

BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

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

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Trinity Hymnal No. 197

*Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.*

*Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.*

*For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.*

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

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Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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

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,
 ploy; 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.

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

O Lord, we openly admit that You know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before You. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from You. Therefore we ask that You discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in Your presence and seek Your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve Your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek Your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank You for Your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please You this day and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 51:16,17

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (v. 4 & 5)

Trinity Hymnal No. 172

*Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
when through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
he who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.*

*Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:12-36, ESV page 532

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

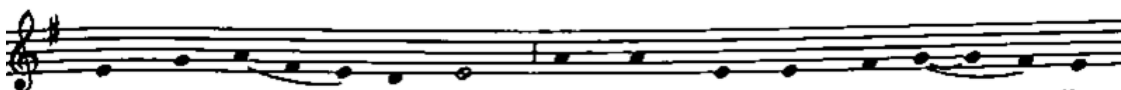
INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

e stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

ords: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

aic: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;

adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain

THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, ESV page 952

“O Come, Wisdom from on High”

* COMMUNION HYMN

Trinity Hymnal No. 646

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Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

John 15:11

Capo 1: ♮ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) ♮ (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A)

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est those that on thee call;
3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to feast up - on thee still;
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

(E⁷) (A) ♮ (D) (D⁷) (Gmaj⁷) (D/A) (A) (D) ♮

- from the best bliss that earth im - parts we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
 to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.
 • we drink of thee, the foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

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.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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*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. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

*** 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. Hymn Preview in the sanctuary

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

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for ages 3 to adult, nursery available

Adult Sunday School – Austin Cassel is leading the adult Sunday School class entitled "You're Only Human" by Dr. Kelly Kapic.

4:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Rehearsal

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

Wednesday Night 6:15 p.m. PRAYER MEETING

Dr. Nance leads with a devotional and then we will pray together.

Wednesday Night 6:15 p.m. YOUTH GROUP at BPC

We are studying the book of Mark this Fall following the theme of the arrival of Israel's long-anticipated King. Contact is Austin Cassel acassel340@gmail.com

Wednesday Night 7:10 p.m. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are working our way through the book of Matthew using J. C. Ryle's Expository Thoughts on Matthew. The book will be provided by BPC. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85138983358>

If you have any questions regarding Ladies' Bible Study contact Beth Smith or Gayle Hinkelman.

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

We are studying Christian community and fellowship using the book *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer as our guide.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Please plan to join us for a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15th at 6 p.m. Invite friends and neighbors to come hear the Christmas story told through scripture and music. Cookies and punch will be served, and childcare will be provided.

SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 1 Outreach Sunday 6 p.m. Worship at Brightmore; 10am at Pavilion

Dec. 3 Women's Ornament Exchange at the Jackson's, 7 p.m.

Dec. 8 Deacons' Benevolence Fund

Congregational Meeting – Budget Approval

Dec. 10 Young Adults meet at Kennedy's, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 Youth Progressive Dinner, 4:45 – 9:45 p.m.

Dec. 15 A Festival of Lessons & Carols, 6 p.m.

Dec. 22 No Sunday School

Dec. 22 & 29 No Evening Worship

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship 6 p.m.; Pavilion Worship, 4 p.m.

Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 No Wednesday Meetings

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

SESSION

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Dr. Mantle Nance | Senior Minister | 980-329-8458 |
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| Mr. Dennis Kachmarsky | Clerk | 704-996-9561 |
| Mr. Mark Seeley | Elder Emeritus | |

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| Mr. Matt Spear | Treasurer | 704-301-0524 |

MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

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| Scott & Victoria Andes | RUF International - USC | Columbia, SC |
| John & Mary Ann Baber | 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 |
| 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 - 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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