

Sunday Worship

March 19, 11:00 a.m.



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

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

Minute for Mission

Weekday School Scholarship Fund

Alice Patton

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts /
When Simplicity We Cherish
Ashleigh Graham, *vocalist*

Joseph Bracket
MORAVIAN TUNE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .
of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us,
the anger that haunts us.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .
of the worry, stress or anxiety that have filled us
since the last time we gathered in your presence.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .
of grief, sadness, or a desire for something else.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .
the gift of your grace,
your love and your life that fills us.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .
the gift of each other, the gift of this community,
the gift of this time of worship.

As we gather for worship O Lord, help us say together,
we are here. We are not alone.
Jesus Christ is among us today.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, source of all life, hear our prayer.

During this season of Lent, we come before you in need of healing.

Help us to take an honest look at our lifestyles and see what is in need of change.

May we stop focusing so much on accumulation:

of stuff, of worldly accolades, of status symbols.

Guide us in turning our attention and focus on what really matters.

We thank you, O God, for sending Jesus to model a simple lifestyle,

and for reminding us that God loves us for who we are, not what we have or what we do.

Free us from things that bind so we may serve and love and dream and be,

as Christ calls us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 466

Come and Fill Our Hearts

†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 6:19–21

SERMON

Embracing Simplicity

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CAMBODIAN LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come, thy

5 will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven. Give us to-day our

9 dai-ly bread; and for - give our tres - pass - es, Lord, for - give as we for - give

14 those who tres-pass a - gainst us; for - give us, Lord, for - give us, Lord.

18 And lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, lead us not; but de-liv-er us from

23 e - vil, Lord, we pray your mer - cy. For yours is the

27 king - dom, and the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and

31 ev - er. A - men, a - men, a men, a - men, a-men.

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Christ Hath a Garden

Gerald Near

†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

Simple Gifts

Shaker/Bracken

*‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free,
‘Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gain’d,
To bow and to bend we shan’t be asham’d,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Slane, extemporized

Aaron Price

We welcome and thank Ashleigh Graham for her gift of song.

Call to Worship: Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo (www.liturgylink.com)

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to parents, Amy Oxendale-Imig and Steve Imig, and brother, Nathan,
for the birth of **Kira Elizabeth** on March 2.

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 back at home

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, Casey Newton, 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 Ron Botsford • **Bus** Joe Careiro • **Greeter** Margaret Fouse

Ushers Dale & Julie Culpepper, Dave Johnson, Gay Ferguson

Sunday, March 19

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

Monday, March 20

- 12:00 p.m. Saving Us book study

Tuesday, March 21

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Nancy Sprinkle memorial service
- 7:00 p.m. Mama's Group
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 22

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. One River, Many Wells
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Service at BMPC
- 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 23

- 1:00 p.m. Saving Us book study
at Highland Farms
- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner



You can donate to the Weekday School scholarship fund by using this QR code.

VISITORS

We're so glad you're here!

Please pick up your welcome bag at the welcome table in the narthex.

A memorial service for Nancy Sprinkle will be held in the narthex 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 (youth elder)
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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providing a safe environment for children & youth

