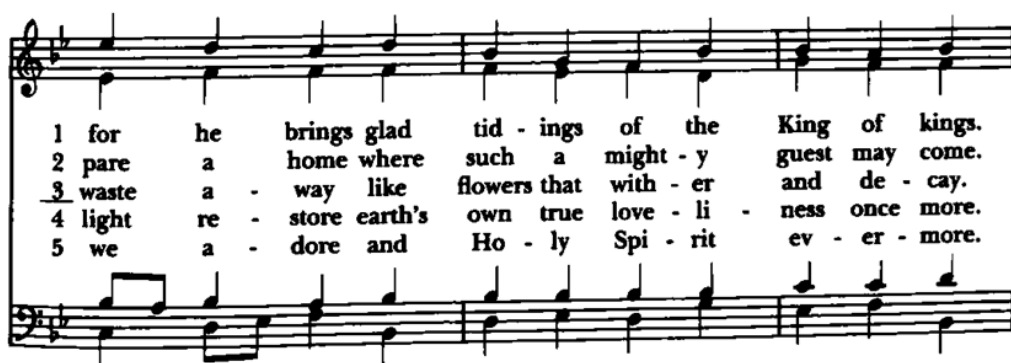
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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## 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

*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

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (v. 2)*

*Trinity Hymnal No. 196*

*Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to him, your praises bringing: Christ the Lord has come to earth."*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35, ESV page 595

## **THE CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed**

*Trinity Hymnal p. 846*

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**

# Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

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*Our Lord Jesus Christ ... was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Cor. 8:9*

1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -  
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -  
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -  
 heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -  
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.  
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.  
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

## Fullness of Grace 221

1. Full - ness of grace in man's hu - man frail - ty; This is the won - der of Je - sus.  
 2. Full - ness of grace, the love of the Fa - ther shown in the face of Je - sus.  
 3. Full - ness of hope in Christ we had longed for, Prom - ise of God in Je - sus,

Lay - ing a - side His pow - er and glo - ry hum - bly He en - tered our world.  
 Stoop - ing to bear the weight of hu - man - i - ty walk - ing the Cal - va - ry road.  
 Through His o - be - dience we are for - giv - en, o - p'ning the flood - gates of heav'n.

Chose the path of mean - est worth; Scan - dal of a vir - gin birth.  
 Christ the ho - ly in - no - cent took our sin and pun - ish - ment.  
 All our hopes and dreams we bring glad - ly as an of - fer - ing.

Born in a sta - ble, cold and re - jec - ted: Here lies the hope of the world.  
 Full - ness of God, de - spised and re - jec - ted: Crushed for the sins of the world.  
 Full - ness of life and joy un - speak - a - ble: God's gift in love to the world.

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**\* 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

**9:00 a.m. Adult Choir rehearsal** -contact Dr. Catie Jackson for more information about choir.

**10:00 a.m. Sunday School** for ages 3 to adult, nursery available

**Adult Sunday School** for ages 3 to adult, nursery available

Adult Sunday School is studying The Heidelberg Catechism followed by a **Hymn Preview**, in the sanctuary

**12:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols READERS** – Please plan to stay for a very brief practice immediately following morning worship

**4:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsal**

**6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**

## 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](mailto:gav4gospel@outlook.com) Ethan Wilson [emtrwilson@gmail.com](mailto:emtrwilson@gmail.com)

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

We are studying *Creational 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**

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**

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Mr. Rob Kelley	Clerk, Building & Grounds	704-907-5474
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. Gavin Miller	Intern	919-906-2855
Mr. Matt Spear	Treasurer	704-301-0524
Mr. Ethan Wilson	Intern	585-360-5752

**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 <sup>th</sup> 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*

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