



Telling Our Story

Sunday, July 30, 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

Abbot's Leigh

The Prophets

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

Minute for Mission

Backpack Buddies

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices.

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

† HYMN NO. 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Tuttle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God,
open our hearts
so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives –
that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone,
and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

~ silent prayers ~

Forgive us, we pray.
Forgive our distractions,
and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 832

Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand

(Congregation sings refrains)

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.

He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life.

†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 Proverbs 3:5,6; Isaiah 40:31; Isaiah 41:10

The Message (paraphrase)

STORYTELLER Essential Truths for Living an Inspired (In-Spirit) Life Margaret Fouse

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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. Amen

THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation *Sweet, Sweet Spirit/Reformation Rag*

D.Akers/Aaron Price

†Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*



†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*While we sing this hymn, you are invited to come forward
with your 25 Cents A Meal offering for hunger relief in our community.*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Closer Walk

front cover art: tapestry created by Martha Jane Petersen

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Susan Banzhoff recovering from knee surgery at home

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

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

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:

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

Welcome Table Ron Botsford **Greeter** Cheri Lunsford **Ushers** Ellen McClintock, Jack Williams

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

Monday, July 31

- 9:00 a.m. Generosity Team

Tuesday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 2

- 10:00 a.m. Advent Planning
- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

Thursday, August 3

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Saturday, August 5

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



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BACKPACK BUDDIES

Collection of supplies will begin on Sunday, August 6, in the narthex and will be picked up on Sunday, August 20.

Supplies will be gathered and delivered to Grove Stone Baptist Church which is the Hand in Hand delivery point. Hand in Hand is a local faith-based nonprofit working with local churches and businesses to help the children and teachers at the six Owen district schools. Volunteers will sort the items for the primary, elementary, middle, and high school-aged children. Volunteers will deliver the supplies to the six schools in the Owen district. The intention is to get everything delivered before school starts on August 28.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Holt at 828-230-8613 or Kyle Holt at 828-606-0631

Supplies Needed

- Pencil Boxes
- Glue Sticks
- Notebook dividers
- Backpacks: All sizes
- Sharpies
- Spiral Notebooks: All sizes
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Pocket Folders
- Pencils
- Copy Paper
- Pens
- Kleenex
- Poster Boards
- Magic Markers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Trifold Presentation Boards
- White Board Markers
- Stitched Composition Books
- Index Cards
- Rulers
- USB Thumb Drives
- Notebook Paper: college and wide ruled

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

