Sunday Worship

May 29, 2022, 9:00 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

Minute for Mission

Strategic Planning

Tommy Wilkinson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Majesty/How Great Thou Art

Jack W Hayford/Joel Raney

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Tuttle

Let us begin this day by rejoicing!

The Lord has done such wonderful things for us.

Let us be glad!

The day before us is uncertain.

We know not what we will encounter on our way.

Wherever we go, we are called to remember we belong to God,

And we go forth to touch the lives of all with God's healing touch.

Let us begin this day with rejoicing!

Let us Praise the Living God!

†HYMN NO. 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the days that have been, O God,

we have walked along crooked paths strewn with violence and greed, self-centeredness and apathy.

We confess that we have hidden from the light,

from the light which exposes everything, the love and the hate,

the good deeds and the harmful ones.

On this day we admit to you our failings,

where we have wandered, when we have not listened.

We confess to you our sins and negligence this day

to protect the most innocent in our land.

In the days to come, remind us of your love and grace. Show us your power to transform hearts and minds. Sate us with peace in our souls that we will take peace into this war-weary world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 71

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

FIRST SONG

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

Surely, it is God who saves us;
We will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,
and God will be our Savior.

†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 Isaiah 58:11-14

SERMON Sabbath Restoration

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEECH SPRING

(see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen

THE OFFERING

Anthem Christ's Glory

Michael Barker/Julia Ward Howe; Arr. Aaron Price

†The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 543

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

While we sing this hymn, you are invited to come forward with your 25 Cents A Meal offering for hunger relief in our community.

A Liturgy of Sending and Blessing for Mary Katherine Robinson's Sabbatical

Mike: We bring before you Holy One, our sister in Christ, our Pastor and friend, Mary Katherine Robinson. We send her on sabbatical with our earnest prayers, asking your blessing upon her, and upon this congregation that she serves.

David: May this sabbatical be for Mary Katherine a time of adventure and discovery. May her travels introduce her to people and places new to her but known to you.

All: Guide her steps, O God. May she know your accompanying presence on each journey and find you waiting for her, welcoming her, at each destination.

Bob: May Mary Katherine enjoy, in these weeks away: a release from responsibilities, a child-like curiosity, and a thorough refreshment of body, mind and spirit.

All: "Come to me," says Christ, "all you that are weary and are carrying heaven burdens, and I will give you rest...for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt 11: 28 & 30)

David: Grant to her, Gracious God, times of reading, times of play, times of deep contemplation, of rich conversation, of both leisurely dreaming and focused reflection. And enable her to gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation.

All: "O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Ps. 8:1). "O Lord, how manifold are your Works! In wisdom you have make them all; the earth if full of your creatures." (Ps. 104:24)

Bob: Hear your servant when she prays to you, Holy God. Help her to worship you freely, whether in multitude of in solitude, joy or sorrow, in strength or in weakness. Watch over her, and draw her close to yourself.

All: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing." (Ps. 100:1-2). "I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O Lord. I will sing." (Ps. 101:1).

Mary Katherine: Beloved, hear these words from the Apostle Paul, to Christ's people in Corinth. Let them be my word to you as well as God's: "Finally brothers and sisters, goodbye. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. The amazing grace of the Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you." (1 Corinthians 13: 11&14, The Message).

All: "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace." (Isaiah 55: 12a). God below you, God before you and behind you, God everywhere you turn and within you. Amen

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

NO. 542

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

†POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Family and friends of Beverly Highland who died May 16

Blake Martin, starting treatment for prostate cancer - prayers appreciated

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

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.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Hospitality & Welcome • Welcome Table Glenda McDaniel

Bus Driver Wayne Mullis

Sunday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Biblical Perspectives

6:00 p.m. Gathered at Six

Monday, May 30

1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, May 31

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Worship Service Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 1

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

Thursday, June 2

5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

Friday, June 3

5:00 p.m. Kids Night In / Parents Night Out

Sunday, June 5 – Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Montreat Summer Worship

5:00 p.m Family Worship

6:00 p.m. Gathered at Six

TODAY

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Anderson Auditorium, Montreat

Pipin' o' the Green begins at 10:15 a.m. outside Anderson Auditorium with the worship service at 11:00 a.m. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. John Akers of Montreat, NC.

Gathered at Six

6:00 p.m. at 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.

Enjoy some great tunes from the Big Deal Band at 5:00 p.m. and during Gathered at Six on **Sunday, June 12**.

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

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

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
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