



Telling Our Story

Sunday, July 16, 2023



**Embodying the Love of Christ, we are joyfully
called to be a church in the heart of Black Mountain
where the welcome never ends.**

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

Thaxted

Gustav Holst

† CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,
The One who calls us to faithfulness from one generation to the next,
The One who equips us for new and exciting ministry,
The One who loves us without end.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

† HYMN NO. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and merciful God,
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake;
Yet, we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone,
and we have wandered from your pathway.
As we remember the cleansing water of baptism, O God,

we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.
 Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,
 and to rise daily to new life in Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you,
 and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE

O God Beyond All Praising

G. Holst/Michael A. Perry

O___ God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day

and___ sing the love a - ma - zing that songs can - not re - pay;

for___ we can on - ly won - der at___ ev - ery gift you send,

at___ bles - sings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:

we___ lift our hearts be - fore___ you and wait up - on your Word,

we___ ho - nor and a - dore___ you, our great and migh - ty Lord!

†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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:15-17

STORYTELLER

Annie Hall

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 301

Let Us Build a House (verses 1,2,3)

TWO OAKS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God,
whom the highest heaven cannot contain,
much less a building made by human hands,
hear our prayer.

For the Church universal,
of which this sanctuary has been a symbol of hope and light
for this community for 65 years, and will continue to be for years to come,
we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who, in times past and present,
have formed a congregation of your people and have met in this place
to offer their prayers and praise to you,
we praise you, O God.

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace,
who in this place were washed in the waters of baptism,
and raised to new and eternal life,
we praise you, O God.

For your presence whenever your Word has been proclaimed
and your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received,
we praise you, O God.

For your blessing upon each of your children,
welcomed and nurtured here,
we praise you, O God.

For all who came to ask your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
we praise you, O God.

For faithful stewards who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,
we praise you, O God.

For all who were gathered from this place,
having lived this life in faith, who now live eternally with you,
we praise you, O God.

For the knowledge that your church and your ministry
among us will continue today, tomorrow, and forever, we praise you, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray to you:

**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

Musical Meditation

My Tribute

Andraé Crouch

†Doxology No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

world without end, amen, amen.

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

1. We are marching in the light of God.

2. We are praying in the light of God

3. We are singing in the light of God (*repeat as needed*)

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE NO. 301

Let Us Build a House (verses 4,5)

TWO OAKS

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone.
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.*

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face.

Let us bring an end to fear and danger;

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard.
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace.*

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter;

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Yvette Ballard recovering at home following hip and knee replacement

Diane and Paul Ginther following the death of their son, Kevin

Don Herrick (former member) following the death of his wife, Harriet, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Matt Horne preparing for open heart surgery

Jason Lewis, colleague of Leslie Carreiro, recovering from major surgery and rehab.

Also Jason's mother-in-law, **Brenda Brackett**, beginning chemo

Ginny Lindsey and family following the sudden death of her sister, Elizabeth DuClose, on Wednesday July 5, in Jacksonville, Florida

<p>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</p>
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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:

Cynthia & Carl Battles, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Art De Jong, Jackie Gibbs,

Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, Darrell Johnson, Mark McDaniel,

Mary McElrath, NeGrete Family, Casey Newton, Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada,

Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Charles Sandy, Ken Scott, Callie Shaffer,

Sandra Wilson, Kay Petty Young

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeter Helen Davies **Ushers** Ellen McClintock, Robin Stiles

Sunday, July 16

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Family Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Montreat Worship
- 3:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Team

Monday, July 17

- 8:30 a.m. Weekday School
Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 18

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Mama's Group
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, July 19

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

Thursday, July 20

- 3:00 p.m. Book Club with Ina Hughs
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship at Phil's BBQ

Saturday, July 22

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

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM

Sunday, July 16, 3:30 p.m.

National Ice Cream Day is July 16 and certainly the members of BMPC want to honor this auspicious date. Come to the church house and bring your favorite ice cream or any of your favorite toppings. This is a family event and Andy Gwynn will be there to play music and have some sing-alongs of familiar songs and hymns. We hope to see you, rain or shine!

It's That Time Again

Thursday, July 20, at 5:30 p.m.

Remember Grange in May and The Railyard in June? Well now it's time for food, fun, and fellowship at Phil's. We encourage anyone who likes to eat and socialize to join other church members at this fun and relaxed occasion. See you there!

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.



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