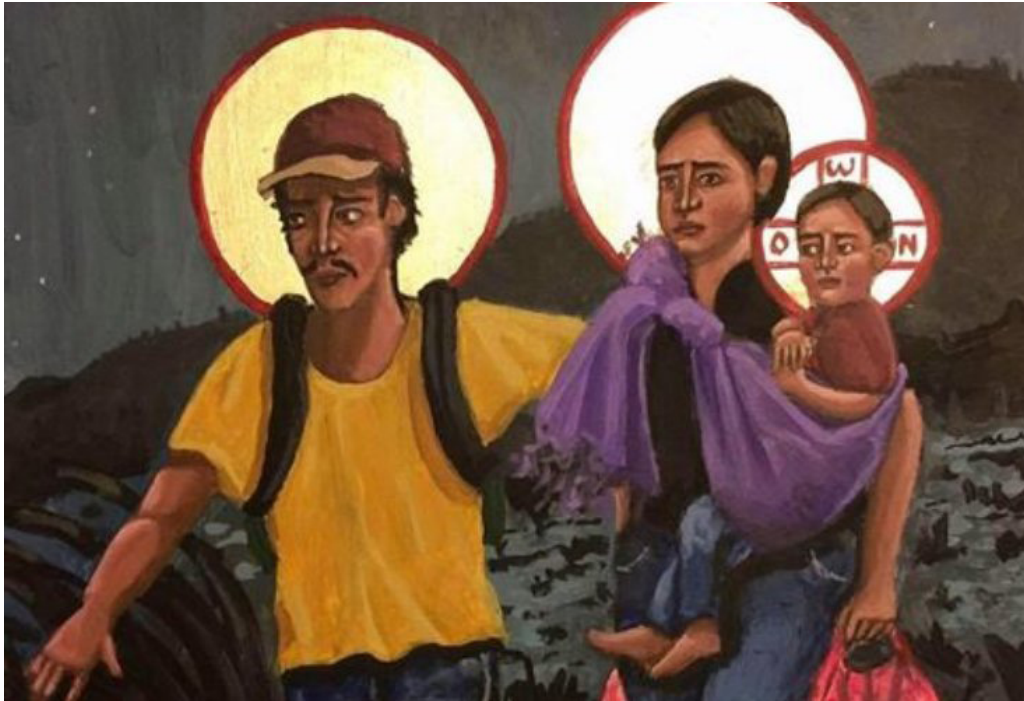


# Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.



## 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!



**BLACK MOUNTAIN**  
Presbyterian Church

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.



## **BELL PEAL**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

David Carter Florence

## **VOLUNTARY**

### ***A Stable Lamp is Lighted***

Wilbur Held

*A stable lamp is lighted  
Whose glow shall wake the sky,  
The stars shall bend their voices,  
And every stone shall cry,  
And every stone shall cry,  
And straw like gold shall shine;  
A barn shall harbor heaven,  
A stall become a shrine*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## **INTROIT**

### **† CALL TO WORSHIP**

In this Christmas season of great joy; we praise the Lord;  
for in mercy and abundant steadfast love,  
God has become incarnate in Creation,  
Emmanuel for whom we have waited.

Even in times of trouble, times of danger and threat,  
we praise God, who sets us free from staggering fear and death  
through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of salvation.

With all creation, as individuals and as a congregation,  
We praise God, and put our trust in God before all others.

†HYMN NO. 110

*Love Has Come*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
in your great love you have claimed us as your children.  
We confess that we have not loved you as we could.  
We have not walked with you when you passed close by.  
We didn't see you because we were weary,  
afraid and missing the joy of your presence.  
Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence,  
we fail to recognize our own complicity.  
Forgive us,  
especially when we fail to do our best  
to protect and nurture children,  
so vulnerable and precious in your sight.  
Forgive our misuse of power and ownership  
when we are called to be stewards of life,  
merely sojourners in your creation.  
Help us to praise you with integrity  
seeking harmony and peace and leveling our egos and pride.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ  
who shares our life on this earth. Amen

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE

*He Came Down*

He came down that we may have love; he  
came down that we may have love; he came down that we may  
have love; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

*Leader:* Why did he come?

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The score includes triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes 'love;' and 'jah' in the first system, and 'love;' and 'jah' in the second system. The final system ends with a double bar line.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you.**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON

Night Flight

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 54

*Jesus Entered Egypt*

†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

†CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL TO OFFERING / CONNECTION CARDS

Offertory

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Mark Hayes

†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. 152

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

†CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Cold December Flies Away*

Wilbur Held



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Rejoice with **Neil and Cathy McMillan** at the birth of their great-grandson, Ian Immanuel, on December 19 in Germany.

**Elissa Suzanne**, daughter of Barbara Gaw and Paul Willison, prayers for healing of cancer

**Joe Standaert**, cancer treatments

**Leigh Stiles, Robin and Tom Stiles' daughter-in-law**,  
entered God's church triumphant December 18

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,**  
**Jane Collins, Ellen Gibson, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Eleanor Landers, Mary McElrath,**  
**Jerry Newbold, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy,**  
**Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Katherine Stanley, Heath Tuttle,**  
**Paul Willison, Barbara & Gene Witherspoon, Jack Wynn**

**Connect with us on our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://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.

# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

**Greeters** Hospitality & Welcome • **Welcome Table** Rosie Johnson  
**Bus Driver** Dave McClintock • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

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## **Sunday, January 2**

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

## **Monday, January 3**

5:30 p.m. Welcome & Hospitality  
7:00 p.m. Earth Care Team

## **Tuesday, January 4**

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Prophets

## **Wednesday, January 5**

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, January 6**

3:30 p.m. Caregiver Group

## **Sunday, January 9**

### EPIPHANY

9:00 a.m. FirstLight  
9:45 a.m. Adult Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
12:00 p.m. Session  
12:15 p.m. Confirmation  
1:30 p.m. Youth  
3:30 p.m. Mental Health Support  
4:00 p.m. Finance Team

# Happy New Year!

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## **new book group begins January 11**

A book group focused on Southern literature, led by Annie Hall and Carolyn Crowder, will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The group will begin with the work of Flannery O'Connor. Sign up with Trudy Winstead ([gswinstead@aol.com](mailto:gswinstead@aol.com))

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## **Name Tags**

If you need a name tag, please email [jackie@bmpcnc.org](mailto:jackie@bmpcnc.org) and send your name the way you want it on the tag.

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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  
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  
Jackie Kerr ..... Director of Communications  
Betsy Ray ..... Interim Youth Director  
Aaron Price ..... Interim Music Director  
Ednamae Fisher ..... Interim Organist and Handbell Choir Director

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