



**BALLANTYNE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 22, 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

*Hark! the Glad Sound*

P. Dodderidge, T. Haws

*Hark! the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.*

*Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.*

### \* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Revelation 22*

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

**All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

## On Jordan's Bank

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## 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

*Book of Common Prayer*

Leader: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**All: We have followed too much the desires and devices of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws.**

Leader: We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

**All: O Lord, have mercy on us miserable offenders.**

Leader: Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life. To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Isaiah 53:6,12*

We all, like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all... He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*O come, Desire of Nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;*

*Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.*

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

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:22-35, ESV page 857

## **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**

## **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Advent Alleluia*

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20

*Unison*

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard  
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to  
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to  
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of  
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.  
Adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864

PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
French melody, 17th cent.  
Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

227 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

*Unison*

1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the  
 2. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er  
 3. When sin de - parts be - fore Your grace, then life and health come  
 4. All out of dark - ness we have light which made the an - gels

*Harmony*

an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to  
 made us glad; then why should men on earth be sad, since  
 in its place; when sin de - parts be - fore Your grace, then  
 sing this night; all out of dark - ness we have light, which

*Unison*

hear the news the an - gels bring: news of great  
 our Re - deem - er made us glad, when from our  
 life and health come in its place; an - gels and  
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to

*Harmony*

joy, news of great mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
 sin he set us free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty.  
 men with joy may sing, all for to see the new - born King.  
 God and peace to men, now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

Traditional English carol,  
 Mod.

SUSSEX CAROL 8.8.8.8.8.8.  
 Traditional English carol  
 Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1919

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## \* 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.

**NO Evening Worship**

## 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. 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

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Mr. Mark Seeley	Elder Emeritus	

## DIACONATE

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Mr. Dan Tubaugh	Finance	704-989-7200

## STAFF

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## 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
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PAK7		Pakistan
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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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