

Sunday Worship



11:00AM – September 10, 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

Finance Team

PRELUDE

The Call

Ralph von Williams, D Wagoner

Annamarie Arens, *reader*

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Priests and Levites from Jerusalem asked John, “Who are you?”

What do you say about yourself?

“I am the voice crying in the wilderness,

Make straight the way of the Lord.”

Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?

“I baptize with water.

Among you stands the one whom you do not know,

the one who is coming after me;

I am not worthy to untie his sandal.”

Let us seek the one who stands among us,

The one we do not know.

Let us seek the one whom Moses and the prophets wrote.

Let us seek Jesus, son of Joseph from Nazareth.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, you call to us often,

but we don't hear.

You show us your signs,

but we don't see.

You hand us bread,

but we don't eat.

You pour out your wine,

but we don't drink.

You move us with tears,

but we don't cry.

You embrace us with compassion,

but we can't feel.

You invite us to walk on the road,

but we won't walk.

May your grace overflow,

that we may turn to you,

that we may delight in your love and walk in your ways.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

† RESPONSE NO. 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Carter Florence

SCRIPTURE READING

selections from John 1

SERMON

To Whom do We Answer?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 726 stanzas 1-4 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

choir will sing last stanza as benediction

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from a Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA*

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.

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

Steal Away

Wallace Willis

†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

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Summons

Arr Aaron Price

POSTLUDE



COVERART: Kim Ki-Chang: A Korean Caravaggio?: Empathy and Intuition in the Life of Jesus Series - Benedict XVI Institute
Comparing Kim Ki-chang to Caravaggio may seem paradoxical: the one bold and aggressive figures, the other delicate and restrained watercolors. But then, seeing painting across cultures requires empathy, intuition, and perhaps a taste for paradox. I first encountered Korean artist Kim-Ki-chang's Life of Jesus series while researching typical images of Jesus, like those of Leonardo [...] -Robert Gordon
benedictinstitute.org

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Scott Gregory recovering at home from hip replacement

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.

Anne Moseley recovering her strength at Highland Farms Health Care

Aaron Price vocal healing

Carl Sperry recovering from knee replacement at Highland Farms Health Care

Family and friends of Charlotte Sprawls who died on August 28

<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>

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 John Murphy **Greeters & Ushers** Gary McGill, Jack & Judy Williams, Cherie Lunsford

Sunday, September 10

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Annual Picnic
- 2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Monday, September 11

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 4:00 p.m. Worship Team
- 5:00 p.m. Cong. Life, Strategic
- 5:30 p.m. Property
- 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation, H&W, Mission, Personnel

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

- 10:00 a.m. Finance Team
- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group @ Phil's BBQ

Friday, September 15-17

- 4:00 p.m. Youth Retreat

Saturday, September 16

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

BMPC Annual Picnic at Camp Rockmont TODAY

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

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

Potluck Dinner and Bluegrass Music

We encourage you to bring your own tableware.
The Earth Care Team will be giving away several
dozen cloth bags suitable for shopping or for
carrying tableware to and from the picnic
(first come, first serve).

Wednesday Night Spaghetti Dinners

September 6 - November 8, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday night spaghetti dinners are back.
There is a suggested donation of \$5/per person,
\$3 for children ages three and under, or \$20/per
family. Pay what you can – everyone is welcome.

The meal consists of spaghetti with meat or meat-
free sauce, bread, salad, vegetable, and dessert
with vegetarian and gluten-free options.

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 Director
Suzane Churchman Bookkeeper
Steve Kint Custodian



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for giving



an Earth Care Congregation



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

