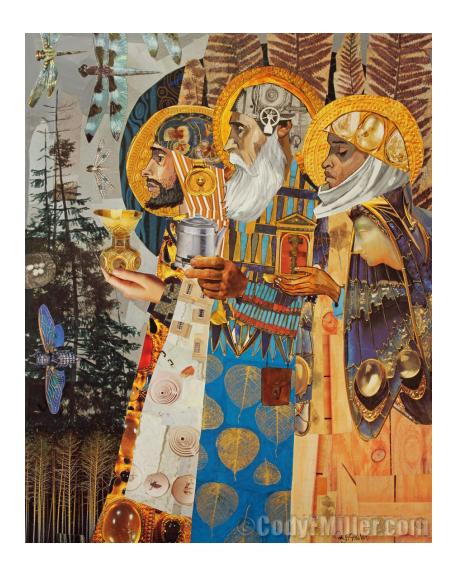
Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHORALE AND PRELUDE

God's Son Is Come

J.S. Bach

†CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, Let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Star in the dark sky heralded His Coming.

Led by the light of the Star, the Wise Ones came to pay homage.

We, too, come to the stable, seeking the infant King.

Come, Arise! Shine! The Light has come.

God's Light of love is shining upon us.

†HYMN NO. 150

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of changed plans,

The Magi heard in a dream

that they were to take a new way home —

a different path,

an untraveled road.

And to our amazement.

they did just that.

The Magi packed their bags

and went home by another way.

We wish that change could be easy for us,

but more often than not,

when whispers of change come,

we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.

Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.

Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.

Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.

Guide our steps to unfamiliar places.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE NO. 581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, 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

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:9-12

SERMON Another Way

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

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. Amen

THE OFFERING

Offertory Brightest and Best of the Stars

Hopson

†Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Kings of Orient

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings

G. Young

Thanks and welcome to Gayle Sawyer (organ and piano)

COVER ART: Three Magi by Cody F. Miller, Matthew 2:1-2, Original Mixed Media

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Charles Hardy, brother of Ann Herring, Hospice Care, Raleigh, NC

Dick Hobson recovering after a fall

Dave Kadau recovering at home from a hip replacement

Marva Koeber at Mission with pneumonia

Wilma Leary recovering at home from throat surgery

Cathy McMillan home after emergency abdominal surgery followed by recovery at GHF Health Care Center

Laura Robinson-Long following the death of her brother, Dana Long

Robert Sway following the death of his brother, Russell

Shannan Vance-Ocampo, Gayle Petty-Johnson's daughter, hospitalized for a kidney stone while in Bogota, Columbia

BMPC Mission Team who traveled to Guatemala to visit our partner church, Ebenezer

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, Lyn Nygren 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

Welcome Table Jen, Cory, and Harrison Partlow • Greeter Cherie Lunsford, Carol Cauthen Bus Michael Beaver • Ushers Julie & Dale Culpepper, Dave Johnson, Cherie Lunsford

Sunday, January 8 Epiphany

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship

10:00 a.m. Faith Formation

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

12:15 p.m. Session Meeting

2:00 p.m. Youth

Monday, January 9

1:15 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

3:30 p.m. Congregational Life Team

5:00 p.m. Strategic Planning

5:30 p.m. Property Team

5:30 p.m. Worship Team

5:30 p.m. Hospitality & Welcome

7:00 p.m. Mission Team

7:00 p.m. Personnel Team

Tuesday, January 10

Presbyterian Women Circles meet

11:00 a.m. Worship Planning

12:00 p.m. Book Club

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 11

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

5:30 p.m. Great Story study group

6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

Saturday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Youth Retreat

Epiphany star words

You can pick up your star word for 2023 today in the narthex and throughout the month of January.

Presbyterian Women

All women are invited to any circle.

Tuesday, January 10

DORCAS

10:00 a.m., CR1

PRISCILLA

10:00 a.m., Church House

ESTHER

10:30 a.m., Joan Kline, 7 Wagon Trail, HF

NAOMI

3:00 p.m., Church House

LYDIA

6:30 p.m., Church House

Tuesday, January 24

LYDIA mission – 6:30 p.m., Church House

Tuesday, January 31

1:00 Bible Study, 2:15 Coordinating Team

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 leannie 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 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 Steve Kint Church Custodian







