

Sunday Worship

February 26, 11:00 a.m.



Labyrinth, Mike Moyers



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

**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

Meditation: the Call to Reflect

Aaron Price

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time
to let the power of our faith story
take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder...
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!

Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden.

Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.

Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

†HYMN NO. 2128 (STF) *Come and Find The Quiet Center*

CALL TO CONFESSION

David Carter Florence

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
like your Son, we are tempted on a daily basis
by that which seeks to tear us from you and from one another.
When Jesus was tempted by Satan,
he turned to scripture for wisdom and strength,
trusting in your goodness and your grace to uphold him.
When we are seduced by the same temptations,
we often do not bother to look at scripture or to rely on You.
We avoid the inward struggle and journey to which you call us.
Help us to be strengthened by Christ's strength.
Lead us to be instructed by his wisdom, and encouraged by his trust.
Forgive us our sins and lead us to a better relationship
with You and with one another.
This we pray in your holy and merciful name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 423 *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

†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 4:1-4

SERMON The Inward Journey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bob Tuttle

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

Abide With Me

William Monk/arr. Brent Olstad

Delia Lytle-Bailey, *flute*

†Doxology No. 627

I Love You, Lord

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Polly Miller who entered God's Church Triumphant on February 20. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 4, at 1:00 p.m.

Jane Collins moved to Aston Park Health Care Center for memory care

Casey, daughter of Beth and Bruce Gunn, at Johns Hopkins

John Evans recovering from a stroke at home

Dick Hobson welcomes visitors

John Slater, John Murphy's neighbor's brother, diagnosed with congestive heart failure

Congratulations to Ellen and Dave McClintock for their new grandson, Nicolas

Jo Majka and family following the death of Jo's daughter-in-law, Debbie Hile

Tom Stiles recovering from surgery for bladder cancer

Jessi Stitt volunteering with Annunciation House in El Paso offering hospitality to immigrants, migrants, and refugees

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

Mission Partners: **John McCall** in Taiwan; **Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar;

Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**; *This Child Here/Ukraine*: **Robert Gambrell**;

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, Mark McDaniel, Mary McElrath,

NeGrete Family, Becky Peterson, Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand,

Penny Sampson, Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, 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, Harrison Partlow • **Bus** Dave McClintock • **Greeter** Cherie Lunsford

Ushers Dave Johnson, Ellen McClintock, Gay Ferguson, Annamarie Arens

Sunday, February 26

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes
- 10:00 a.m. Discovery Class
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Renovation See & Hear
- 12:15 p.m. Grief Share Group
- 2:00 p.m. Youth

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

- 11:00 a.m. Worship Planning
- 1:00 p.m. PW Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 1

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. One River, Many Wells
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:30 p.m. Great Story study group
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 4

- 1:00 a.m. Polly Miller Memorial Service

the LENT main event

All-church read with study and discussion groups

Saving Us by Katharine Hayhoe

Borrow the book from the church or purchase it for \$8 at the front desk. You are encouraged to sign up but are welcome to attend any group even if you haven't done the reading. The conversation is the most important thing!

Requested reading before each study group:

- week 1** Preface and Section 1: The Problem and the Solution, pages ix-33
- week 2** Section 2: Why Facts Matter and Why They Are Not Enough, pages 37-83
- week 3** Section 3: The Threat Multiplier, pp. 87-128
- week 4** Section 4: We Can Fix It, pp. 131-191
- week 5** Section 5: You Can Make a Difference, pp.195-245

Highland Farms – Brookside Maple Room THURSDAYS, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Led by Jeannie Franklin, Martha Jane Peterson
March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30

At BMPC – CR2

SUNDAYS, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Led by Jeannie Franklin, Scottie Cannon
February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26

At BMPC – Church House

MONDAYS, Noon-1:00 p.m.

Led by David Carter Florence, Robin & Tom Stiles
February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27

At BMPC – CR2

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Led by Karen Austin, Larry Berglund
March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29

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 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)

Class of 2025

Mary Carroll Dodd (Hospitality & Welcome)
Kristy Beaver (congregational life)
Steve Riley (Finance)
Mike Begley (Generosity)

Deacons

Class of 2023

Karen Austin
Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro
Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley
Diane Ginther
Jeannie Maidment
Margie Stansell
Janine & Russ Spiller

Class of 2024

Annamarie & Bill Arens
Christy Carswell
Julie & Dale Culpepper
Melissa Kadau
Ellen McClintock
Anne Straughan
Ann Wiig

Class of 2025

Ann Carr Adkins
Liesl Case
Susan McElrath
Alice McDowell
Katherine Holman
Harriette Fulton & Robert Sway
Jayne & Ronald Vaughan
Debby Vial

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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