



BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2024

6:00 p.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.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 53

Leader: Christ was cut off from the land of the living; he was stricken for our transgressions.

All: Let us worship the One who was cut off for us.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Trinity Hymnal No. 377

Jesus, Where'er Your People Meet

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Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matt. 18:20

1. Je - sus, where - e'er your peo - ple meet, there they be -
2. For you, with - in no walls con - fined, are dwell - ing
3. Dear Shep - herd of your cho - sen few, your for - mer
4. Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer to strength - en
5. Lord, we are few, but you are near; nor short your

hold your mer - cy seat; where - e'er they seek you, you are
in the hum - ble mind; such ev - er bring you where they
• mer - cies here re - new; here to our wait - ing hearts pro -
faith and sweet - en care, to teach our faint de - sires to
arm, nor deaf your ear; O rend the heav'ns, come quick - ly

found, and ev - 'ry place is hal - lowed ground.
come, and go - ing, take you to their home.
• claim the sweet - ness of your sav - ing name.
rise, and bring all heav'n be - fore our eyes.
down, and make a thou - sand hearts your own.

William Cowper, 1769
Alt. 1990, mod.

WARRINGTON L.M.
Ralph Harrison, 1784

* INVOCATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 27:39-44, ESV page 834

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Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
 Luke 2:11

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Medieval Latin carol
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.
 Alt. 1961

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.8.5.5.
 German melody, 14th cent.
 Arr. by W. D., 1918

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 84. What doth every sin deserve?

A. 84. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

EVENING PRAYER

PSALM OF PREPARATION

ARP Psalter No. 2

2

Why Do Gentile Nations Rage?

Psalms 2

To which of the angels did He ever say, "You are My Son"?
—Hebrews 1:5

1. ¹ Why do Gen-tile na-tions rage, And their use-less plots de-sign?
2. ⁴ He who sits in heav-en laughs, For the Lord views them with scorn.
3. ⁷ "I the LORD's de-cree make known; This is what He had to say:
4. ¹⁰ There-fore kings now heed this word: Earth-ly judg-es, come and hear.

² Kings of earth in schemes en-gage, Rul-ers are in league com-bined.
⁵ He will speak to them in wrath, And in an-ger He will warn:
He de-clared, 'You are My Son; I have brought You forth this day.
¹¹ Rev'-rent wor-ship give the LORD; With your joy mix trem-bling fear.

They speak out a-against the LORD; His Mes-si-ah they de-fy:
⁶ "Yet ac-cord-ing to My will, I have set My King to reign;
⁸ Ask of Me and You I'll make Heir to earth and na-tions all.
¹² Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn, Lest you per-ish in your stride,

³ "Let us break their chains and cords, Let us cast them off," they cry.
And on Zi-on's ho-ly hill, My A-noint-ed will re-main."
⁹ Them with i-ron rod You'll break, Smash-ing them in piec-es small."
For His an-ger soon may burn. Blessed are all who in Him hide.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal No. 219

219 All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor. 2 Cor. 8:9

1. All praise to thee, e - ter - nal Lord, clothed in a
 2. Once did the skies be - fore thee bow; a vir - gin's
 3. A lit - tle child, thou art our guest, that wea - ry
 4. Thou com - est in the dark - some night to make us
 5. All this for us thy love hath done; by this to

garb of flesh and blood; choos - ing a man - ger
 arms con - tain thee now: an - gels who did in
 • ones in thee may rest; for - lorn and low - ly
 chil - dren of the light, to make us, in the
 thee our love is won: for this we tune our

for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine a - lone.
 thee re - joice now lis - ten for thine in - fant voice.
 • is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.
 realms di - vine, like thine own an - gels round thee shine.
 cheer - ful lays, and shout our thanks in cease - less praise.

Martin Luther, 1524
 Tr. in *Sabbath Hymn Book*, 1858

CANONBURY L.M.
 Robert Schumann, 1839; arr.

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Congregation Standing*

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering plates will be passed during morning worship. 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 WEEK

Tuesday Night 6:30 p.m. YOUNG ADULTS meet at Kennedy's

Please come for a meal followed by a time of Bible study and prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Bullard sbullard2@carolina.rr.com

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

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.

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. 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****

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
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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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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 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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