



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church



Rally Day

a year of homecoming begins

Sunday, September 12, 2021

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.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

BELL PEAL

PRELUDE

Earth and All Stars

Michael Burkhardt

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

This is the Day

Randy Edwards

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bob Tuttle

Return to the One Holy God who calls you to steadfast love and justice.

The Lord desires love and justice, not mere words or sacrifices.

Return to the One who heals and binds up our wounds, who revives and raises up.

The Lord desires knowledge and truth, not burnt offerings.

Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life. Amen

† **HYMN NO. 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who is beyond us and in our midst,
We confess that we have turned away from you.
We gaze upon ourselves as if we are the Creator.
We take your creation into our hands,
not to hold in awe and respect,
but to use and then discard.
We go to the land not to live in harmony,
but to extract what we want.
Hear with mercy our confession.
We have not loved ourselves with wholeness and fullness.
We have fallen short of loving others wholly and fully.
We fall short of loving you.
Turn us always to your path so that we might live and move
to what is good, just and beautiful,
so that we might move toward you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† CHORAL RESPONSE NO. 587

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.*

CHORAL PRAYER *Breath of God, Breath of Peace* Sally Ann Morris

SCRIPTURE selections from Genesis 1:1-2:4 David Carter Florence

SERMON *Beginnings for people who think they have no more beginnings*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN NO. 37 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

CHORAL PRAYER *Listen, Lord* John Bell

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

Look at the World

John Rutter

†The Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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, alleluia!

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN NO. 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYDY NOS

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

All the Earth with Joy is Sounding

Mark Sedio

cover art by Sara LeVan

Many thanks to our guest organist, Ednamae Fisher, and conductor, Claudia Gatewood



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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

Congratulations to **Debbie Bailey** on the birth of her granddaughter,
Olivia Eleanor Hussey, born August 31 in Charlotte

Congratulations to **Art De Jong** for his new great-grandson, Luke Anker, born September 1
to Art's grandson, Matthew and wife in Wichita, Kansas

Black Mountain Fire Department, following the death of firefighter Garrett Presnell

Mary Lou Boon, Susan Banzhoff's 95-year-old mother, under hospice care in Tampa, FL

Bob Evans, Laurel Broadhurst's father, at The Laurels of Summit Ridge

Mary Hay, Craig Cooley's cousin, recovering at CarePartners from a broken hip

Prayers for **Tony**, Margie Stansell's friend's cousin, who is on a ventilator from Covid

Tommy Wilkinson following the death of his father, Bud, on September 7 in Americus, Georgia

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;

Seminary Student: **Levi Bannerman**, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia;

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, Ebenezer, in Guatemala

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Nada Barnett, Ron Botsford, 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, Heath Tuttle,
Paul Willison, Barbara & Gene Witherspoon, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O Lord, your love for us is so overwhelming, so fierce, so total that it calls us and claims us above all other loves! And in response you ask us to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength; to love you more than our dearest family, friends, nation or religion. You, Creator, Savior, in whose love we live! We have no other gods before you! Yet you command us also to love our neighbors for your sake. You love them, too, as you love us. Free us by your infinite love to love no one before you, but everyone because of you! For Jesus' sake, Amen.

composed by John LaMotte

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

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

Bus Driver Dave McClintock • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Church School Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Team
- 5:00 p.m. Taizé Worship

Monday, September 13

- 8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle on Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 5:30 p.m. Girls' Group
- 5:45 p.m. Worship Team
- 6:30 p.m. Mission
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel

Tuesday, September 14

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Congregational Life
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, September 15

- 3:00 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 16

- 1:30 p.m. Sewing Ministry
- 2:30 p.m. Generosity Team
- 8:00 p.m. Deacons

Sunday, September 19

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Church School Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 2:00 p.m. Child Protection Training

A Contemplative Service of Worship in the Manner of Taizé' Prayer TODAY, September 12, at 5:00 p.m.

Why another Service of Worship now? Many of you have asked, others have hoped for such worship and voiced that hope. We pray that this brief explanation will become an invitation to you and your neighbors.

Mary Katherine reminded us that though we might wait for some things, hope can't wait. We agree. We also believe that there is so much noise in our world we may not recognize the still, small voice of God calling us to live into a new day, a new way, into a new and promising hope.

Contemplative Worship offers sacred space to "be," to listen in silence and in quiet moments, to wonder and to dream together. Come just as you are; come with busy minds, weary or energized. Rest in the beauty of candlelight, prayer, gentle music, and trust the Spirit to guide our hearts and minds.

Invite your friends and neighbors,
all are welcome here!

Beverly Thompson and David Carter Florence



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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 2022
Ellen Begley
Austin Brown
Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

Class of 2023
Alison Banzhoff
Gay Ferguson
Jonathan Kadau
Margo Smith
Tommy Wilkinson

Deacons

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

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