



BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18, 2022

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

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing

J. Walther, arr. M. Schweizer

Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;

She wakes, she rises from her gloom;

For her Lord comes down all glorious, The strong in grace, in truth victorious.

Her star is ris'n, her Light is come.

Ah come, Thou blessed One, God's own beloved Son: Alleluia!

We follow 'till the halls we see, Where thou has bid us sup with Thee.

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:32-33

Leader: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord
God will give Him the throne of His father David.

**All: He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have
no end.**

Blest Be the King Whose Coming

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

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: O gracious God, do not rebuke us in your anger, nor discipline us in your wrath.

All: You are holy, and our sins keep us from your presence. Heal us from our sin, for which we are troubled.

Leader: Your ways are right, O righteous God. Save us in your mercy, deliver us by your steadfast love.

All: You are merciful to those who seek you. Accept our plea and forgive us all our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hebrews 8:10-12

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God and they shall be my people... For I will be merciful toward their iniquities and I will remember their sins no more.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 5)

Trinity Hymnal No. 194

*O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 24, ESV page 458

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

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

Still, Still, Still

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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!

Luke 9:7-9, ESV page 866
 “The Promised, Perplexing King”

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

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.

Latin hymn
 Attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751
 Tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; alt.

ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6.ref.
 John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

*** 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 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 AT BPC

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

9:45 a.m. Children's and Youth begin Sunday school hour in the choir room

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for ages 3 to 11, Nursery available

Sunday School combined for ages 12 to adult

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship – In Person and Live Streamed

<https://www.ballantynepres.com/webcast>

12:00 p.m. *NEW* Meeting for Lessons and Carols Helpers

Please plan to stay for a brief meeting with Susan Kowadlo and to also set the church up for tonight.

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

Please invite friends and neighbors to join us at 6 p.m. for a candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols. By weaving readings from Scripture with beloved music of the season, the wonder of the Christmas story is heard anew. Light refreshments will be served and childcare will be provided.

THIS WEEK

No Wednesday Meetings or Bible Study

SAVE THE DATES

- Dec. 18** A Festival of Lessons and Carols, 6 p.m.
Dec. 20 Young Adults Christmas Party
Dec. 21-30 No Wednesday Meetings or Bible Studies
Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Worship, 6 p.m.** – followed by refreshments at the Jackson's home
Dec. 25 No Sunday School or Evening Worship
Dec. 26-30 No Wednesday Meetings or Bible Studies
Jan. 1 No Sunday School or Evening Worship
Jan. 22 *NEW* Sanctity of Human Life Sunday; Special Offering

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

9/30/22	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income/Gifts	\$245,378	\$254,247	(\$8,869)
Expenses	\$257,686	\$254,247	(\$3,439)
Net Income/(Deficit)	(\$12,308)	\$0	(\$12,308)

SESSION

Dr. Mantle Nance	Senior Minister	980-329-8458
Mr. Tim Ball	Elder	803-323-9031
Mr. Kenneth Jackson	Missions	704-604-0331
Dr. Brian Jerby	Women's Ministry	704-574-0678
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. Keith Kowadlo	Men's Ministry	704-618-6181
Mr. Dan Tubaugh	Finance	704-989-7200

STAFF

Miss Aimee Jobe	Pianist	803-389-5395
Mr. Joshua Duemler	Intern	616-647-7743
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Mrs. Christie Kelley	Administration	704-953-1951
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Miss Phoebe Pritchett	Women's Ministry	770-823-2508
Mr. Matt Spear	Treasurer	704-301-0524

MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

Scott & Victoria Andes	RUF International - USC	Columbia, SC
John & Mary Ann Baber	RUF - UNCC	Charlotte, NC
Michael and Laura Cochran	World Witness	England
Drew & Lauren Goodman	World Witness	Sully, Wales
Josh & Ashley Grimm	RUF - Queens	Charlotte, NC
Queen City Pregnancy Resource Ctr.	1505 E. 4 th Street	Charlotte, NC
John & Judy Lehner	Serge for Spain	Charlotte, NC
Rob & Rachel Turner	Arsenal Hill Presbyterian	Columbia, SC
*Michael & Lauren Wenzler	RUF - CSU	Ft. Collins, CO
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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