



BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

Epiphany Sunday – January 3, 2021



PRELUDE

The Shepherd's Noel

J. Wayne Kerr

Michael Barker, *organ*

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

Arise and shine for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**The brightness of God's light
shines upon all the nations,
all are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

God gathers us from far away and carries us.
with radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
we receive the abundance God gives.

We respond in praise.

**With our gifts, with our very selves,
we worship God**

HYMN

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Matt Begley, *song leader*

We three kings of O - ri - ent are bear - ing gifts, we tra - verse a -
Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and sac - ri -
far. Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain fol - low - ing yon - der star.
fice. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia sounds through the earth and sky.

O ——— star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward ——— ing,
still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light. ———

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice, light and truth,
we confess our actions are often evil,
whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed;
whenever we guard our own prosperity at the expense of the poor;
Or when we ignore the cries of those in need.
Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world.
Guide us in walking into the vulnerable light of love.
Show us again the light of Jesus Christ, grounded in the law and teachings
and living in hearts of grace.
Judge us with mercy, we pray, and extend your grace to us.
Strengthen our faithfulness to you and to all who are precious in your sight,
from the smallest sparrow to the greatest prophet.
We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thanks be to God: we are forgiven!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Flocks Were Sleeping

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Flocks were sleep-ing, shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new. Saw the
glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid-ings of a gos-pel true. Thus re -
joic - ing free from sor - row, prais-es voic - ing greet the mor - row: Christ the
babe is born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Dreams Dilemmas Epiphanies

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Family and friends of Margie Tyas who entered God's Church Triumphant on December 27.
We will witness to the resurrection and give thanks to God for the gift of Margie's life
at a time in the future when we can safely gather.*

*Family and friends of Stratton Peacock who entered God's Church Triumphant on December 27.
We will witness to the resurrection and give thanks to God for the gift of Stratton's life
at a time in the future when we can safely gather.*

Adrienne Atkinson who tested positive for Covid-19

Ted Brown, Mike Begley's uncle and Ruby Begley's brother, hospitalized in Atlanta with pneumonia and Covid. He is in his mid 90s but has been healthy previously.

Michael Bryant, Gayle Petty Johnson's cousin by marriage, having his fifth surgery in the past nine months for tongue cancer. Also his wife Anne who needs strength to help him. They are members at First Pres Ft Worth.

Liesl Case's nephew's family and in-laws in San Antonio, Texas who have been diagnosed with Covid

Paul and Diane Ginther's granddaughter, Maxine, and her parents Kevin and Mel have recovered from Covid-19 with no on-going effects. Thank you for all the prayers.

Judy Hollin's 99-year-old mother, Dorothy Allen, who tested positive for Covid-19

Family and friends of Alice Schweitzer who died on December 12.

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: **John McCall** in Taiwan; **Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar; **Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin** in South Asia. Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**
Seminary Student: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer, in Guatemala**
The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Martha Jean Alvis, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Great God of history, in a season of darkness and struggle,
we claimed the light of your son who gave himself for us.
As we enter a new year, fill us with your hope and courage and compassion
so that we may spread the light of your love. In Christ name we pray, amen.*

Prayer composed by Bunny Alexander

Our Church's Vision

Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship
Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

Session

Mike Ballard, *clerk*

Class of 2020

Jane Bannerman
Emma Bell
Anne Provost Drummond
John Evans
Patti Pyle

Class of 2021

Liesl Case
Dave Johnson
Deb Mullis
Bill Straughan

Class of 2022

Ellen Begley
Austin Brown
Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

Deacons

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Kristy Beaver
Dee & Bill Cox
Susan Dannenberg
Gay Ferguson
Olivia & John LaMotte
Ginny & Rick Lindsey
Lew Rudisill
Hannah & Sam Webber

Class of 2021

Yvette Ballard
Carey Jo Elam
Kiersten & Weston Hall
Franklin Harris
Cindy & Ed McDaniel
Cathy & Neil McMillan
Gayle & Peter Mudge
Kay & Mike Salmon
Margaret Waterstradt

Class of 2022

Susan & Ernie Banzhoff
Kay & Jim Layman
Susan McElrath
Mary & Don McMahill
Martha Jane Petersen
Delores Spielman
Janine & Russ Spiller

Ministers: Every Member Of The Congregation

Mary Katherine Robinson Pastor/Head of Staff
David Carter Florence Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation
Bob Tuttle Parish Associate
Michael Barker Director of Music and Worship Arts
Alice Patton Director of Preschool Ministry
Sam Webber Director of Operations and Youth Ministry
Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
Jackie Kerr Director of Communications



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