

Sunday Worship

January 1, 2023, 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

David Carter Florence

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Tuttle

Christ is born!

Christ is born!

Joy is alive!

Joy is alive!

God is here.

God is here.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

†HYMN NO. 152

What Star is This That Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, too often we feel as if change is hopeless.

The problems of this world feel too big, the path forward is unclear,
and we are not confident that we can truly make a difference.

We give up hope.

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing hope.

God of hope, too often we believe that peace is a thing of fairy tales.

Our spirits are anxious. Our bodies are weary. Our world is fractured.

Instead of praying for peace — both in ourselves and in our society —
we assume that peace is no longer on the table. We give it up.

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing peace.

God of peace, too often we paint joy as naive — a luxury reserved for children and pets.

We forget that you ate with friends, that you went to weddings,
that you laughed and rested and hiked mountains.

We forget that you knew joy, and that you want joy for us in this fractured world.

Forgive us for turning away from your light.

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing joy.

God of joy, too often we treat love like a vending machine.

We put some coins in and assume that we'll get something back.

However, in our wiser moments, we know that love is not meant for keeping score.

Love is meant to overflow, to spill out to our neighbors,
to transform our world. Forgive us for holding love so tightly.

Together we pray:

Forgive us for extinguishing love.

Family of faith, we lose hope, peace, and joy.

Fortunately for us, God has something else in mind.

The Word is made flesh: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

no matter how many times we turn our back on hope, or extinguish peace,
or snuff out joy — no matter how many times we let love burn out —

God continues to light our way.

We are forgiven. We are seen. We are loved.

The hope, the peace, the joy,
and the love of this day — exists for you.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

†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

POETIC READING OF JOHN 1:1-5

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Mary Did You Know

Nancy Ruppert, *soloist*

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn No. 314

Christ Be Our Light

Prayer after Communion

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

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POSTLUDE

Thanks and welcome to Drew Banzhoff (organ)

Cover art by Evie Wiggs

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Hugh Mayronne recovering in Louisiana

Lyn Nygren at Highland Farms Healthcare, prayers for healing

Robert Sway following the death of his brother, Russell

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,
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, Penny Sampson, Charles Sandy,
Callie Shaffer, Nancy Sprinkle, 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

We wish you
a safe and happy
new year!

Sunday, January 1

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 2

Church office closed

Tuesday, January 3

11:00 a.m. Worship Planning

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 4

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5

BMPC Team leaves for Guatemala

1:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

VISITORS

We're so glad you're here!

Please pick up your welcome bag at the
welcome table in the narthex.

Reach for your 2023 star
in the narthex next week
on Epiphany Sunday

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 5

1:30-6:00pm

Schedule your appointment online
redcrossblood.org/give

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)
Sarah Wren Robinson
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
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