

Asking The Question



Sunday Worship

August 6, 2023 – 9:00AM

**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

Canonbury (Lord, Speak to Me)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

**A time to ask questions about our faith;
a time to remember the promises of God.**

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Welcome home, people of God!

Let us worship in spirit and truth this day.

† HYMN NO. 22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and love,
we know that sometimes we allow ourselves to be distracted.
We would rather pursue intellectual arguments than live the gospel.
We would rather debate our equals than defend the vulnerable.
We prefer to think about you instead of getting to know you.
So help us, God.
Help us to discern what does matter to you
and to the vulnerable you call for us to care and defend.
Help us to open up our hearts,
wide in love and grace,
and so be living examples of your good news.
In Christ we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 647

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:1-14

SERMON

Just Like a Child

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation

The Greatest Love of All

Linda Creed/Michael Masser

†Doxology

Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow

†Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Prayers...

...When we rebelled against you, refusing to trust and obey you,
you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own...

*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.*

*You bring my wand'ring spirit back. when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

Prayers....

...You sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

When through the shades of death I walk, your presence is my stay;

one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;

my cup with Blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

Prayers...

...Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup,
that this meal may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

*Your sure provisions gracious God attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

Keep us faithful in your service nurturing us in Christ's presence through the Holy Spirit,
and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm as we pray the prayer
our Lord Jesus taught us to pray:

**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.**

Sharing Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

Good and merciful God, we pray that our theology would be more than words
as it is made real in our lives. May this meal nourish our bodies and souls
so that we might live in service to the world around us, to your glory. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Kwake Yesu Nasimama

Kenyan melody

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Susan Banzhoff recovering from knee surgery at home

Indy Berglund, grandson of Sarah and Larry Berglund, recovering from surgery

Matt Horne recovering from open heart surgery

Gayle Mudge recovering at home from knee replacement

Pat Newbold recovering from a fractured pelvis while visiting family in California -
soon to return to Highland Farms

<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**, **Ellen Gibson**,

Kevin Griffin, **Becky Hughes**, **Darrell Johnson**, **Mark McDaniel**, **Mary McElrath**,

NeGrete Family, **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 Cherie Lunsford

Ushers Jack & Judy Williams

Sunday, August 6

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

Tuesday, August 8

- 11:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, August 9

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

Thursday, August 10

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Saturday, August 12

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

Sunday, August 13

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight Worship
 - 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
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Next Sunday morning – August 13

FirstLight begins at 8:45

10:00 family worship

11:00 worship service returns
in fellowship hall

Fellowship Night

Tuesday, August 8, 5:30pm
at Foothills Grange

We encourage anyone who likes to eat
and socialize to come together for
a fun and relaxed occasion.

The Move, Part 2

Saturday, August 12, 9:00 to noon

We will move items out of storage and back into
the church building. We will also move items
from the narthex and sacristy into storage.

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 Kadam
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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