

# Sunday Worship

September 18, 2022, 11:00 AM



**BLACK MOUNTAIN**  
Presbyterian Church

**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.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mary Katherine Robinson

Minute for Mission

Walk for Your Neighbor

Cheryl Wilson

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**INTROIT**

***Come All Ye People***

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;  
come now and worship the Lord.*

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

David Carter Florence

We gather together to remember,  
**to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God** —  
stories we have heard many times before,  
and passed down from generation to generation:  
**stories of faithfulness and love,**  
**of mercy and compassion, of miracles and new life.**  
We tell these stories over and over so that we don't forget.  
**We tell these stories to remember who we are:**  
**the people of God.**  
We tell these stories so that our children  
and our children's children  
can also come to know and love the God we serve.  
**Let's worship our Lord this day!**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus,

We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need.

We have not shared our food with the hungry;

we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless.

We have not welcomed the stranger,

nor have we visited prisoners.

We have not paid attention to these,

your sisters and brothers,

and, in our neglect, we have failed to serve you.

Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family,

and give us the blessing of sincere repentance.

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

## †RESPONSE

*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas - es; God's mer-cies nev-er come to an



end. They are new ev-ery morn-ing, new ev-ery morn ing; great is your faith-ful -



ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

## †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

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:40-46

Children may read *Seeing Jesus* on page 326 in *Growing in God's Love Story Bible*.

### SERMON

Making Room

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### †HYMN NO. 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Summary of the Law*

Bob Tuttle

Our Lord Jesus said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

### 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 *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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

†Prayer of Dedication

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 318

*In Christ There Is no East or West*

ST. PETER

*If you are a visitor and prefer not to stay for our congregational meeting,  
you may leave after this hymn.*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- 1) voting on a line of credit/loan  
with the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program (PILP)
- 2) voting to ordain and install Sarah Wren Robinson as an Elder.

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

POSTLUDE

*Minuet: Finale* from *Royal Fireworks*

GF Handel

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

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**Connect with us on our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://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

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

**Judy Gregory** recovering from a broken wrist and surgery

**Franklin Harris** following the death of his wife, Brenda Palmer, on September 10

**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.

**Cheri Lunsford** following the death of her sister, Carol Kashmer, September 9 in Fremont, Ohio

**Glenda McDaniel's son, Mark**, diagnosed with colon cancer

**Gay Mothershed**, welcoming visitors as she recovers at GHF Health Care Center

**Jessi Stitt** volunteering with clean water well installations with Marion Medical Mission  
in Africa through October 9

**Congratulations to Olivia Tyson and Michael Warren** who were married on September 17.

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](mailto: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, Becky Peterson, Elissa Pusser,**

**Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Charles & Renee Sandy, Callie Shaffer,**

**Richard Speegle, Joe Standaert, Katherine Stanley, Paul Willison**

# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

**Ushers** Cherie Lunsford, Scottie Cannon, Gwen Ferguson, Kitty Fouche

**Greeter** Cherie Lunsford • **Bus Driver** Wayne Mullis • **Welcome Table** Ron Botsford

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## **Sunday, September 18**

9:00 a.m. FirstLight

10:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Music Search Committee

2:00 p.m. Youth Group

4:00 p.m. Finance Team

## **Monday, September 19**

11:30 a.m. Words On The Word class

1:15 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

## **Tuesday, September 20**

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast Club

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Team

7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, September 21**

8:30 a.m. One River, Many Wells class

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. Dinner

5:30 p.m. Youth Small Groups

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, September 22**

5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

## **Friday, September 23**

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

## **Saturday, September 24**

10:00 a.m. Youth Car Wash

## **Session has called a Congregational Meeting after the 11:00 worship service today for the purpose of:**

1) voting on a line of credit/loan with the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program (PILP)

2) voting to ordain and install Sarah Wren Robinson as an Elder.

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## **Youth Car Wash Fundraiser Saturday, September 24**

**10am-12pm in the BMPC parking lot**

What a great way to have your car washed while helping BMPC youth raise money for their upcoming trips and conferences!

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Faith Formation classes are listed on the back cover of this bulletin.

# Faith Formation Adult Programs

**SUNDAYS – 10:00 a.m.**  
beginning September 18

## **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. Luke continues the story of Jesus and the early church on the way from Jerusalem to Rome. Lewis offers an engaging and buoyant exploration of the scripture for today.

**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 p.m.

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 p.m.

**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 a.m.

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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