



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

COURAGEOUS

summer sermon series

CONVERSATIONS

July 4, 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

PRELUDE

Such Great Heights Ben Gibbard and Jimmy Tamborello

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this sacred space:

A house of prayer for many people; home to all who come.

Welcome to this gathering place:

friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning;
all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

Let us worship God in song this day!

† HYMN NO. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Tuttle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,
open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you
the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We seek to divide the Body of Christ rather than build it up.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray.

Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators
of Christ in love and service. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† **RESPONSE NO. 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12

SERMON

Courageous Conversations: The Body

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith, PCUS

The Holy Spirit unifies the Christian church.
The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict.
Yet the Spirit bound them into one body,
enriched by their differences.
We know that the same Spirit gives us
a unity we cannot create or destroy.
The Spirit moves among us
not to end diversity or compel uniformity,
but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness.
The Spirit leads us to struggle
against the lines of race and class,
the ambitions of competing parties,
the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us.
The Spirit impels us to make the unity
of Christians visible to a divided world,
and assures us that we shall be one. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

During each refrain after "Lord, hear our prayer," please sing:

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

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.

CALL TO OFFERING / CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory

American Medley

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† **POSTLUDE**

This Land is Your Land

Woody Guthrie

*In this time of transition in our music ministry,
we welcome Aaron Price as our guest musician today.*



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

Bunny Alexander and family following the death of her mother Eleanor Alexander

Family and friends of Martha Jean Alvis who died on June 24. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, July 10, at 2:00 p.m.

Sam Baraki at Mission recovering from heart ablation surgery

Paul Carreiro, Leslie and Joe's son, diagnosed with Crohn's disease

Ellen Gibson has been moved to Asbury Health & Rehabilitation Center in Charlotte

Mark Hutton, son-in-law of Neil and Cathy McMillan, diagnosed with a rare abdominal cancer

Joe Rand at the VA Hospital

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, Porter Reece, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Katherine Stanley, Paul Willison, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the freedom we have.

We thank you for the courage of those who founded our nation.

Forgive us when we take for granted the blessings you have bestowed on us.

We pray for those who do not enjoy the freedoms we have. Keep our hearts open to those we can help gain freedoms from worry, anxiety and want.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer of the week composed by Gene Witherspoon

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome • **Welcome Table** Rosie Johnson

Bus Driver Tom Cannon • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, July 4

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, July 5

Church office closed

Tuesday, July 6

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 8

3:00 p.m. *At The River* screening with
Carolyn Crowder

6:00 p.m. Men's Group

Sunday, July 11

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:00 p.m. Playground Picnic

4:00 p.m. Finance Team



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VBS 2021

July 18-22



Registration is open!

<https://bmpcnc.org/vbs>

registration deadline: July 5

Volunteers are needed.

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.

Our Church's Vision

Embodying the Love of Christ

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

A message from our guest musician, Aaron Price

I am a lifelong musician and I have been playing in church since childhood, first serving at a small Methodist church in Raleigh, NC, where my mother was the pastor. My mother's side of the family are church musicians going back several generations.

I went to college at Appalachian State in Boone and I graduated in 1996. I hold a B.S. in Marketing though what I truly studied in college was Jazz and swimming holes. I moved to Asheville in 1997 and served as Music Director at West Asheville Presbyterian Church for nearly two decades. Near the end of that period I was fortunate to serve alongside Rev Kent Smith, and I remain grateful to the West Asheville congregation for so many friendships and great memories.

While here in Asheville I have played in many, many groups and with too many great musicians to list here. It has been one big blessing living in WNC. My two greatest blessings are my two children, Lilah and Phineas, ages 20 and 12. They are two remarkable people.

I feel completely blessed to be spending some time at Black Mountain Presbyterian.
Thank you!

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
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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