

# Sunday Worship

May 21, 11:00AM



**BLACK MOUNTAIN**  
Presbyterian Church

## 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Healey Willan

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Tuttle

The Lord is our Shepherd

**We are the sheep in the Shepherd's green pastures**

The Shepherd will seek the lost, even at the expense of the flock.

**The Shepherd will feed the flock and strengthen the weak.**

But the proud and the power-hungry

**Will be fed with justice.**

Let us worship God with honesty

**Let us worship God with integrity.**

† HYMN NO. 349

*"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Risen Christ,  
You spread out your arms to the world,  
and tell us to feed your sheep.  
But we struggle with your command.  
We find our lives too important to truly give our lives away,  
and we find seeds of doubt growing in our hearts.  
We have simply forgotten when you ask us to feed the world,  
that you will always help us provide the bread,  
even when we have tasted the bread you multiply.  
Even when we gather your leftovers,  
we still find ourselves between your wondrous power  
and our limited humanity.  
We ask for your forgiveness.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 647

*Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!  
And also with you.

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Weston Hall, Barbara Gaw

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Carter Florence

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Bread for the Journey

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 773

*Heaven Shall Not Wait*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA 1983

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

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.

### 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

Anthem

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hal Hopson

Bekah Caruso, Alice McDowell, ringers

†Doxology No. 609 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

†Prayer of Dedication

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 772

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sleepers, Wake!*

Johann Walther

*Thank you to Gayle Sawyer and Drew Banzhoff for sharing their musical gifts with us today.*

FRONT COVER: *The Veteran in a New Field*, Winslow Homer

Completed in 1865, following the surrender of General Robert E. Lee and the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, this deeply symbolic painting embodies the tension between grief and hope after the war. A discarded Union Army jacket and canteen in the lower right corner identify the farmer as a veteran, and the “new field” of the title reminds us of his old one, the battlefield. This return to productive, peaceful pursuits echoes the biblical passage from Isaiah 2:4, “They shall beat their swords into plowshares.”

While the bountiful Northern harvest signifies renewal and recovery, the single-bladed scythe evokes the Grim Reaper. Pigment that has become transparent over time reveals that Homer originally painted a more elaborate scythe that he later simplified, intensifying its association with death.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

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*Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Gay Mothershed, who entered God's Church Triumphant on May 13. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 4, at 2:00 p.m.*

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**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

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

**Marva Koerber** recovering from pneumonia at home

**Kay Petty Young, Gayle Petty Johnson's sister**, beginning hospice soon

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

**Ken Scott** recovering from heart surgery

**Ed Smith** recovering at Highland Farms Healthcare

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, Callie Shaffer, Paul Willison**

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**Connect with us on our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://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** Ron Botsford   **Greeter** Margaret Fouse

**Ushers** Jack Williams, Annamarie Arens, Gay Ferguson, Carol Cauthen

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## Sunday, May 21

- 9:00 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group

## Monday, May 22

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

## Tuesday, May 23

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Womens' AA Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

## Wednesday, May 24

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 25

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

## Saturday, May 27

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

## 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, 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.

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## BMPC Summer Worship Schedule Begins next Sunday, May 28

FirstLight Worship begins at 9:00 a.m. and we partner with Montreat Conference Center for their 10:30 a.m. service held at Anderson Auditorium. The 11:00 a.m. services will start back 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.

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# 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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