

BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 25 years
2000 - 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 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

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Trinity Hymnal

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. God of God, Light of Light;
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN
born the King of an - gels;
got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
in the high - est;
late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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

Leader: Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not convicted me of sin.

All: Even my most righteous deeds are filthy rags. I am corrupted by sin and condemned by transgressions.

Leader: Lord Jesus, let your righteousness count for me. Let your blood win my forgiveness.

All: In you I am guilty but pardoned, lost but saved, wandering but found, sinful but cleansed.

Leader: Renew in me a new spirit to do your will, a new heart to turn from sin.

All: Bring me trusting to your cross, and there receive me by your grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 10:10-11

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved... As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

O Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (v. 3)

Trinity Hymnal No. 196

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end.

By His life He brings us gladness, Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number, Born within a cattle stall;

This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53, ESV page 613

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


CHORAL ANTHEM

Away in a Manger

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Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Is. 40:1, 2



1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way; God will
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; let the
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad; and all

that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
 flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Johannes Olearius, 1671
 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

THIRSTING 8.7.8.7.7.7.8.8.
 Louis Bourgeois, 1551
 Arr. by Henry A. Bruinsma; alt. 1990

THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance


2 Corinthians 8:9, ESV page 968

Come to Earth To Taste Our Sadness

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Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger. Luke 2:7



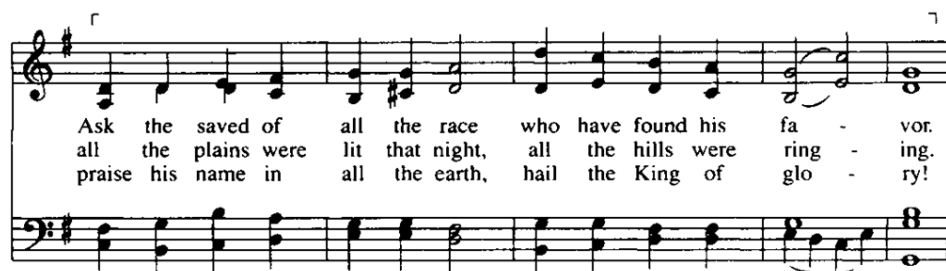
1. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man-ger;
 2. An - gels sang a - bout his birth, wise men sought and found him;
 3. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man-ger;



there he lay, the Un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.
 heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
 he is still the Un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
 all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ring - ing.
 praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glo - ry!

Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM 7.6.7.6.D.
 Piae Cantiones, 1582
 Arr. by Ernest MacMillan, 1930

* 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*

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

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. Congregational Meeting

4:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Choir Warm-up

6:00 p.m. A Festival of Lessons and Carols

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – Christmas Eve Worship Service, 6 p.m.

No Wednesday Meetings or Bible Studies

SAVE THE DATES

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. 26 – Jan. 2 No Bible Studies

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
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Mr. Mark Seeley	Elder Emeritus	

DIACONATE

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Mr. Dan Tubaugh	Finance	704-989-7200

STAFF

Miss Aimee Jobe	Pianist	803-389-5395
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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 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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