

Sunday Worship



11:00 AM – September 3, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Red Cross

Gail Barksdale

INTROIT

Taste and See

James Moore

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God is an imaginative God who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.

**With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity
with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.**

And threading through it all are beautiful dreams
of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

**O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future,
we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.**

Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

Lead us in paths of righteousness.

Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice.

**Teach us to be co-creators, with You,
of a world where all belong and share in the abundance you have given us.**

Praise be to God.

† HYMN NO. 183

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Tuttle

Creator God, on this Labor Day Sunday,
help us to be your people,
working for a world where all workers are valued.
A world where those who clean houses
are also able to buy houses to live in.
A world where those who grow food
can also afford to eat their fill.
And one where those who serve and care for others —
in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants,
nursing homes, and many other places —
are, themselves, also served and cared for.
We pray for a world where all workers everywhere
share in the abundance that you have given us. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE NO. 184

Calm to the Waves
choir sings first time, then all join

CALM SEAS

†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 Genesis 2:2-4 and Psalm 34:1-14, *The Message*

SERMON

The Summer's End

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation

Gloria Novum

Aaron Price

†Doxology

New Gloria

GLORIA NOVUM

Glo - ry be_____ to the cre - a____ tor,____
to the Christ_____ and to the ho - ly ghost
as it was____ in the be-gin-ning is now____ and e-ver shall be
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world with-out end, a men, a - men, a - men!

†Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

sung refrain: No. 520 Taste and See

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

All: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

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... Transfigure us to be your presence in the world,
even as we are redeemed and reclaimed by your great love.

Soloist: (stz 1) I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips
My soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me

All: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

Prayers... May they be comforted and fed by the bread and cup of new life.

Soloist: (stz 2) Glorify the Lord with me. Together Let us All Praise God's name
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles, I was set free

All: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

Prayers... And let the same Spirit rest on us from the patterns of this passing world,
until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

Soloist: (stz 3) Worship the Lord all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust

All: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord

O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

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

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Into Your Loving Care

David Catherwood

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Charlotte Sprawls, who entered God's Church Triumphant on August 28. A memorial service is planned for Tuesday, September 5, at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at Highland Farms.

Ellen Begley's cousin, John White, anticipating heart surgery for multiple blockages

Patricia Dunn, Mike Ballard's sister, under 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

Darrell Johnson is now 10 weeks post surgery and making steady steps forward. It will probably be six months of slow progress but he is better. Darrell and Gayle are so very grateful for your prayers.

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

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, Jim Elam, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, 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** Margaret Fouse, Dave Johnson, Dale & Julie Culpepper, Scottie Cannon

Members of the Earth Care team will have a petition to town council asking for a ban on single use plastics available outside fellowship hall as you leave the service today.

Sunday, September 3

8:45 a.m. FirstLight

9:45 a.m. Koinonia Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Monday, September 4

Labor Day – office closed

Tuesday, September 5

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. Charlotte Sprawls memorial service at Highland Farms

6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting

7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, September 6

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

3:30 p.m. Rad! Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 7

1:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Saturday, September 9

9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga

Presbyterian Women Circles

Tuesday, September 5

Dorcas

10:00 a.m. Church House

Esther

10:30 a.m. Karen Smith 144 Lake Eden Road

Naomi

3:30 p.m. Church House

Priscilla

10:00 a.m. Church House

Tuesday, September 12

Ruth

1:30 p.m. Highland Farms Assembly Room

Lydia

6:30 p.m. Church House

BMPC Annual Picnic at Camp Rockmont

Sunday, September 10

2:00-5:00 p.m. Waterfront

5:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
to elect deacons and elders

Potluck Dinner and Bluegrass Music

**Volunteers
are needed!**



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

