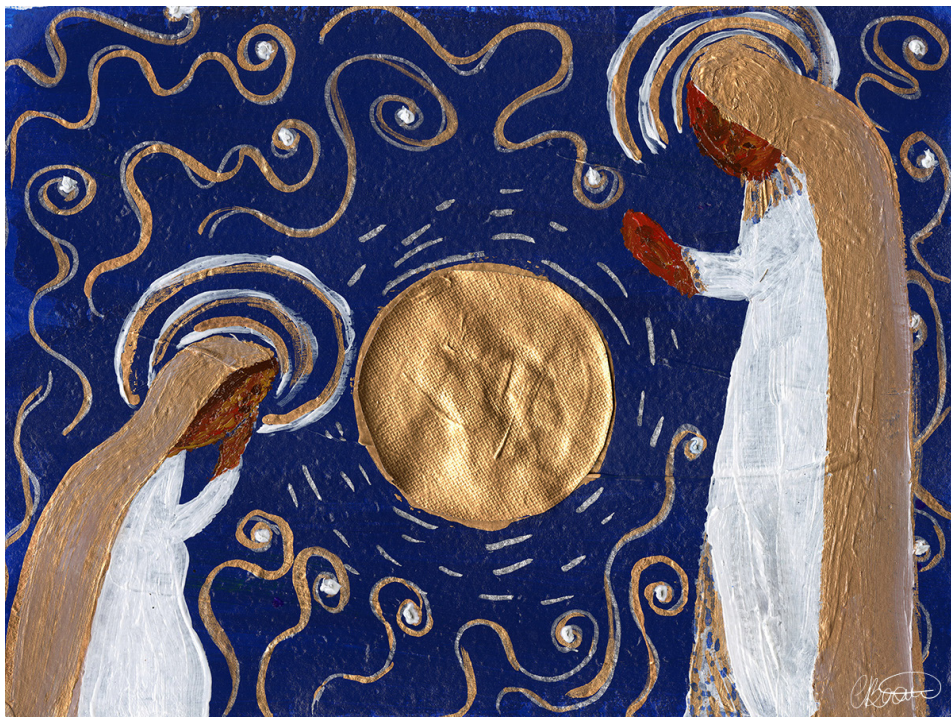


Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 11:00 a.m.



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556

J. S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Skeet and Elizabeth Ayscue

after Second candle is lit...

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,
We thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.

† HYMN NO. 87

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

GENEVAN 42

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lewis Galloway

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God,
you know just how often
we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.
You know just how often
we allow fear to take the place of logic,
fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.
You know just how often
we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid"
on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,
stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.

Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,
which spark and feed so much of our fear,
to recenter us in love.
With hope we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Stanza two sung by Cantor, all sing refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Brittany Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

A Peace That Will Persist

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

C. Wesley, RH Pritchard
arr. Jack North

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

~prayers~

We praise you that your everlasting light is shown to us
in womb and tomb,
in cradle and cross,
in tenderness and compassion...

We join in the Advent prayer of all your people,
"O come, Emmanuel."

As we wait and watch for your coming among us,
we proclaim your goodness.

All Sing: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

~prayers~

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymns during Communion

No. 314	<i>Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness</i>	CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
No. 108	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Prayer after Communion

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 100

My Soul Cries Out

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Take your encouragement from Christ,
that your joy may be complete.

We will share in the Spirit;

We will find consolation in love.

Practice a ministry of humility and compassion
For God is at work in you, empowering you.

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will live worthy of the Gospel.

We will go forth in hope and in peace.

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Ye Now In Peace

Joyce Eilers

POSTLUDE

Star of the County Down

arr. Banzhoff/Price

COVER ART: *Mary's Golden Annunciation* by Carmelle Beaugelin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Jean Holder who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 25. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Leslie Applewhite fell and broke her foot

Susan Banzhoff recovering from reverse shoulder replacement surgery

Congratulations to Art De Jong on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Juliette

Katie Duvall and family following the death of her grandmother

Kitty Kelly recovering at home from a knee replacement

Hugh Mayronne in rehab in Louisiana, planning to come home in a week

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

Gene & Connie Schimpf's daughter recovering from surgery

Nancy Sprinkle recovering at The Laurels of Summit Ridge after a fall

Pat Tuttle recovering from reverse shoulder replacement surgery

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,

Jackie Gibbs, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, Eleanor Landers, Rachael Lee,

Hugh Mayronne, Mark McDaniel, Mary McElrath, Polly Miller, NeGrete Family,

Becky Peterson, Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Jim Richardson, Penny Sampson,

Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Joe Standaert, Katherine Stanley, Bill Straughan, 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 Glenda McDaniel, Ann Carr Adkins • **Greeter** Jean Chamberlain, Perry Sprawls
Bus Dave McClintock • **Ushers** Jean Chamberlain, Mary Carroll and Xander Dodd, Annamarie Arens

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation
- 10:20 a.m. Mosaic Art
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Vespers

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

PW Circles meet

- 11:00 a.m. Worship Planning
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Contemplative Journey
- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 4:30 p.m. Kids Play Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Small Group
- 6:30 p.m. Bounty & Soul Tai Chi
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group
- 7:00 p.m. Holiday Relief Concert

Friday, December 9

- 7:00 p.m. Staff Christmas Party

Attention all organ lovers!

A Christmas Concert

presented by

Makena James
organist and pianist

TODAY, December 4, 6:00 p.m.
in the sanctuary

Featuring Christmas favorites such as
Christmas Eve/Sarajevo, Gesu Bambino,
and Masters in This Hall

reception with refreshments afterwards

BMPC THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

HOLIDAY RELIEF

jazz concert

DEC 8 7:30PM
WHITE HORSE BLACK MOUNTAIN
\$18 IN ADVANCE/\$20 DAY-OF-SHOW

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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)

Deacons

Class of 2022

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

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
Steve Kint Church Custodian



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