

Sunday Worship



Confirmation Sunday

May 22, 2022, 11:00 AM

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

Mary Katherine Robinson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

†CALL TO WORSHIP

May those who seek God be patient and await joy!

Let us reach out to one another, finding joy in God’s community.

Sing to the love of God, living deep in the hearts of people.

All creatures of the world sing praises to the goodness of God’s gifts.

God is renewing creation in the cycles of life.

We sing and pray and learn through the wisdom God shares.

Friends, let us worship God!

†HYMN NO. 401

Gather Us In

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, our world is full of corruption.
Sheer power veils itself as goodness.
We ardently wish that the ends would justify the means.
Convenience masquerades as goodness.
The easy way beckons us with the shallowness of a puddle.
Selfish pleasure imitates love.
We open our hearts to you, telling you how we have missed the mark,
how our arrows have strayed from the target,
how we find ourselves stuck in a web of self-centeredness.
By the presence of your Spirit, save us from these deceptions
and free us to seek wholeness, your deep peace, as deep as the sea.
May we release the old life, and launch into the deep,
living in your image. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†RESPONSE NO. 306

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of Christian minds is like to that above*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-32

SERMON

Filling the Empty Chair

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Celebration of Confirmation and the Reception of New Members

Statement on Confirmation

Presentation of our Confirmands

Confirmation Class Faith Journey Statement

Sometimes we don't know what we believe,
but we strive to learn more about our world and our place in it.

We believe that God continues to create the universe and the cosmos.
We believe in the way, the driving force behind everything.

We fully trust in God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus, a child of God.

We believe that God loves every person and creates them in the image of God.
We believe that God loves unconditionally, and embodies inclusivity, compassion
and honesty. We believe that we are one with God and the Spirit is a guiding force
behind every life. We believe in being kind to the earth, including all its creatures,
big and small. The church gives a sense of belonging to a community that is open
to new ideas and perspectives about faith, social justice and our life together.
The church is a safe haven where anyone seeking assistance can go. The church
provides a safe and sacred environment. When we are having a hard time,
we know that we can turn to God and we can find places of belonging.

†HYMN NO. 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen

THE OFFERING

Anthem

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light/Mark A. Miller

†The Doxology No. 717 *For the Life That You Have Given*

PLEADING SAVIOR

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 726 *The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)*

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

Draw the Circle Wide

†POSTLUDE



Connect with us on our website: bmperc.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 Beverly Highland
who entered God's Church Triumphant on May 16.*

Leila Cox, recovering at Mountain Ridge Wellness, Rm. 112, from a fall. Cards appreciated.

Congratulations to Paul and Lisle Gwynn-Garrity
on the birth of their daughter Juniper Jean on May 14

John Koon, recovering from recent hospital visit – prayers appreciated

Blake Martin, starting treatment for prostate cancer – prayers appreciated

Betsy Murphy, recovering from ankle surgery

John Walker, recovering at home from a fractured hip

Jack Williams, recovering at home from a hip replacement on May 2

We list names for three weeks unless requested otherwise. To add someone to the list (with their permission), 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 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:

Mike Barker, Chad Carlton, Paul Carreiro, Sandy Cheatham, Jane Collins,
Art De Jong, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, Eleanor Landers, Rachael Lee,
Hugh Mayronne, Mary McElrath, Polly Miller, Becky Peterson, Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada,
Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle,
Joe Standaert, Katherine Stanley, Paul Willison, Barbara & Gene Witherspoon

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

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

Bus Driver Wayne Mullis • **Head Usher** Perry Sprawls

Sunday, May 22

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Church School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Hike
- 5:00 p.m. Take Five @ 5

Monday, May 23

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 11:45 a.m. Staff Lunch at Highland Farms
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 26

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

Friday, May 27

- 11:45 a.m. Staff Lunch at Highland Farms

Sunday, May 29

- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Blended Service
- 10:15 a.m. Biblical Perspectives
- 6:00 p.m. Gathered at Six worship service

Take Five @ 5

Rhythm and Word Worship

TODAY at 5:00pm in the sanctuary

worship in the moment

scripture, poetry, jazz, and prayers

Aaron Price and Sam Webber, coordinators

Worship on Sunday, May 29

only one morning service at 9:00

The blended worship ensemble that includes the Chancel Choir and Prophets of Praise will present a piece entitled *Christ's Glory* at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 29. Written by Mike Barker, *Christ's Glory* will be revealed in a new musical setting in an arrangement by Aaron Price. All are encouraged to attend and witness this music that has its origin from the music ministry here at BMPC.

Gathered at Six

6:00 p.m. behind the Church House

An informal worship with hymn singing, a message, and prayers on Sunday evenings through the summer. Watermelon and fellowship begins at 5:15 p.m. on the playground and worship will follow off the back porch of the church house.

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 2022

Ellen Begley
Austin Brown
Daniel Wiggs
Cheryl Wilson

Class of 2023

Alison Banzhoff
Gay Ferguson
Margo Smith
Tommy Wilkinson

Class of 2024

Alan Belsches
Bill Gilliland
Ken Kelly
Ellen Phillips Smith

Deacons

Class of 2023

Karen Austin
Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro
Edie & Joe Covert
Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley
Diane Ginther
Jeannie Maidment
Mergie Stansell

Class of 2024

Annamarie & Bill Arens
Christy Carswell
Julie & Dale Culpepper
Melissa Kadau
Ellen McClintock
Anne Straughan
Ann Wiig

Class of 2022

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

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
Aaron Price Interim Music Director



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an Earth Care Congregation



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providing a safe environment for children & youth

