



**BALLANTYNE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 15, 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

The Advent of Our God

by W. Damon, arr. R. Shephard

*The Advent of our God, Shall be our theme for prayer.  
Come let us meet him on the road, And place for him prepare.*

*The everlasting Son, Incarnate deigns to be,  
A servant's form puts on, To set his servants free.*

*O Zion's daughter rise, To meet your heav'nly King,  
Nor let a faithless heart despise, The peace he comes to bring.*

*All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one, Though all eternity.*

### \* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Revelation 22*

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;  
 in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
 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

## 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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly 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

Isaiah 11:1-10, ESV page 575

## **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 OFFERTORY**

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION

Savior of the Nations, Come!



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397);  
tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524

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THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

Romans 15:8-13; Revelation 3:7, ESV page 1029

“O Come, Branch of Jesse, Key of David”

# It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.*  
Luke 2:9

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et bards fore - told,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King";  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.  
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Edmund H. Sears, 1850

CAROL C.M.D.  
Richard S. Willis, 1850

## \* 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 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. 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.

**6:00 p.m. A Festival of Lessons & Carols**  
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.

## Cookies for Lessons and Carols

Please plan to bring 1-2 dozen homemade cookies, already plated up, labeled, and deliver to kitchen before 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15th.

## 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](mailto:acassel340@gmail.com)

### 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.



## SAVE THE DATES

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

**Dec. 17 \*NEW DATE\*** Young Adults meet at Kennedy's, 6:30 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\*\***

**Jan. 5 Outreach Sunday 6 p.m. Worship at Brightmore; 10am at Pavilion**

## 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

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

Mr. Austin Cassel	Intern	717-557-4418
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Mrs. Christie Kelley	Administration	704-953-1951
Rev. Chuck Sammons	Intern	432-559-8470
Mr. Matt Spear	Treasurer	704-301-0524

## MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

*Scott & Victoria Andes	RUF International - USC	Columbia, SC
Juan 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
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 - CSU	Ft. Collins, CO
Justin & M. Westmoreland	Trinity Presbyterian Ch.	Norman, OK

*\*Missionary of the Month*

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