



Sunday Worship

March 12, 11:00 a.m.

Grace and peace. All are welcome here.

Embodying the Love of Christ, we are joyfully called to be a church in the heart of Black Mountain where the welcome never ends. We seek to share the love of Jesus Christ by inspiring worship and faith formation, nurturing authentic relationships, equipping disciples to serve, and being a welcoming and inclusive community to all. We invite all to join us on the journey!

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

INTROIT

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

† CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

God calls us here to worship.

We are here, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

God calls us here to worship.

We are here, ready to listen to God's Word, sometimes surprising and unexpected, sometimes a whisper in our heart.

God calls us here to worship.

We are here, ready to listen to the Holy Spirit as God speaks to us.

Let us worship God together.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
 you are always speaking, giving us instructions,
 directing our attention, and listening to our prayers.
 We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners.
 We aren't sure what is your voice,
 and what is ours, and what is just noise.
 We are an easily distracted people.
 Forgive us, O God, and show us your mercy.

~ silent prayers ~

Open our minds and hearts, oh God.
 Tune our ears to your voice.
 Help us to listen to what you have to say,
 and then help us to follow wherever you lead. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN NO. 455 *Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken*



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is close at hand;



lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:25-34

SERMON

Listening Through the Noise

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

NEW MEMBERS AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Chet & Suzanne Alexander Bill & Bekah Caruso Christa Corwin

Alice McRae Chuck & Lucy Reiley Ron & Nancy Shelton Nancy Weaver

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.

THE OFFERING

Offertory

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

John Purifoy

†Doxology No. 717

For the Life That You Have Given

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Meditation on LISTEN

Tune: Canadian; Anon.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*The rose in the sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Kira Elizaabeth on March 2.
Congratulations to parents, Amy Oxendale-Imig and Steve Imig, and brother, Nathan.*

Casey, daughter of Beth and Bruce Gunn, recovering at home

John Evans recovering from a stroke at home in Wilmington

Carolyn Johnson recovering at home from hip replacement surgery

James Mattox, Anne and Bill Straughan's nephew, is in critical condition with a severe infection and in intensive care at Rex Hospital in Raleigh

Gay Mothershed welcoming visitors in Highland Farms Healthcare #27

Virginie Pomeroy recovering at home from ACL surgery

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 Rosie Johnson • **Bus** Dave McClintock • **Greeter** Cherie Lunsford

Ushers Cherie Lunsford, Annamarie Arens, Ellen McClintock, Gay Ferguson

Sunday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Saving Us book study
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Youth
- 4:00 p.m. Nominating Team

Monday, March 13

- 12:00 p.m. Saving Us book study
- 5:00 p.m. Congregational Life
- 5:00 p.m. Strategic Planning
- 5:15 p.m. Worship Team
- 5:30 p.m. Property Team
- 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation, Hospitality & Welcome, Mission, Personnel Teams

Tuesday, March 14

- 9:00 a.m. Endowment
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Family Fellowship
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

- 1:00 p.m. Saving Us book study at Highland Farms
- 3:00 p.m. Book Group with Ina
- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner
- 6:00 p.m. Weekday School Art Show



A memorial service for Nancy Sprinkle
will be held in the sanctuary
on Tuesday, March 21, at 3:30 p.m.

Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 22, at noon
Here at BMPC

March 26
Commitment Sunday
for Renovation Pledge

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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BMPC Child Protection Policy
providing a safe environment for children & youth

