

Asking The Question



Left to right: FVEE Technical Director Rolland Razafiarison, Synod President Pastor Soja Arthur, and FJKM Secretary General Pastor Jaona Rakotonindrainy with a grafted mango tree at Betroka in southern Madagascar.

Sunday Worship

11:00 AM – August 27, 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.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

INTROIT

People of the Lord

Greg Scheer

†CALL TO WORSHIP

For the beauty of the summer day,

And the comfort of friends nearby;

For the invitation to love and be loved,

For our God who extends that call;

For time set apart to nourish the soul,

For time to go out into the world equipped with love:

For all these things we give thanks.

Let us worship God.

† HYMN NO. 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God of all creation,
who are we that you are mindful of us?
You, who set the stars in motion,
who launched waves crashing against the shore,
who knows the heights and depths of the world;
Why do you bother with us?
We cannot grasp your love for us, O God,
for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving.
We become enmeshed by our own needs
and wants and desires
and we fail to see beyond anything
but our own little circles.
Turn us around, O God.
Help us to see as you see,
and to reach out in love as you reach out.
In your mercy,
O God, forgive who we are
and bless who we will be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 48

Rain Down

GREAT COMMANDMENT

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH DAN AND ELIZABETH TURK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 50:15-22*

SERMON *Does God have a plan for me?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

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

Abide with Me

William H. Monk

Delia Lytle-Bailey, *flute*

arr. Brent Olstad

†Doxology No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 747

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ENVIADO

*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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Will Walk with God

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

POSTLUDE



Thank you to Delia Lytle-Bailey for her gift of music.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Sarah and Larry Berglund following the death of their grandbaby, Indy,
who died peacefully August 20

Linda Caldwell following the death of her husband, Vestal

Andy Gwynn recovering at home from knee replacement

Glenda McDaniel recovering from shoulder surgery

Pat Newbold recovering from a fractured pelvis at Highland Farms Health Care

Carl Sperry recovering from knee replacement at Highland Farms Health Care

<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, 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 Wayne Mullis **Greeters & Ushers** Cherie Lunsford, Katherine Holman, Judy & Jack Williams

Sunday, August 27

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Discovery Class
- 2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Monday, August 28

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 6:00 p.m. Session
- 7:00 p.m. Beer & Hymns
at White Horse

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. Youth & Parent Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 31

- 4:30 p.m. RAD! Volunteer Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

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

Discovery Class

TODAY, August 27, 12:00 noon

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

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

TODAY, 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

**Volunteers
are needed!**



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

