Baptism of Our Lord

January 15, 11:00 a.m.





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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

PRELUDE

Live Into Hope

Musica Sacra (TRURO)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

We will not fear, for God is with us!

The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us

are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.

Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

David Carter Florence

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice, in baptism you anointed us to live boldly in the reality of your coming kingdom. We confess that we have not fulfilled our calling. We have not used your power to serve our neighbors. We have walked away from oppression and injustice. We have turned our backs on your beloved children who hunger and thirst in a world of plenty. Forgive us, Lord. Make us courageous servants of your justice, peace, and wholeness, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

†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

Mark 1:1-11

SERMON

A Displaced People

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. **479**

Ho, All Who Thirst

JACOB'S WELL

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith PCUS

Bob Tuttle

We believe that in baptism the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise to include us and our children in his gracious covenant, cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life, as participants in Christ's death and resurrection. Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond. In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord's. For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love him. For both, God's grace and our response to it are not tied to the moment of baptism, but continue and deepen throughout life.

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	Sacred Souvenirs	Aaron Price
†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. 772	Live Into Hope	TRURO
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
†CHORAL BENEDICTION	Into Your Loving Care	David Catherwood
POSTLUDE		

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Stephanie Callahan by her family.

Cover art by Mike Moyers

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Nancy Sprinkle who entered God's Church Triumphant on January 12. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Mike Begley recovering at home from hernia surgery Mistie Cogbill recovering at home from gall bladder removal surgery Ann Herring following the death of her brother, Charles Hardy, on January 11 Dick Hobson recovering after a fall Dave Kadau recovering at home from a hip replacement Wilma Leary complications from recent throat surgery Cathy McMillan home after abdominal surgery followed by recovery at GHF Health Care Center Billy Robinson and family following the death of Billy's father, Bill Robinson, on January 13 Laura Robinson-Long following the death of her brother, Dana Long Makahla Stout, Cynthia Keever's daughter, to be tested next week for Lyme disease Shannan Vance-Ocampo, Gayle Petty-Johnson's daughter, traveling back to the US after hospitalization Ted Wachs, Jan Griffin's brother-in-law, at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL, struggling with cancer

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

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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 TableRon BotsfordGreeterMargaret FouseBus Michael Beaver•UshersDon McMahill, Liz & Steve Riley, Annamarie Arens

Sunday, January 15

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Finance

Monday, January 16

MLK holiday – church office closed

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

- 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 19

- 3:00 p.m. Book Group with Ina
- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

Our youth need help with meals on Wednesdays

Please plan to make food for 20 people and deliver it to the Church House the day of by 6:15 p.m. If you need to drop it off before that, there will be space in the refrigerator. Share the cooking with a friend or two! Ideas include soup & salad, casserole & salad, pasta dish & salad. Let Katie know which Wednesday works for you (Katie@bmpcnc.org). Thank you for supporting our youth!

Potato Lunch and Chili Cook-off Sunday, January 29

Pick up a registration form in the narthex and enter your pot of chili made with your favorite recipe in the cook-off!

BMPC Annual Meeting Sunday, January 29

for the purpose of a year-end finanical report and voting on the pastors' terms of call.

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 and 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
Suzane Churchman	Bookkeeper
Steve Kint	Custodian









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