



BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 17, 2026

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

The Golden Gates Are Lifted Up

Trinity Hymnal No. 294

*The golden gates are lifted up, the doors are opened wide;
the King of glory is gone in unto his Father's side.*

*That where thou art, at God's right hand, our hope, our love, may be:
dwell thou in us, that we may dwell forevermore in thee.*

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Timothy 3; Luke 24

Leader: Great, indeed, we confess is the mystery of godliness:

**All: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.**

Leader: Let us worship our ascended Lord!

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Lord, be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height; Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
 he hath con - quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, and who taught us to pray, saying:

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: O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in Thy sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in Thy appeasing wounds.

All: Though our sins rise to heaven Thy merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down to hell, Thy righteousness exalts us to Thy throne.

Leader: All things in us call for our rejection, all things in Thee plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to Thy throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear Thy assuring voice; that by Thy stripes we are healed, that Thou wast bruised for our iniquities, that Thou hast been made sin for us that we might be righteous in Thee, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Thy concealing blood.

All: Keep us always clinging to Thy cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. In Thy merciful name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 1:18-19

Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot or without blemish.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

Be Merciful to Me, O God (v. 1 – 2)

ARP Psalter No. 57A

*Be merciful to me, O God, Be merciful to me,
Because my soul has found in you its true security.*

*I'm safe in shadow of your wings 'Til ruin passes by;
I'll cry to God who gives me help, I'll call to God Most High.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:1-11, ESV page 909

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

Be Thou My Vision

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

Trinity Hymnal

God, in the Gospel of His Son

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The task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. Acts 20:24

1. God, in the gos - pel of his Son, makes his e -
 2. Here sin - ners of a hum - ble frame may taste his
 3. The pris - 'ner here may break his chains; the wea - ry
 4. Here faith re - veals to mor - tal eyes a bright - er
 5. O grant us grace, al - might - y Lord, to read and

ter - nal coun - sels known; where love in all its
 grace, and learn his name; may read, in char - ac -
 • rest from all his pains; the cap - tive feel his
 world be - yond the skies; here shines the light which
 mark your ho - ly Word; its truths with meek - ness

glo - ry shines, and truth is drawn in fair - est lines.
 ters of blood, the wis - dom, pow'r, and grace of God.
 • bond - age cease; the mourn - er find the way of peace.
 guides our way from earth to realms of end - less day.
 to re - ceive, and by its ho - ly pre - cepts live.

Benjamin Beddome, 1787
Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1819; mod.

GERMANY L.M.
William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

Luke 24:50-53, ESV page 885

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

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Golden Harps Are Sounding

Christ ... entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Heb. 9:24

1. Gold - en harps are sound - ing, an - gel voic - es ring, pearl - y gates are
 2. He who came to save us, he who bled and died, now is crowned with
 3. Pray - ing for his chil - dren in that bless - ed place, call - ing them to

o - pened, o - pened for the King: Christ, the King of glo - ry, Je - sus,
 glo - ry at his Fa - ther's side. Nev - er more to suf - fer, nev - er
 glo - ry, send - ing them his grace: his bright home pre - par - ing, faith - ful

King of love, is gone up in tri - umph to his throne a - bove.
 more to die, Je - sus, King of glo - ry, is gone up on high.
 ones, for you; Je - sus ev - er liv - eth, ev - er lov - eth too.

REFRAIN
 All his work is end - ed, joy - ful - ly we sing;

Je - sus hath as - cend - ed glo - ry to our King!

*** 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*

** Congregation Standing*

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering plates are passed during morning worship. Additional ways to give are:

ONLINE: <http://www.ballantynepres.com/giving/>

or MAIL: Please mail checks (no cash) to: “Ballantyne Presbyterian Church”
9925 Providence Rd West, Charlotte, NC 28277

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

12:15 p.m. Potluck Luncheon honoring our 2026 graduates:

College

John Jackson - Liberty (Associates)

Jackson Nance - Covenant (Bachelor)

Noah Teague - NC State: (Bachelor)

High School

Seth Ball

Tessa Jackson

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Night

DINNER, PRAYER MEETING, YOUTH GROUP, and AWANA

Please join us for a meal at 5:45pm. At 6:15, Dr. Nance leads Prayer Meeting with a devotion and then we pray together.

Youth Group and AWANA (Bible Memory Club, ages 3-16) also meet at 6:15.

Youth contact is Gavin Miller gav4gospel@outlook.com

AWANA contact is Sarah Johnson presbynurse@gmail.com

Thursday Night 6:30-8:00 p.m. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for weekly study and prayer, with a potluck meal the first Thursday of each month. We are currently studying the book of *Ecclesiastes*. For questions, contact Meg Tremper, megatthemoment@gmail.com

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

We are studying a Biblical survey of the Person and *The Work of Holy Spirit* in Scripture. Contact Willie Mangum with questions.

SAVE THE DATES

May 17 Graduate Potluck Luncheon

May 20 *NEW* AWANA for children ages 3 to 16 meets Wednesday nights

May 24-Sept 6 No Sunday School

May 24 Congregational Meeting to elect Jonathan Claxton & Paul Nabb as deacons

May 26 Dinner & Discipleship at Kennedy's, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

May 30 Men's Pancake Breakfast

May 30 Ladies' Craft and Coffee at Cheryl Boyer's house, 9 a.m.

June 6 Happy ARPS (HARPS), ages 55+ will next meet at 5pm at Beth & Chris Smith's house for fellowship, food and fun. 704-231-8855 for details

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

June 12 Ladies' Bible Study meets on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m.

June 20 Baby Shower for Allison Claxton

June 28 Deacons' Benevolence Fund Offering

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

12/31/2025	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income/Gifts	\$382,800	\$361,067	\$21,733
Expenses	\$362,332	\$361,067	(\$1,265)
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$20,468	\$0	\$20,468

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. Jonathan Claxton	Treasurer	704-785-0854
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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