



Cody F. Miller

May the angels of light glisten for us this day.
May the sparks of God's beauty dance in the eyes of those we love.
May the universe be on fire with presents for us this day.
May the new sun's rising grace us with gratitude.
Let heaven's wind stir the soil of our soul and fresh awakenings arise within
us. May the mighty angels of light glisten in all things this day.
May they summon us to reverence.
May they call us to life. Amen.

Philip Newell, *Praying with the Earth*

Epiphany January 9, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

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.



BELL PEAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

We Three Kings

Paul Manz

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the Magi, take your bearing from the light.

We will be led by the deepest yearnings of our hearts.

Like the Magi, offer the Savior your treasure, the best of your gifts.

We will offer our gifts and ourselves to God.

-Diane Karay, *All the Seasons of Mercy*

†HYMN NO. 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

verses 1-4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of living light,
we hear the story of the Magi and tie it together
with our warm Christmas celebrations.
It feels comfortable and familiar to us.
Forgive us, God, for not fully seeing.
Break our bonds of comfort
and help us to realize the risk of witness and discipleship
for those who follow your light.
Shine brightly in us and through us.
Forgive the blindness we so often offer to you.
Give us vision of what You
would have us be and do.
In the Light of Your Love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

verse 3

† **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 2:1-12

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 314

Christ, Be Our 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

Anthem

Brightest and Best of the Stars

Hal H. Hopson

*in addition to the offering,
a basket of stars will be passed around for you to choose your word for 2022*

†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. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

Star of Wonder

Kings of Orient/arr. Aaron Price

†CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia on

John Behnke

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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

Doris Hogle entered God's Church Triumphant on December 20.

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

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, Kevin Griffin, 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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of the heavens, you sent a star to guide the Magi on their journey to the Christ Child. Send that same star to guide us on our journey of faith into the presence of Jesus the Christ so that we may offer our gifts as well. We offer the realities of our lives, both good and bad... joy and love and laughter... that they might be made holy. We relinquish our bitterness and hatred and worry, so that we can be made whole once more. Illumine our minds, so that they may think the thoughts of Christ; our hearts, so that they may feel the compassion of Christ; our hands, so that they may do the deeds of Christ, and through our lives you may illumine the world. Amen.

composed by Lynn Jostes

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

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

Epiphany Sunday, January 9

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
5:00 p.m. Taizé Worship

Monday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Sacred Circle
1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
6:30 p.m. Mission
7:00 p.m. Earth Care Team

Tuesday, January 11

12:00 p.m. Book Club
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Sacred Circle
7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, January 12

12:00 p.m. Old Fellers Lunch
2:00 p.m. Southern Literature
Book Group in Parlor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Taizé Worship

TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

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!

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.



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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
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
Ednamae Fisher Interim Organist and Handbell Choir Director

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