

BALLANTYNE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AN EPIPHANYTIDE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

January 12, 2025

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

Isaiah 49:6

Leader: I will make you as a light for the nations,

All: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymnal 1982 No. 127

Earth Has Many a Noble City

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed between the two staves of each system. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is in a common time signature and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth - lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,
5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,

1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.
Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. K. D. Smith (b. 1928)

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O God, our loving Heavenly Father, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face. Fill us with your Spirit to be a light for the nations, that your salvation may reach to the end of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and who taught us to pray, saying:

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

John Knox's 1560 Liturgy

Leader: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins.

All: We have sinned against you, O Lord, and do not deserve your mercy.

Leader: And yet you are a gracious God, a loving and kind Father, to all who come to you in faith.

All: For the sake of your Son, our Savior, show to us your mercy. Forgive us all our sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:11-12

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE IN SONG

Trinity Hymnal No. 227

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (v. 2-3)

*Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;
Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.*

*When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-9, ESV page 619

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.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONARY INTERN LAUREN HINKELMAN

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

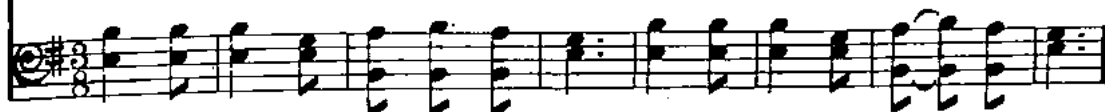

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.

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John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857; alt.



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
2. Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Sounds through the earth and skies.




REFRAIN



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect Light. A - MEN.



THE PREACHED WORD OF GOD

Dr. Mantle Nance

Matthew 2:1-12, ESV page 807

“The Epiphany Challenge”

* COMMUNION HYMN

Trinity Hymnal No. 425

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

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.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Trinity Hymnal

As with Gladness Men of Old

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When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
• so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
• all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King,
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

*** 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

No Choir rehearsal

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

Adult Sunday School – Tom Hinkelman is leading the adult Sunday School class on the topic of “Prayer”.

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 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are doing a very informal study of the book of Matthew using a commentary by JC Ryle. If you have any questions, please speak to Gayle Hinkelman gayle@heritage95.com or Beth Smith.

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

Jan. 14 Young Adults meet at Kennedy's, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 19 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday; Special offering for QCPRC

Feb. 2 **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

Mr. Sam Bullard	Mercy	704-451-1569
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Mr. Dan Tubaugh	Finance	704-989-7200

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MISSIONARIES AND SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

*Scott & Victoria Andes	RUF International - USC	Columbia, SC
Juan & Kelsey 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 National	
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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