



Telling Our Story

Sunday, July 23, 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.

PRELUDE

The Prophets

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Carter Florence

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .

come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .

come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .

come worship a God who desires peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .

come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

† HYMN NO. 70

What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our merciful judge,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors
and missed opportunities to engage and know them.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your vast mercy, forgive our sins
and prod us from selfishness to compassion,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE

For Everyone Born (refrain)

*God will delight when we are creators of justice,
And joy, compassion and peace.*

*Yes God will delight when we are creators of justice:
Justice and joy!*

†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 Isaiah 1:17, Psalm 82:3-4, and Micah 6:8

STORYTELLER

God's Passion for Justice

Wayne Mullis

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of Belhar

We believe
that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.

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

Musical Meditation

A Change is Gonna Come

Sam Cooke

†Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Cre-a-tor, Christ, and Ho-ly ghost.
A - men, a - men! A - men, a - men! A - men, a - men,___ a - men.

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

(verses 1,2,4 – all sung in unison)

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For Everyone Born

Brian Mann

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Indy Berglund, grandson of Sarah and Larry Berglund, at children's hospital in Ann Arbor, MI

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 on August 3

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

Gayle Mudge recovering at home from knee replacement surgery

<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** Scottie Cannon, Rebecca Brown

Sunday, July 23

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Family Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Montreat Worship

Tuesday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

Thursday, July 27

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Friday, July 28

- 6:30 p.m. Tourists Baseball Game

Saturday, July 29

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

Sunday, July 30

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:30 a.m. Family Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Montreat Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Ministry Team

Save these dates
in September

Wednesday night spaghetti dinners return on September 6, at 5:30 p.m.

There is a suggested donation of \$5/per person or \$20/per family. Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available. All are welcome. There will be a weekly sign-up for this event.

BMPC annual picnic at Camp Rockmont Sunday, September 10

2:00-5:00 p.m. – Waterfront

5:15 p.m. – Potluck Dinner and Music

Anyone bringing their own tableware (plate, cup, and utensils) will have their name entered in a drawing. Three winning names will be drawn; each winner may choose either a BMPC insulated tumbler or t-shirt.

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.

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
Tom and Sam Maynard
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

