

Sunday Worship

October 9, 2022, 11:00 AM

Generosity Kickoff

**Choose Generosity:
A Way of Life**



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

David Carter Florence

Minute for Mission

Generosity

Dave Johnson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Improvisation on If I Can Help Somebody

INTROIT

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Henry Smith/Arr. A. Price

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

His holy mountain is the joy of all the earth.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God.

Walk among your people,

that you may tell the next generation that this is God,

our God forever and ever.

God will be our guide forever.

Help us to seek your guidance as we gather to worship you.

†HYMN NO. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, within our culture of abundance,
we have more of everything than we really need.

We rent buildings to store our excess.

We believe that we need more of everything
in order to be satisfied and happy.

Forgive us for our selfishness
and our wastefulness.

Continue to call us to a life of generosity.
Show us daily how we may meet the needs of others
and be good stewards of all that you have given.

Transform us
so that we love our neighbors and care for them
even as we love and care for ourselves.

Transform us
so that we may truly understand that every thing we own
is a gift from you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE NO. 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Jim Richardson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19

Children may read about *The Thankful Man* on page 244 in *Growing in God's Love Story Bible*.

SERMON

Choose Generosity: A Way of Life

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God;
we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

AMEN

A. Price

THE OFFERING

Offertory

If I Can Help Somebody

Alma Androzzo

Noah Hijleh, *tenor*

†Doxology No. 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 697

Take My Life

Joyce Eiters

Stanzas: 1–All, 2–Women, 3–Choir, 4–Men, 5 & 6–All

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you to Jim Richardson for preaching today.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Issac Black, three-year-old son of **Carla and Jason Black**, who has Leukemia, thankfully with a good prognosis. He will be done with his treatment in June 2023.

Eliza Cullen's grandpa who is sick with cancer

Paul and Diane Ginther as they deal with damage from their home flooding

Jim Griffin following a hip replacment

Lisa Kesecker diagnosed with bulbar ALS

Family and friends of Renee Sandy who died on September 28. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m.

Valorie Speegle-Snell following the death of her brother, Richard, on September 25

Nancy Sprinkle, moving to her new home (Asheville) near her Goddaughter

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

Jan Griffin's brother-in-law, Ted Wachs, receiving treatment for rare form of cancer at the Mayo Clinic in Florida

Hannah Webber following the death of her nana

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, Mark McDaniel,

Mary McElrath, Polly Miller, Becky Peterson, Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, 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

Bus Driver Dave McClintock • **Welcome Table** Jen, Cory, and Harrison Partlow

Sunday, October 9

- 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. SVCM Walk

Monday, October 10

- 11:30 a.m. Words On The Word
- 1:15 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 6:30 p.m. Mission Team
- 7:00 p.m. Music Search Committee

Tuesday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 12

- 8:30 a.m. One River, Many Wells
- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Small Groups
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

- 5:00 p.m. Men's Group
- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

Saturday, October 15

- 2:00 p.m. Gene & Barbara Witherspoon Memorial Service

SVCM Walk For Your Neighbor TODAY

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.
Walk starts at 2:00 p.m.
at the First Baptist Church

VISITORS

We're so glad you're here!
Please stop by the welcome
table in the narthex to pick up
your welcome bag.

You can sign up for **Wednesday Night Spaghetti Dinners**

in the narthex or online (bmpcnc.org).
Please sign up by Monday before the
Wednesday you will attend so we will
know how much food to purchase.



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QR code to fill out a
Connection Card online

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 thoughtful exploration of the scripture for today.

Fellowship Hall

Living the Questions

The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity

Sep. 25-Oct. 23: *Living the Questions* is a “DVD and web-based curriculum – designed to help people wrestle with the relevance of Christianity in the 21st century.” *Living the Questions* does not offer a “systematic theology,” but is more of a thematic overview born of day-to-day conversation and questions raised in local churches.

Upstairs Education Wing

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

Come and have coffee and a biscuit together! 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 children’s 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 or Church House during inclement weather



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an Earth Care Congregation



BMPC Child Protection Policy

providing a safe environment for children & youth



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

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.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. Bring a bag lunch! Led by David Carter Florence and guests.

Church House