



August 22, 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.

PRELUDE If My People's Hearts Are Humbled (variations) BEECHER

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

INTROIT NO. 740 Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

† CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

Jesus sent his Angel to testify to these things. He said, "I'm the Root and the Branch of David, the Bright Morning Star." "Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride. Whoever hears the echo, "Come!" Is anyone thirsty? Come! Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. All who will, come and drink, Drink freely of the Water of Life!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Power. You call us to your everlasting springs To be filled with your water of life But we fail to drink of the water. We do not turn to love our neighbors, We do not turn to love ourselves, We do not turn to love you. Forgive us for forgetting our neighbors, the world over, And guide us to seek unity with all For the sake of you who walk among us. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE NO. 71	Surely it is God Who Saves Me	FIRST SONG		
	Surely, it is God who saves me;			
	I will trust and not be afraid.			
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,				
	and God will be my Savior.			
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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	selections from Revelation 21-22	
SERMON	Where do we go from here? The New Creation	
	RESPONDING TO THE WORD	

† HYMN NO. 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL TO OFFERING / CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN NO. 340

This is My Song

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

The flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Sara Le Van from Liz Le Van Riley, Guy Le Van, and Marthe Le Van

Cover art: Climate Change: Lament for Trees created by Martha Jane Petersen

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

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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

Ron Botsford, recovering from hip surgery at Highland Farms healthcare

Bob Evans, Laurel Broadhurst's father, at Mission

Charlie Ginther, Diane & Paul's nine-month-old granddaughter, recovering from cranial surgery to correct a birth defect

Erica Griffin, friend of Jennifer Parlow, who started treatment for stage four breast cancer

Jessica Dimmock Huber, granddaughter of Polly Miller, niece of Ellen Begley, and daughter of Nancy Dimmock, gave birth to Sidon James Huber while fighting Covid and pneumonia.

Congratulations to Alice & Kent Patton on the birth of their newest granddaughter, Wren Alena and congratulations to new parents Caroline Patton Janes and Jon Janes

Family and friends of Joe Rand who died August 5

Heath Tuttle, Pat and Bob Tuttle's 13-year-old grandson in Durham, will soon begin chemotherapy under the care of Duke Hospital.

Warren Reece, Travis Reece's father, Kim Reece's father-in-law, is in ICU at Mission with Covid

We list names for three weeks unless requested otherwise. To add someone to the list, please call 669-2725, or email jackie@bmpcnc.org

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. 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, Gladys Brooks, Chad Carlton, Paul Carreiro, Sandy Cheatham, Jane Collins, Ellen Gibson, 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, Barbara & Gene Witherspoon, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, my mind is a jumble. Of need, want, guilt, sadness, faith, helplessness, desire, joy, despair, hope. There is too much to pray for: covid, Haiti, afghans, schoolchildren, the environment, flooding, it's exhausting, Lord. It's overwhelming. Who's going to fix all of this? I can't. And my worry doesn't change anything. So I will be still, and know that You are God. I will focus on gratitude, faith, the beauty around me, your steadfast love. I will give thanks to You in the middle of it all. And breathe. Amen.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome **Bus Driver** Wayne Mullis

- Welcome Table Beverly Highland
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Head Usher Perry Sprawls

Sunday, August 22

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 1:30 p.m. Child Protection Training

Monday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle on Zoom 6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, August 24

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Saturday, August 28

9:00 a.m. Playground Workday 2:30 p.m. Lamar Williamson memorial service

Sunday, August 29

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



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

Child Protection Training TODAY at 1:30pm

The safety and care for the children at the church are of the utmost importance to us. If you feel called to work with the children and youth of BMPC, you will need to complete the Approved Adult process. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brittany Williams, Pat Tuttle or Mary Katherine Robinson.

Youth and Families Luncheon Sunday, August 29

12:15 (after worship) to 1:30 outside in the courtyard FOOD • INFORMATION • FORMS • IMPORTANT DATES Please let us know you are coming Questions? Want to help? Email Betsy (betsy@ bmpcnc.org) or David (david@bmpcnc.org).

In our efforts to help keep everyone safe from Covid, we have cancelled the Annual **BMPC** Picnic, previously scheduled for Labor Day.

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

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 Mike Ballard, clerk 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
	Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation
Bob Tuttle	Parish Associate
Alice Patton	Director of Preschool Ministry
Sam Webber	Director of Operations
Brittany Williams	Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
Jackie Kerr	Director of Communications
Betsy Ray	Interim Youth Director
Aaron Price	Interim Music Director



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