

Sunday Worship

September 25, 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

Finance

Austin Brown

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Improvisation on "MOON:" What Does The Lord Require of You?

†**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bob Tuttle

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –
the life we have been given by God,
the life we share with one another in community,
the life that Jesus gives in abundance.
Let us be grateful for the joy of life.
Let us worship God.

†**HYMN NO. 26**

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Creator of all that is, hear our prayer.
There are chasms in our lives,
deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You.

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
for fear of admitting our part in the separation,
for fear of being rejected when we reach out.
You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
to a wholeness with each other and with You.
Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations.
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE

What Does the Lord Require of You

*What does the Lord require of you,
what does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.*

†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

Luke 10:38-42

Children may read about *Mary and Martha* on page 232 in *Growing in God's Love Story Bible*.

SERMON

Essence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 771

What Is the World Like?

NEW WORLD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Belonging to God:*
A First Catechism in the PCUSA

Question 25. What was Jesus like?

When Jesus spoke, he spoke with God's authority.

When he acted, he acted with God's power.

The people were amazed. He was also gentle and loving.

He cared for us in all our needs as a shepherd cares for the sheep.

Question 26. What did he do during his life on earth?

He called disciples to follow him.

He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children,

befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins.

He taught people not to fear, but to trust always in God.

He preached the good news of God's love

and gave everyone hope for new life.

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

I Wait for the Lord

Hank Beebe

†Doxology No. 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

*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

Go Ye Now In Peace

Joyce Eilers

POSTLUDE

variation on I Wait for the Lord

Beebe/Price

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leila Cox, welcoming visitors at The Laurels of Summit Ridge

Eliza Cullen's grandpa who is sick with cancer

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

Paul and Diane Ginther as they deal with damage from their home flooding while they were out of town, and as they look for a place to live for around six months

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

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

Lisa Kesecker, diagnosed with bulbar ALS

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

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

Nancy Sprinkle, welcoming visitors at The Laurels of Summit Ridge

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

Congratulations to Olivia Tyson and Kevin 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

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, Carol Cauthen, David Johnson, Gwen Ferguson

Greeter Cherie Lunsford • **Bus Driver** Dave McClintock • **Welcome Table** Ron Botsford

Sunday, September 25

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, September 26

- 11:30 a.m. Words On The Word class
- 1:15 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

Tuesday, September 27

- 1:00 p.m. PW Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 28

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29

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

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group

World Communion Sunday October 2

Wear clothes from around the world.

You can sign up for **Wednesday night spaghetti dinners** in the narthex or see our website to sign up online (bmpcnc.org). Please sign up by Monday before the Wednesday you will attend so we will know how much food to purchase.

We offer **Extended Session** during our 11:00 morning worship services for children three years old-kindergarten. Parents who sign up may leave worship with the children following *Faith Sharing with Children*. We will have the room set up for play prior to arrival or you can take the children to the playground. Books will be provided for you to read at the end of your time together. We need two adults signed up for each Sunday. Please sign up for dates that will work for you this fall by emailing Alice@bmpcnc.org.



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Faith Formation Adult Programs

SUNDAYS – 10:00 a.m.

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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an Earth Care Congregation



BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth

