

May 14, 11:00AM



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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Bob Tuttle

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made manifest among us.

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death to life.

This is the love that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

† **HYMN NO. 630** Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADERS' HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful One,

we thank you for the community in which you have placed us,

for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.

Yet, we confess that we fail to love as you love.

We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom.

We fail to see your Kingdom in parables

because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other.

Form in us a new vision of community

in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.

We pray for the sake of your Kingdom

that both is and is not yet. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE NO. 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Brittany Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-55

SERMON

Mother Hen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 771

What Is the World Like?

NEW WORLD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

David Carter Florence

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs
with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake
her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome
the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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.

THE OFFERING



- Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth, like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
 And from the heart of God the Spirit moved up on the earth, like a mother breathing life into her child.
- Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
 Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight, and then down the ages still she flew on.
- 3. Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world, after dawn returned in flame of rising sun, the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled, bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

†Doxology No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Parting Blessing

J. Jerome Williams

POSTLUDE

Royal Oak Variations

trad./Aaron Price

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Family and friends of Sam Baraki who died on April 26. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m.

Barbara Brinson recovering from outpatient surgery on April 28

Jim Elam at Veterans Home Black Mountain

Marian McKay Gilliland, Bill Gilliland's mother, died on May 11 in Greenwood, SC

Marva Koerber at Mission with pneumonia

Family and friends of Hugh Mayronne who died on April 24. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m.

Kay Petty Young, Gayle Petty Johnson's sister, recovering from a heart attack

Jamie Scott, Becky Hughes' brother near Charlotte, heart attack

Ed Smith recovering at Highland Farms Healthcare

Anne Straughan recovering from hip replacement 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 Gamble;

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, 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, Ken Scott, 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

Bus Driver John Murphy **Welcome Table** Jen, Cory, Harrison Partlow **Greeter** Cherie Lunsford **Ushers** Jack Williams, Judy Williams, Scottie Cannon, Ellen McClintock

Sunday, May 14

9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 15

1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

4:00 p.m. Worship Team

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Night at Grange

Tuesday, May 16

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:00 p.m. PW Birthday Celebration

at Cragmont

6:00 p.m. Womens' AA Meeting

7:00 p.m. Mama's Group

7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 17

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

11:30 a.m. One River, Many Wells

6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18

3:00 p.m. Book Group with Ina

5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Friday, May 19

6:30 p.m. Asheville Tourists Baseball Game

Saturday, May 20

9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga 2:00 p.m. Hugh Mayronne Service

ALL ARE INVITED

Come enjoy food and friends!

Fellowship Night at Grange Monday, May 15, 5:30-7:30_{PM}

Calling All Coffee Drinkers

To partner with our Guatemalan neighbors, a coffee grower outside Antigua will provide coffee beans shipped directly from his farm to Black Mountain.

You are invited to sign up for an annual coffee subscription that provides a 15-oz. bag of Guatemalan coffee beans for \$15 every month at the annual cost of \$180. **Signups continue today, and next Sunday,**

before and after the service in the church office area.

There will be samples of Guatemalan coffee available for tasting! If you are unable to sign up on a Sunday, please contact Jane Belsches or Annamarie Arens.

Our Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, May 28

BMPC will continue FirstLight at 9:00 a.m. service and partner with Montreat Conference Center for their 10:30 a.m. service held at Anderson Auditorium. The 11:00 a.m services will begin again at BMPC on Sunday, August 13.

Beginning Sunday, June 5, Family Worship will gather every Sunday during the summer at 10:30 a.m. in the courtyard or the narthex depending on the weather.

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 2023

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

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 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	
Katie Duvall	Youth Coordinator
Suzane Churchman	Bookkeeper
Steve Kint	Custodian













