Sunday Worship

August 28, 2022, 11:00 AM



FROM STORY TO PARABLE



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

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

C. Fortunado

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The God, who holds the universe in divine hands, is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. God calls us to worship as the body of Christ and to live in the power of the Spirit.

Here may the hungry be fed, the lonely find community, the sinful discover forgiveness, the sick be healed, and the despairing gain hope.

In our worship, O God, call us to new life and polish us with loving care.

†HYMN NO. 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we know that You are Lord of all
and that You guide the universe toward its goal in Christ.
Forgive our lack of vision,
for we often think and act as if our lives have no purpose
and history has no meaning.
In our doubt and despair, we fall into sin;
we let greed, apathy and heartlessness overtake us;
we hurt others and fail to do the good You have called us to do.
By your mercy, retore us, renew us,
and recreate us in the image of Christ, our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 658

God Is So Good

God is so good, God is so good; God's so good to me.

God cares for me, God cares for me; God's so good to me.

God loves me so, God loves me so; God's so good to me.

God is so good, God is so good; God's so good to me.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Askew

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 112

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Why Didn't I See That?

Lewis Galloway

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bob Tuttle

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen

Aaron Price

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Variations on Mc Kee

Afro-American tune/Aaron Price

†Doxology No. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MC KEE

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

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P.C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE Improvisation on God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Thank you to Lewis Galloway for preaching and to Rebecca Askew for serving as a liturgist.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Frances Kennedy who died on August 21, 2022.

Laurel Broadhurst's mom who is 89 years old and Laurel's son, Travis, who started a new job in New Mexico Monday, August 15

Alex Carreiro Carver and her busband James on the death of his mother, Sandy Cheatham, on August 23

Family and friends of Dee Cox who died on August 9 A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, September 3, at 1:00 p.m.

Renee Sandy recovering from hip surgery

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, Jane Collins, Leila Cox, Art De Jong,
Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, Eleanor Landers, Rachael Lee,
Hugh Mayronne, Mary McElrath, Polly Miller, Brenda Palmer, Becky Peterson,
Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Charles Sandy,
Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Joe Standaert, Katherine Stanley, Paul Willison

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 · Bus Driver Joe Carreiro

Welcome Table Rosie Johnson

Sunday, August 28

9:00 a.m. FirstLight

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Child Protecting Training

4:00 p.m. Won't You Be My Neighbor? (all ages Bible Camp) Celebration – with food, music, and fellowship

Monday, August 29

1:15 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

Tuesday, August 30

1:00 p.m. PW Leaders Bible Study

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 31

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 1

5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

Friday, September 2

6:35 p.m. Tourist Baseball Game

Sunday, September 4

Communion

9:00 a.m. FirstLight

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, September 5

Labor Day - church office closed

There will be no **Gathered at Six** today since the *Won't You Be My Neighbor? Intergenerational Bible Camp* will enjoy a celebration with food, music, and fellowship after their last session of the summer.

Memorial Service for Dee Cox

in the sanctuary

Saturday, September 3, 1:00 p.m.

reception following the service in the narthex and courtyard

Help support the Weekday School with your Ingles card

Each school year it is necessary to reconnect your Ingles Advantage cards to stay connected until the end of May. To sign up, you can go online to **ingles-markets.com/** and connect your card to our account. **Our school number is 10820**. You can also sign up in the narthex on the sign-up sheet at the welcome table. This is an easy way to support our Weekday School. **Thank you all so much for your continued love and support.**

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
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Bill Gilliland
Ken Kelly
Ellen Phillips Smith

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Susan & Ernie Banzhoff
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Susan McElrath
Mary & Don McMahill
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Delores Spielman
Janine & Russ Spiller

Class of 2023
Karen Austin
Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro
Jayne & Ronald Vaughan
Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley
Diane Ginther
Jeannie Maidment
Margie Stansell

Class of 2024
Annamarie & Bill Arens
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
Aaron Price	Interim Music Director
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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