

# Living The Questions



## Sunday Worship

11:00 AM – August 20, 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. † indicates to stand, if you are able.

The congregation is invited to join in where the liturgy is marked in bold.

PRELUDE

*Voluntary No. 1 in D major - Vivace*

Dr. William Boyce

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Carter Florence

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, let us love one another.

**We love because God first loved us.**

There is no greater love than this:

**To lay down one's life for one's friends.**

This is the new commandment in Christ:

**As Jesus loves us, so let us love one another.**

† HYMN NO. 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, You came to walk with us;  
You sent Your Spirit to dwell in us; and  
**You call us to witness to Your great love;**  
**but at times we forget that we bear the marks of Your grace,**  
**and act as though You have no claim on our lives.**

As the one who creates, loves and forgives,  
**You are faithful to Your promises,**  
**but we have broken Your law of love.**  
We hoard Your blessings,  
**rather than seek ways to share our blessings,**  
**serving those in need.**

We choose what is comfortable and safe,  
**rather than listen to the pain and concerns**  
**of our brothers and sisters.**

We sit quietly in fear and complacency  
**rather than act for justice and peace.**

Wash us again with Your mercy and grace.  
**Forgive us, Lord. Transform our hearts,**  
**that our lives may bear the fruit of Your love,**  
**and our joy may be complete.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 62

*Love the Lord Your God*

GREAT COMMANDMENT

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you.**

# LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit,  
that through your message  
we may be guided into the love of God  
for all the world.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-12

SERMON

Works of Love

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 104

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Summary of the Law*

Matthew 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

On these two commandments

hang all the law and the prophets.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bob Tuttle

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	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	English Folk Melody/H. Hopson
†Doxology No. 581	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	GREATOREX
†Prayer of Dedication		

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 137

*He Came Down*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestro from Miniatures for Organ*

Flor Peeters



Thank you to Bill and Bekah Caruso for their gifts of music.

Cover art: winner of the *Color My Heart with Peace* children's art contest, 2020.

*The Color my Heart with Peace* children's art contest is a project that hopes to cultivate self-expression in the future generation, especially on the vision of building a world of freedom, peace, unity, and happiness together as one global family in one global village where everyone has the creativity, resources, and compassion to create a world where the culture of heart can blossom.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Patricia Dunn, Mike Ballard's sister**, entering hospice care in Burlington NC

**Vestal Caldwell, Linda Caldwell's husband**, is under hospice care

**Glenda McDaniel** recovering from surgery

**Pat Newbold** recovering from a fractured pelvis while visiting family in California

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](mailto: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, Jim Elam,**

**Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, Darrell Johnson, 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

**Bus** Dave McClintock **Greeters & Ushers** Annamarie Arens, Steve Riley, Judy & Jack Williams

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## **Sunday, August 20**

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Child Protection Training
- 2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

## **Monday, August 21**

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

## **Tuesday, August 22**

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

## **Wednesday, August 23**

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

## **Thursday, August 24**

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

## **Saturday, August 26**

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

## **Sunday, August 27**

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

## **Child Protection Training**

**TODAY, 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).

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## **Choir Potluck**

**& singing session in fellowship hall**

**TODAY – 5:30 p.m.**

Bring a friend and a side dish or dessert  
*(fried chicken will be provided).*

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## **Discovery Class**

**Next Sunday, August 27, 12:00 noon**

Learn more about BMPC and what it means  
to become a member.

To RSVP, click on the Discovery Class block  
on the home page at [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org).

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**Connect with us on our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://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.



*At The*  
**RIVER**

*At the River: A Memoir of Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South,*  
a documentary produced by our own Carolyn Crowder with music by Aaron Price.

**White Horse Black Mountain**  
**Sunday, August 27, 3:00-6pm**

tickets \$8

*sponsored by Friends of the Library*

**BMPC Annual Picnic at Camp Rockmont**  
**Sunday, September 10**

2:00-5:00 p.m. Waterfront  
5:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting  
Potluck Dinner and Bluegrass Music



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

