

Sunday Worship

September 11, 2022, 11:00 AM



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BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

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**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

Mary Katherine Robinson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord

C. Fortunado

† CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God,
look about you and see the faces of those
we know and love –
**neighbors and friends – sisters and brothers –
a community of kindred hearts.**

People of God,
look about and see the faces
of those we hardly know –
**strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,
the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

People of God,
look about you and see all the images of God assembled here.
**In me, in you, in each of us,
God's spirit shines for all to see.**

People of God, welcome home.
Let us worship God together!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Tuttle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
 you created us to live in relationship with you,
 to love and serve one another,
 and to care for all your creatures.
 Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,
 we dismiss your commandments
 and seek to go our separate ways.
 Lord, have mercy on us.
 Redeem us, restore us, and re-create us,
 for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!
 In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE NO. 469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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†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 READING

Genesis 1:24-2:4a

SERMON

The Power of Proximity

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith PCUS

God made human beings along with all the other creatures
and charged them to care for the earth
and all that lives on it.

We acknowledge we share in the interdependence
that binds together all God's creation.

Yet God gives us power to rule and tame,
to order and reshape the world.

We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things.
The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth.
The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce
in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people
and reflect God's love for all creatures.
The Lord bids us use our technical skills
for beauty, order, health, and peace.

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.

THE OFFERING

Offertory *Where Shall I Shelter My Sheep Tonight: Appalachian Melody* Michael Sitton

†Doxology No. 609 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION *Into Your Loving Care* David Catherwood

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on LASST UNS ERFREUEN* Michael Burkhardt

Special thanks to Gayle Sawyer for playing the organ in the service today.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Congratulations to Joy Drummond and Jose Pulido-Rosales who were married on September 9.

Judy Gregory recovering from a broken wrist

Family and friends of Frances Kennedy who died on August 21, 2022
A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m.

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 & Renee 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** Dave McClintock

Welcome Table Jen, Cory, and Harrison Partlow

Sunday, September 11

Kickoff Sunday!

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight
- 10:00 a.m. Church House Open House
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Picnic @ Camp Rockmont

Monday, September 12

- 1:15 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 1:30 p.m. Worship Team
- 4:00 p.m. Personnel Team

Tuesday, September 13

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Congregational Life
- 6:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Team
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 14

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 15

- 3:00 p.m. Book Group with Ina Hughs
- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

Sunday, September 18

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Team

Don't miss the BMPC Picnic at Camp Rockmont this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. as part of our Kickoff Sunday!

2:00 p.m. – Waterfront

5:00 p.m. – Vespers

5:30 p.m. – Potluck Cookout

Anyone bringing their own tableware (plate, cup, and utensils) to the picnic will have their name entered in a drawing. Three winning names will be drawn; each winner may choose either a BMPC insulated tumbler or t-shirt.

Shirts and tumblers are available in the church office for \$20 each. You are invited to wear your BMPC t-shirt to the picnic.

Please let Brittany know if you can help out with setup and cleanup. Thank you.

Faith Formation Adult Programs

SUNDAYS – 10:00 am
beginning September 18

Biblical Perspectives

Explore how faith interacts with life as we hear guests and members address current issues in church and society together. **CRI**

Koinonia

From Jerusalem to Rome, The Story of the Church

Study the book of Acts with the newly formed Koinonia class led by Lewis Galloway. **Fellowship Hall**

Living the Questions

The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity

Live the questions and think about the possibilities, instead of forcing the answers. Ellen McClintock and Pat Tuttle lead this series of theological and Biblical explorations.

Upstairs Education Wing

The Heart of Christianity *(first and third Sundays)*

Build relationships and explore the vital elements of Christian faith and life with other parents and young adults. Led by Ken Kelly. While Parents attend, children are invited to Stories and Singing with David Carter Florence and Brittany Williams. **Church House**

Stories and Singing *(first and third Sundays)*

Learn the stories of our tradition through storytelling, art, recreation, and song. This multi-age gathering will have fun building friendships and community. Led by David Carter Florence, Brittany Williams, and Aaron Price. **Church House**

Family Worship *(second and fourth Sundays)*

Gather for an informal “teaching worship service” for all ages, but especially age-appropriate for children and parents. We usually meet outside and invite participation in all facets of worship! Led by David Carter Florence, Brittany Williams, and Aaron Price. **Courtyard**

MONDAYS

Words on the Word

11:30-12:30 pm

Reading and musing on the upcoming Sunday sermon text

Enjoy the possibilities of the scripture with thoughtful close and expansive readings of the primary Bible reading for next Sunday’s worship. We will explore exegesis, interpretive reading, and liturgical possibilities. Bring a bag lunch. Led by Mary Katherine Robinson and David Carter Florence.

Church House

Earth Care Book Study

1:15-2:15 pm

Environmental readings and theology

Read and discuss classic and current environmental writings that guide us in our practices and understanding of eco-theology, economics, activism, and community. Led by David Carter Florence and other members of the Earth Care Team.

Courtyard or Church House

WEDNESDAYS *(first and third)*

One River, Many Wells

8:30-9:30 am

Seek the common heart of the great spiritual traditions of the world by delving into one another’s spiritual riches. We will explore readings and film from the religions of the world, seeking greater understanding and compassion. Led by David Carter Florence and guests. **Church House**



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BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth

