Mission Emphasis Kickoff

January 22, 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

Minute for Mission

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Take Me To The Water

Afro-American Spiritual

Jessi Stitt

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Iews or Greeks, slave or free and we are all made to drink of one Spirit. The rivers shall not overwhelm us for God is our guide and our protector.

David Carter Florence

Mary Katherine Robinson

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.

†HYMN NO.721 Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of deliverance, you parted the sea so that your people could cross from slavery and oppression to freedom, and yet we often doubt you are at work in the world. We forget that Jesus walks with us and the Holy Spirit empowers us. We forget our brothers and sisters in subsistence jobs, caught in the webs of greed and power. We forget those in bondage beyond our Christian family. While some boats sink, we cling to the wheel of our own boats, forgetting that we are all in one boat. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE

Santo Espiritú de Dios (Spirit of the Living God)

1. choir 2. Spanish 3. English

Santó Espiritú de Diós, ven sobre mí Santó Espiritú de Diós, ven sobre mí Tomamé, cámbiame, lléname, úsame Santó Espiritú de Diós, ven sobre mí

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Annamarie Arens, Xander Dodd

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:10-31

Pearl and Weston Hall

REFLECTIONS FROM THE GUATEMALA TRIP

Annamarie Arens, Jane Belsches, Katherine Holman

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 488

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

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	When the Poor Ones	JA Olivar, M Manzano
†Doxology	Baptized in Water	BUNESSAN
	Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit marked with the sigh of Christ our king; born of the spirit, we are God's children Joyfully now God's praises we sing!	

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 295	Go to the World	SINE NOMINE			
†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION					
†CHORAL BENEDICTION	We Are One in Christ Jesus	translated Alice Parker			
POSTLUDE					

Cover photo: Guatemala team at the Weaving Cooperative while in Guatemala

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Eleanor Landers who entered God's Church Triumphant on January 19. Stay tuned for plans of a gathering.

Mike Begley recovering 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 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 Family and friends of Nancy Sprinkle who died on January 12 Makahla Stout, Cynthia Keever's daughter, diagnosed with hyperthyroidism Ted Wachs, Jan Griffin's brother-in-law, at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL, struggling with cancer

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, 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, 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 BotsfordGreeterPerry SprawlsBus Michael Beaver•UshersDave Johnson, Gay Ferguson, Scottie Cannon, Janine Spiller

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Youth

Monday, January 23

- 1:15 p.m. Earth Care book study 5:00 p.m. Family Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, January 24

- 11:00 a.m. Worship Planning
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Security Team
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 25

- 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 26

5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner Pickett

Saturday, January 28

Session Retreat

BMPC Annual Meeting next Sunday, January 29

for the purpose of a year-end finanical report and voting on the pastors' terms of call. Potato Lunch to follow!

Thursday Night Live January 26, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Team and featuring Karen Wallace-Meigs from Pisgah Legal Services.

Pisgah Legal Services provides a broad array of free civil legal aid, anti-poverty advocacy, and access to health care in the 18-county WNC region. Program availability varies by county depending on the availability and scope of funding. Training is provided for volunteers to become navigators who assist clients to sign up for health insurance via the Affordable Care Act which can sometimes be a confusing process.

Pisgah Legal services provided crucial assistance to our Afghan refugee family, the Amirs, in helping them fill out necessary asylum paperwork and ultimately facilitating their travel to Canada where they could settle with family members and a larger Afghan community.

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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