# **Sunday Worship**

November 20, 11:00 a.m.





# 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

Alternative Gifting

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Praise the Lord GF Handel

INTROIT In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

TAIZE.

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Tuttle

Give thanks to the LORD!

Praise His name!

Tell the whole world what He has done -

His mighty acts on our behalf.

Sing to the LORD,

for He has done wonderful things for us!

Raise your hearts and voices!

shout and sing your praise!

For great is the Holy One who lives among us!

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth.

Forgive us for taking without giving reaping without sowing.

Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share.

May our feet touch lightly on the path we tread, as we strive to walk in gratitude for all the gifts you give us.

Silent prayers... Amen

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE NO. 647

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

#### **†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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11; II Corinthians 9: 6-11

**SERMON** 

A Song of Thanksgiving

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**†HYMN NO. 37** 

Let All Things Now Living

**ASH GROVE** 

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

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

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 When We Worship God Through Music

Eugene Butler

†Doxology No.717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

†Prayer of Dedication

# BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

**POSTLUDE** 

Trio Sonata in C Minor, BWV 526

IS Bach

Welcome and thank you to organist Makena James.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

Susan Banzhoff, recovering from reverse shoulder replacement surgery

**Marc Begley** passed his dissertation defense and will be awarded his PhD in physics from NC State in December.

Gay Ferguson, recovering from foot surgery

Jackie Gibbs, Nancy Beaver's daughter, diagnosed with breast cancer

The NeGrete Family, prayers for healing

Rusty Ray, Susan Wilkinson's brother, having serious memory issues and lost his job

Jim Richardson, coronary ICU, prayers for healing

Bill Straughan, recovering from heart surgery

Brittany Williams, recovering from 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, 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

Welcome Table Ron Botsford · Greeter Margaret Fouse, Jean Chamberlain

Bus Driver Dave McClintock · Ushers Jean Chamberlain

# **Sunday, November 20**

10:00 a.m. Faith Formation

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. Youth Feed A Family

4:00 p.m. Finance Team

5:00 p.m. Officer Training

# Monday, November 21

11:30 a.m. Words On The Word

1:00 p.m. Worship Team

### **Tuesday, November 22**

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle

7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

# Wednesday, November 23

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

5:30 p.m. Youth Small Group

6:30 p.m. Bounty & Soul Tai Chi

# Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

Church office closed

# Friday, November 25

Church office closed

# Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship

10:00 a.m. Faith Formation

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. Deck the Halls of BMPC

6:00 p.m. Advent Vespers

# **VISITORS**

We're so glad you're here! Please pick up your welcome bag at the welcome table in the narthex or the counter outside fellowship hall.

# Deck the Halls of BMPC Sunday, November 27, 2:00pm

You are invited to join your church family as we decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. We will hang wreaths, set up and decorate trees, make bows, and string lights to prepare for this festive season. All ages are welcome and refreshments will be served. Gloves, basic tools, and wire might come in handy. This will be a great time of fun and fellowship!

# **Contemplative Journey Toward Bethlehem**

If you are looking for a deeply spiritual Advent, join us!
Invite your friends to join us as we seek the Spirit's
guidance by journeying toward Bethlehem together.
We will gather on **Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 30,**at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor for a deepening of our hearts
as we listen, remember, and pray in deep silence as
we believe: "The beginning of prayer is silence... God
speaking in the silence of the heart." All are welcome.

Beverly Thompson and Ellen Phillips, Facilitators



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# 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 (personnel)
Austin Brown (finance)
Daniel Wiggs (property)
Cheryl Wilson (hospitality & welcome)

# Class of 2023

Alison Banzhoff (faith formation)
Gay Ferguson (congregational life)
Margo Smith (strategic planning)
Tommy Wilkinson (mission)

#### Class of 2024

Alan Belsches (property)
Bill Gilliland (personnel)
Ken Kelly (faith formation)
Ellen Phillips Smith (worship)

#### Class of 2022

Susan & Ernie Banzhoff Kay & Jim Layman Susan McElrath Mary & Don McMahill Martha Jane Petersen Delores Spielman Janine & Russ Spiller

# Deacons

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 Director of Music and Worship Arts
Alice Patton Director of Preschool Ministry
Brittany Williams Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry
Sam Webber Director of Operations
Jackie Kerr Director of Communications
Katie Duvall Youth Coordinator
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