



# BALLANTYNE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Celebrating 25 years*  
2000 - 2025

## THE LORD'S DAY

December 28, 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

*Psalm 134:1*

Leader: Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord!

All: Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Trinity Hymnal*

### Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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*They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.*  
Matt. 2:11



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch- ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright- er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch- ing long in hope and fear,  
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new- born King.



## 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: O Lord our God, we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil.

**All: We are unable on our own to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments.**

Leader: But, Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and all our evil ways.

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

Leader: Grant to us your grace, that we might do your will.

**All: Accept us now through Jesus Christ. Remove our guilt and send to us your Holy Spirit.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*1 John 2:1,2*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG - Verse 1-2***Trinity Hymnal No. 76**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Verse 1-2)*

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 40:1–8, ESV page 599

**THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1

*Trinity Hymnal pg. 864*

I. All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

**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**

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION

ARP Psalter No. 119R

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Psalm 119:129-136

Your Testimonies I Have Kept

*Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us...His own possession who are zealous for good works. — Titus 2:13-14*

60. <sup>129</sup> Your tes - ti - mo - nies I have kept,  
 61. <sup>131</sup> I o - pen wide my mouth and pant  
 62. <sup>133</sup> Make firm my foot - steps by Your word,  
 63. <sup>135</sup> Up on Your ser - vant shine Your face;

For they are won - drous in my eyes.  
 For all com - mand - ments You pro - claim.  
 And let no sin rule o - ver me.  
<sup>136</sup> Teach me to know Your stat - utes' way.

130 The op - 'ning of Your word gives light  
 132 O turn to me! Deal gra - cious - ly,  
 134 Re - deem me from op - pres - sive pow'r,  
 The tears in streams flow from my eyes,

And makes the sim - ple - heart - ed wise.  
 As with all those who love Your name.  
 That all Your pre - cepts I may keep.  
 For they Your law do not o - bey.

# THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

“Philadelphia and the Word of God”

1 Peter 1:22-25, ESV page 1014

Dr. Robert “Bob” J. Cara

## \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*ARP Psalter No. 197*

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Psalm 133

### Christian Unity

*Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
—Ephesians 4:3*

1. Be hold, how good a thing it is And  
2. Like pre - cious oint - ment on the head. That  
3. As Her - mon's dew, the dew that doth On . . .  
how be - com - ing well, To - geth - er such as  
down the beard did flow, Ev'n Aa - ron's beard, and  
Zi - on's hills de - scend; For there the bless - ing  
breth - ren are In u - ni - ty to  
to the skirts Did of his gar - ments  
God com - mands, Life that shall nev - er  
dwell!  
In u - ni - ty to dwell!  
Did of his gar - ments go.  
Life that shall nev - er end.

## \* 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*

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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

**No Sunday School or Evening Worship**

## THIS WEEK

**No Wednesday Meetings**

## SAVE THE DATES

**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

	Actual	Budget	Variance
9/30/2024			
Income/Gifts	\$238,828	\$274,292	(\$35,464)
Expenses	\$269,550	\$274,292	\$4,742
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$30,722)	\$0	(\$30,722)

**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. 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 Hinkelmann	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*

**SHARING THE LOVE OF THE FATHER, THE GRACE OF HIS SON,  
AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SPIRIT IN BALLANTYNE AND BEYOND.**