

Sunday Worship

April 23, 11:00 a.m.



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

117 Montreat Road | Black Mountain, NC 28711 | 828-669-2725 | www.bmpcnc.org

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Awake, My Soul

composed by Aaron Price as a theme for Lent, 2022

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

Children of God: welcome home!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

† HYMN NO. 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
we come before You in humility,
for we do not live as we ought.
We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.
So we pray, in all humility,
that You will change our hearts and minds,
that You will show us again how to love others
the way You love us,
that You will put power and courage in our hearts
to do your will and share your good news.
This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 28

You Are Before Me, Lord

SURSUM CORDA

choir sings stanza 1; then please join for stanza 5

†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

Acts 1:15-17; 21-26

SERMON

An Empty Seat

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

Bob Tuttle

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Longing”

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Bob Moore

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 742

We Will Walk with God

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Now and Live for the Savior*

POSTLUDE

Extemporiation on Sursum Corda

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Family and friends of Mike Barker who died on April 2

Fred Kinnard, Leslie Applewhite's brother in Florida, metastatic lung cancer

Hugh Mayronne at CarePartners Hospice Solace Center in Asheville, visitors welcome

Sally Pollard at Mountain Ridge Wellness Center, visitors welcome

Ken Scott recovering from vertebroplasty, a back procedure

Kitty Slattery, Fran Leahy's mother, died on April 13

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:

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 Rosie Johnson **Bus Driver** Dave McClintock **Greeter** Scottie Cannon
Ushers Jack Williams, Annamarie Arens, Jeannie Maidment, Cherie Lunsford

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 10:15 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Discovery Class for New Members
- 12:15 p.m. Grief Share Support Group
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, April 24

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, April 25

- 1:00 p.m. PW Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 6:00 p.m. Womens' AA Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 26

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. One River, Many Wells
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 27

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner
- 6:30 p.m. MS/HS Mom's Group

Saturday, April 29

- 9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga



SOWING THE SEED PLANTING OUR FUTURE

Capital Campaign Update

On Commitment Sunday in March we had \$174,000 in new or continuing commitments pledged toward the \$415,000 we need to completely pay for our renovations. If you have a pledge card to submit or need a pledge card, please talk with Sam Webber in the church office. Thank you all who have given so generously toward our renovations. We are indeed a greatly blessed congregation.

Renovation Update

We are making good progress. The new HVAC system is being installed in the attic, and its spiral ductwork has been hung in the ceiling of the fellowship hall. On Tuesday the ductwork in the floor of the fellowship hall was filled with cement. The priming and painting of all rooms has almost been completed, and new sheetrock is being installed in the remodeled bathrooms. We are waiting now for the building inspector to approve the flooring for our kitchen.

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



QR code
for giving



an Earth Care Congregation



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

