



BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 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

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 22

Leader: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Trinity Hymnal

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.
Matt. 2:11

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch- ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright- er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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

Valley of Vision

Leader: Holy Lord, I have sinned time and time again.

All: I have been guilty of pride and unbelief. I have failed to obey your Word and neglected you in my daily life.

Leader: My transgressions and sin accuse me. But I thank you that they have been placed on Jesus Christ and put away.

All: Accept me in his name, and grant me grace to live a new life.

Leader: Purge me from every false desire, every unworthy aspiration, everything that is contrary to your rule.

All: Deliver me from my sins. Let me draw near to you through Jesus Christ, and bless me through his Name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:5-7

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy... through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.*

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 19:16-25, ESV page 61

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Gavin Miller, Ethan & Tay Wilson

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

- Do you confess that you are a sinner in the sight of God; that you deserve His punishment; that you are unable to save yourself; and that you are without hope of salvation except for God's love and mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners; and do you receive and trust in Him alone for your salvation?
- Do you accept the Bible, comprised of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God; and that it is the only perfect rule of faith and how to live?
- Do you promise to trust in the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit so that you can live all of life as a Christian, following the example set by Jesus Christ?
- Do you promise to exercise faithful stewardship of God's resources entrusted to you for the furtherance of God's Kingdom and purposes?
- In loving obedience, do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of this church, promising to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of this congregation as long as you are a member of it?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

- Do you promise to love, encourage, and pray for Gavin, Ethan, and Tay, so they might grow in grace, prosper in their relationship with the Lord, and be further equipped to serve for the advancement of His Kingdom?

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

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!

THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

Hebrews 12:18-24, ESV page 1009

“O Come, Lord of Might”

* DEACONS’ BENEVOLENCE FUND OFFERING

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

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1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, Prom - ised from cre -
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky With the songs of
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, Gaz - ing at the
 4. Son of A - dam, Son of heav'n, Giv - en as a

a - tion- God's sal - va - tion now un - furled,
 an - gels As the might - y Prince of Life
 glo - ry; Gifts of men from dis - tant lands
 ran - som; Rec - on - cil - ing God and man,

Hope for ev - 'ry na - tion. Not with fan - fares
 Shel - ters in a sta - ble. Hands that set each
 Proph - e - sy the sto - ry. Gold- a King is
 Christ, our might - y cham - pion! What a Sav - ior!

from a - bove, Not with scenes of glo - ry, But a
 star in place, Shaped the earth in dark - ness, Cling now
 born to - day, In - cense- God is with us, Myrrh- His
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hum - ble gift of love - Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
 to a moth - er's breast, Vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 death will make a way, And by His blood He'll win - us.
 babe in Beth - le - hem, Now the Lord of his - t'ry

*** 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*

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 Kopic.
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting – Budget Approval**
- 4:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Choir Rehearsal**
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**

THIS WEEK

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

Our Young Adults group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month from 6:30-8:30pm. In our study, we are using a discussion guide based on the *Jesus Story Book Bible*. 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
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
Miss Aimee Jobe	Pianist	803-389-5395
Dr. Catharine Jackson	Music Coordinator	704-604-0330
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 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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