

COURAGEOUS summer sermon series

June 27, 2021 – 11:00 Worship

Grace and peace! All are welcome here!

Embodying the Love of Christ, we are joyfully called to be a church in the heart of Black Mountain where the welcome never ends! We seek to share the love of Jesus Christ by inspiring worship and faith formation, nurturing authentic relationships, equipping disciples to serve, and being a welcoming and inclusive community to all. We invite all to join us on the journey!

Please silence all communication devices. This sanctuary incorporates a hearing assistance loop; to engage this system, set hearing aids to the "t-coil" setting. † indicates to stand, if you are able. The congregation is invited to join in where the liturgy is marked in bold.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

PRELUDEIII. Mystically, from Partita on ShowalterJon Spong

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God: welcome home!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in this good news:

In life and death, we belong to God. We are loved exactly as we are!

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

† HYMN NO. 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we are weary, O God, give us bread for the journey. When we are complacent, O God, set a fire in our bellies. When we are frightened, O God, put courage in our hearts and hands. When we are angry, O God, turn our anger into faithful response. When we are bewildered, O God, help us to see and follow You. When we stray, turn us around. When we fail, give us another chance. When we sin, O God, forgive us.

... silent prayers ...

Gracious God, in life and in death and in all of our decisions in between, our lives belong to you. Thanks be to God! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† RESPONSE NO. 835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

I am weak but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Children three years old through kindergarten are invited to leave after Faith Sharing to hear a Bible story and have play time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Waterstradt

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-7

SERMON

Done Deal!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Connie Button

David Castello and Debby Vial

Lynn Jostes

Jim and Alice McDowell

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

CALL TO OFFERING / CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory VII. With a Lilt, from Partita on Showalter

Jon Spong

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE VIII. With Grandeur, from Partita on Showalter

Jon Spong

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Connect with us on our website

Visitors: let us know of your interest or questions about BMPC.

Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Martha Jean Alvis who entered God's Church Triumphant on June 24.

Bunny Alexander and family following the death of her mother Eleanor Alexander
Paul Carreiro, Leslie and Joe's son, diagnosed with Crohn's disease
Rosie Johnson's mom, Vivolynn Crandall, at home rehabilitating from a stroke
Frank Dimmock leaving for Africa for six weeks to work in refugee camps
Ellen Gibson, major back surgery on Monday, June 14
Donn Handy and family, following the death of his mother, Dorothy
Mark Hutton, son-in-law of Neil and Cathy McMillan, diagnosed with a rare abdominal cancer
He will be placed on several months of aggressive chemotherapy.
Joe Rand, being treated at Mission for heart related issues
Family and friends of Helen Smith who died on June 16
Tonya Tindall, prayers for healing from a medical procedure

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan; Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar. 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: Nada Barnett, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Ruth Janes, Eleanor Landers, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Katherine Stanley, Paul Willison, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Holy God, who made the earth and all who dwell here, who gave the music of the spheres, the song of the birds and the sound of the babbling brook, the whispering wind and the crash of thunder. You also put a song in every human heart.
May we sing loudly and boldly so that all may hear of your great love and grace.
Grant us courage for the living of these days.
In the name of the Living Lord. Alleluia! Amen.

Prayer of the week composed by Connie Button

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome · Welcome Table Rosie Johnson Bus Driver Tom Cannon · Head Usher Perry Sprawls

Sunday, June 27

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, June 28

6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, June 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 3:30 p.m. Congregational Life Team

Sunday, July 4

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, July 5 Church office closed

Name Tags

If you need a name tag, please email jackie@bmpcnc.org and send your name the way you want it on the tag.



You can scan this OR code to fill out a Connection Card online



David and Mary Katherine are pleased to announce that the Rev. Betsy Ray has been hired as the interim youth director for BMPC. In the past Betsy served **BMPC** as the Sunday School teacher for high

schoolers, an elder, the chair of the Personnel Committee, and a board member for the Weekday School. BMPC walked with Betsy through her seminary journey at Union Presbyterian Seminary (Charlotte) and celebrated her ordination in the fall of 2018.

Betsy is bi-vocational and serves both the students of Asheville Middle School as a math/ science teacher and the Presbytery of Western North Carolina as the stated pastor of Old Fort Presbyterian Church and as an advisor on the Presbytery Youth Council.

Betsy is excited about the opportunity to support the youth at BMPC. She will be designing and leading all youth ministries alongside David. They will be collaborating with the youth themselves, their families, the Faith Formation team, and the congregation as a whole. Please reach out to her with any questions that you may have: betsy@bmpcnc.org.

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 2021 Liesl Case Dave Johnson Deb Mullis Bill Straughan

Class of 2021 Yvette Ballard Carey Jo Elam Kiersten & Weston Hall Franklin Harris Cathy & Neil McMillan Gayle & Peter Mudge Kay & Mike Salmon Margaret Waterstradt Class of 2022 Ellen Begley Austin Brown Daniel Wiggs Cheryl Wilson

Deacons

Class of 2022 Susan & Ernie Banzhoff Kay & Jim Layman Susan McElrath Mary & Don McMahill Martha Jane Petersen Delores Spielman Janine & Russ Spiller Class of 2023 Alison Banzhoff Gay Ferguson Jonathan Kadau Margo Smith Tommy Wilkinson

Class of 2023 Karen Austin Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro Edie & Joe Covert Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley Diane Ginther Ann Herring Jeannie Maidment Margie Stansell

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 Ministries
Sam Webber	Director of Operations
Brittany Williams	Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
Jackie Kerr	Director of Communications



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