

BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating 25 years
2000 - 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 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!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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

Valley of Vision

Leader: Lord Most High, I humble myself before you. I am nothing compared to you.

All: I have sinned. I have been deceitful and wicked. I have been an enemy to your law.

Leader: Yet you have come to help me. Your Son has come to take away my sin.

All: His blood is my peace. His righteousness is my strength. His condemnation is my freedom. His Spirit is my power.

Leader: Help me to draw strength from your grace. Subdue the evil in my nature. Deliver me from this present evil world.

All: Lift me up through Jesus Christ. Support me in the trials of this life, and help me to walk with you in this world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (v. 4)

Trinity Hymnal No. 200

*For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4, ESV page 3

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

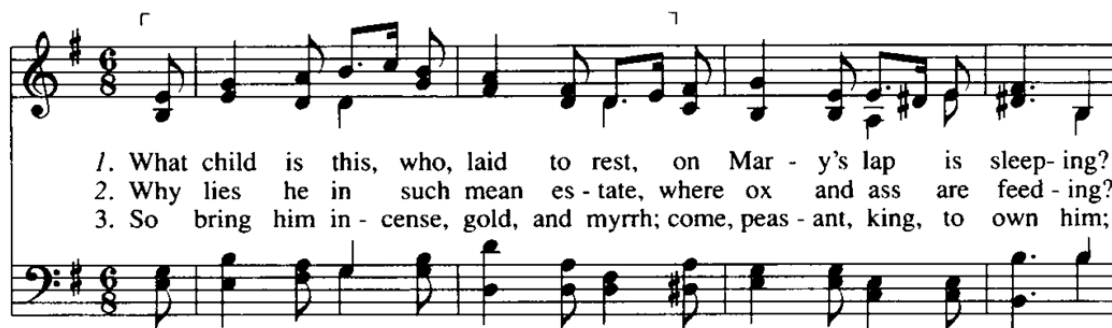
* HYMN OF PREPARATION

Trinity Hymnal No. 213

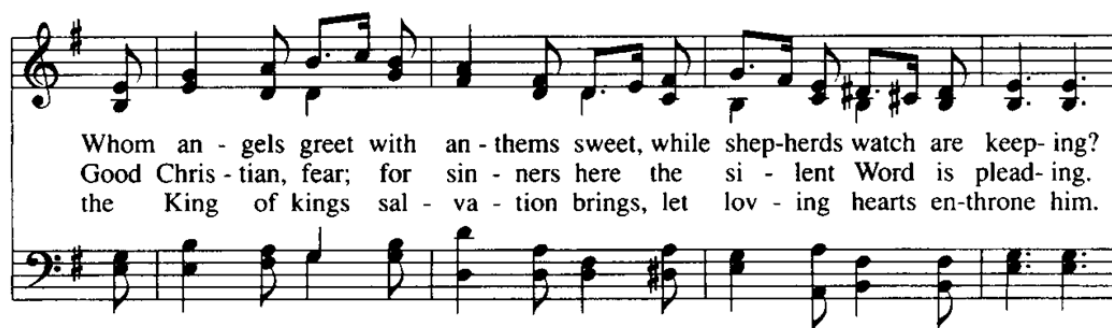
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What Child Is This

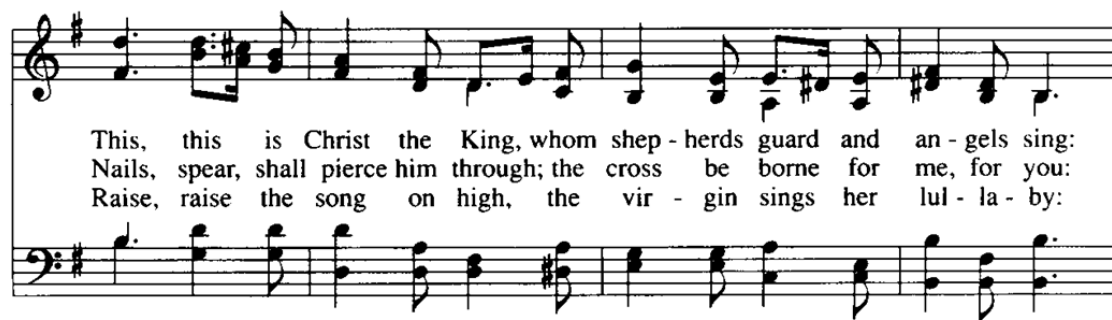
Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Luke 1:39-45, ESV page 856

* COMMUNION HYMN

Trinity Hymnal

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

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Jesus came and stood among them and said “Put your finger here; see my hands.”
John 20:26, 27

Capo 3: ♮ (D) (A) (D) (Em) (B) (Em) (D) (A) (D) ♮

1. A - midst us our Be - lov - ed stands, and bids us
2. What food lux - u - rious loads the board, when at his
3. If now, with eyes de - filed and dim, we see the
4. O glo - rious Bride - groom of our hearts, your pres - ent

(G) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Em) (B)

view his pierc - ed hands; points to the wound - ed
ta - ble sits the Lord! The wine how rich, the
signs, but see not him; O may his love the
smile a heav'n im - parts! O lift the veil, if

(Em) (D) (A) (D) ♮ (A⁷) (Bm) (Em⁷) (A⁷) (D) ♮

feet and side, blest em - blems of the Cru - ci - fied.
bread how sweet, when Je - sus deigns the guests to meet!
scales dis - place, and bid us see him face to face!
veil there be, let ev - ery saint your glo - ry see!

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866
Alt. 1990, mod.

HAMBURG L.M.
Gregorian chant
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

COMMUNION

When communion is observed, please note that the outer ring of the plate contains grape juice, and the inner rings contain wine. These elements commemorate the blood of Christ.

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Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 2/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system repeats the phrase 'and heav'n and na - ture sing, re - peat the sound - ing joy, far as the curse is found, and won - ders of his love, and heav'n and na - ture sing.' The fourth system repeats the same phrase with different musical accompaniment. The score includes various musical notations such as clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'D' (diminuendo).

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing.

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

*** 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*

** 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 OUTREACH SUNDAY

No Adult Choir morning rehearsal this week-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

10:00 a.m. Pavilion Worship with Mr. Tom Hinkelman

4:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsal; Women only at 4 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship AT BRIGHTMORE

On Outreach Sundays, our regular 6:00 p.m. worship service is held at The Brightmore of South Charlotte (on the other side of the Fire Station). Please join us as we worship with our neighbors and share the Good News!

THIS WEEK

Tuesday Night 6:30 p.m. DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP meet at Kennedy's

Adults of all ages are cordially invited to grow with us! Enjoy dinner, fellowship and prayer support. Our discussion is based on the book *CrossTalk* by Dr. Michael Emlet. Questions? Please ask Sam Bullard 704-451-1569
sbullard2@carolina.rr.com

Wednesday Night DINNER, PRAYER MEETING, & YOUTH GROUP

Please join us 5:45-6:15 p.m. for dinner, provided by the women of BPC.

At 6:15, 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

Thursday Night 7 p.m. WOMEN'S ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Join us at the home of Catie Jackson for Christmas fellowship and an ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped ornament and an appetizer of dessert to share.

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

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

Saturday Night 4:45 - 9:45 p.m. YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 7 Outreach Sunday 6 p.m. Worship at Brightmore; 10am at Pavilion

Dec. 9 Dinner & Discipleship at Kennedy's, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Dec. 11 Women's Ornament Exchange at Catie Jackson's, 7 p.m.

Dec. 13 Youth Progressive Dinner, 4:45 – 9:45 p.m.

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

Dec. 21 A Festival of Lessons & Carols, 6 p.m.

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

Dec. 28 No Sunday School, No Evening Worship

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. 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

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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 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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