

Asking The Question



Sunday Worship — August 13, 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

My Song is Love Unknown

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

We gather together in the presence of God
to offer our praise and our prayers.

**We come before God with confidence,
knowing that even when we can't find the words,
God's own Spirit is right here with us,
praying in us and for us,
giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings,
and pleading for us before the throne of grace.**

So let's come with joy to offer our worship
to God who knows and loves us all!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and God of mercy,
forgive us when we forget
that nothing is able to separate us
from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
We confess that the distractions of life
and the fear of death
cause us to lose our trust in you.
Too often we live and act
as if you are against us rather than for us.
Loving God, forgive our fickleness.
Help us to put our trust in You
through Jesus Christ,
our healer and our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If God is for us, who is against us?
He who gave us his Son,
now gives us the Spirit in power!
The Holy One is in our midst:
Equipping us for life in the service of Christ.
In Christ we are more than conquerors,
For nothing in creation can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Friends, live this good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE NO. 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

†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

Romans 8 selected verses

SERMON

Why Is the World So Broken?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 53

O God Who Gives Us Life

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

Bob Tuttle

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 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.

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

McKee

Afro-Am, adapted HT Burleigh
arr. A. Price

†Doxology *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 317

In Christ There is No East or West

MCKEE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of The Sparrow



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

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

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, 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

Sunday, August 13

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 14

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 2:15 p.m. Earth Care Team
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Team
- 5:00 p.m. Congregational Life Team
Strategic Planning Team
- 5:30 p.m. Property Team
- 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Team
Hospitality & Welcome

Tuesday, August 15

- 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, August 16

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 17

- 3:00 p.m. Book Club with Ina Hughs
- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Saturday, August 19

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

Child Protection Training

Sunday, Aug. 20, 2-4:00 p.m. in CR1

This training is for those who are working with (or plan to work with) children and youth in our church and have not been through the training (or it's been over five years). Register at bmpcnc.org.

Discovery Class

Sunday, August 27, 12:00 noon

Learn more about BMPC and what it means to become a member. RSVP at bmpcnc.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

BMPC annual picnic
at Camp Rockmont

Sunday, September 10

2:00-5:00 p.m. Waterfront
5:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Music

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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an Earth Care Congregation



BMPC Child Protection Policy
providing a safe environment for children & youth

