Sunday Worship

November 21, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.



Our Vision

Embodying the love of Christ, we are joyfully called to be a church in the heart of Black Mountain where the welcome to all never ends.

Our Mission

Inspiring through Christ centered worship and faith formation for all ages and stages with an emphasis on our children and youth.

Nurturing through fellowship, engaging in authentic relationships, connecting the generations as a family of faith and supporting each other in life and faith journeys.

Equipping through our faith put into action to serve Black Mountain and the world, taking risks to work for justice and continuing our legacy of generosity.

Welcoming to all as we actively embrace the lost, broken and doubting in our community and world.





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 BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

Minute for Mission

Alternative Gifting

Jessi Stitt

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nun danket alle Gott

Paul Manz

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in our church community, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

Thus said the Lord, I will gather them from the corners of the earth.

The blind and the lame are among them, she with child and the woman in labor.

And they shall come, and shall shine with the Lord's bounty,

for the grain and the new oil, and for the flocks and the cattle.

And their life-breath shall be like a watered garden, and they shall no longer be in pain.

And the Lord's way will turn their mourning to gladness, and my people will be sated with bounty.

Let us worship God in Thanksgiving

†HYMN NO. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace,

We confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings and do not keep your word before us

as we move through our ups and downs each day.

Forgive us for failing to pray and tirelessly work for justice

for all people and the earth.

Forgive us for losing hope in your power to engage whole communities in imaginative grace and giving.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.

Tune our minds to your deep truths that ground us in our bodies,

on our land and in our communities.

Tune our hearts to your wisdom,

your commands, and your persevering grace.

Help us to transform us so that our ways of sin,

become ways of virtue.

We pray in Christ's name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

SERMON

A Challenge For The Heart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†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

Anthem

Celtic Laud

Pamela Martin, Craig Courtney

Cailen Campbell, violin

†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!

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN NO. 36** For The Fruit Of All Creation AR HYDY NOS

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Aaronic blessing/Peter Lutkin

†CLOSING VOLUNTARY Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



Connect with us on our website: bmpcnc.org

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 Jim Cogswell who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 18.

Sam Baraki recovering from open heart surgery at home

Family and friends of Gladys Brooks who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 2. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, November 27, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Kim Wood Colby, Johnnie Wood's daughter, hospitalized while being treated for leukemia

Kevin Griffin undergoing radiation for colon cancer

Family and friends of Ruth Janes who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 9. A memorial service is planned for December 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Franklin Jones following the death of his mother, Gerri Jones, on November 6 in Georgia Congratulations to **Patty and Mark Keith** for their new grandson, Leo Fort Butler

Gayle Petty-Johnson's sisters. Kay Young, age 81, suffered a stroke following shoulder replacement surgery. She cannot use her right leg or stand but is progressing. Bobbie Baker, age 83, in ICU with congestive heart failure, in and out of consciousness.

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan;
Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Outreach Foundation: Frank Dimmock;
Seminary Students: Emily Beaver, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia;
Levi Bannerman, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia;
Susie Burns, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina;
Our partner Presbytery and partner church, Ebenezer, in Guatemala

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Nada Barnett, Ron Botsford, Chad Carlton, Paul Carreiro, Sandy Cheatham, Jim Cogswell, Jane Collins, Ellen Gibson, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Eleanor Landers, Mary McElrath, Jerry Newbold, 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

We're all feeling battered and disoriented in these days of strife and division, Lord. It's as if we have awakened to find ourselves in a strange land far from home. The voice of judgement says we have made choices, followed paths that brought us to this painful pass. And yet... and yet in your unfathomable grace You still yearn to lead us to peace and purpose. With deep thanksgiving we hear Your call to be Your people, as You are our God. Amen.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome

- Welcome Table Ron Botsford
- **Bus Driver** Dave McClintock •
- **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, November 21

9:00 a.m. FirstLight

9:45 a.m. Adult Church School

10:00 a.m. Family Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

4:00 p.m. New Officers Training

5:00 p.m. Feed A Family

Monday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle

6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, November 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Planning

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle/Mission

7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, November 24

12:00 p.m. Old Fellers Lunch 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving – Church office closed

Friday, November 26

Church office closed

Saturday, November 27

11:00 a.m. Gladys Brooks Mem Service

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday in Advent Hanging of the Greens

9:00 a.m. FirstLight in the sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Adult Church School

9:45 a.m. Advent Workshop

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Confirmation Class

1:30 p.m. Youth

Happy Thanksgiving!



Next Sunday, November 28, is the first Sunday of Advent. Both worship services will be in the sanctuary for Hanging of the Greens.

Advent Workshop

Join us next Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for an Advent Workshop for all ages! We will make advent wreaths with clay that you can take home, nativity tissue artwork, Christmas ornaments, advent countdown chains, and more!



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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

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Gay Ferguson
Jonathan Kadau
Margo Smith
Tommy Wilkinson

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Kiersten & Weston Hall
Franklin Harris
Cathy & Neil McMillan
Gayle & Peter Mudge
Kay & Mike Salmon
Margaret Waterstradt

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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
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
Alice Patton	Director of Preschool Ministry
Sam Webber	Director of Operations
Brittany Williams	Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
	Director of Communications
Betsy Ray	
Aaron Price	Interim Music Director
Ednamae Fisher	Interim Organist and Handbell Choir Director



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