



World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023 – 11:00 AM

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

David Carter Florence

MINUTE FOR MISSION Peace & Global Witness offering

INTROIT

Come, All Ye People

Zimbabwe/A. Gondo

† CALL TO WORSHIP *Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia (adapted)*

Bob Tuttle

We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who walks with us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace guides and sustains us
each and every day of our lives.
We praise God's name! Amen!

† HYMN NO. 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Safiyah Fosua

LEADER 1: Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in Spirit, one in mission,
in union and communion with each other and with you.

LEADER 2: Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in achieving unity,
as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.

CONGREGATION: **On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes
to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.**

LEADER 1: Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

LEADER 2: Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

CONGREGATION: **We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE

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!

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING *Same, Same But Different* by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren/Gary James

For the life that you have given,
 for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and labor,
 with these gifts that are your own:
 here we offer, Lord, our praises;
 heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you,
 living what we pray and sing.

†Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Connie Button

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

Cambodian Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heaven, ha-lowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy

will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven. Give us to-day our

dai - ly bread; and for - give our tres - pass - es, Lord, for - give as we for - give

14 those who tres-pass a - gainst us; for - give us, Lord, for - give us, Lord.

18 And lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, lead us not; but de-liv-er us from

23 e - vil, Lord, we pray your mer - cy. For yours is the

27 king - dom, and the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and

31 ev - er. A - men, a - men, a men, a - men, a-men.

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Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn No. 186 *Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table*

Prayer after Communion

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 340

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

José Aguiar

POSTLUDE

Front Cover: Batik from our Taiwan Mission Partners. Bunun Tribe, "Aboriginal Last Supper."

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mike and Yvette Ballard following the death of Mike's sister, Patricia Dunn

Family and Friends of Byron Bac (Ebenezer Church in Guatemala) who died on September 13

Drew Banzhoff was installed as the Director of Music and Organist at Tryon Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 17.

Anne Moseley recovering her strength at home

Aaron Price vocal healing

Jessi Stitt is helping with well installations through Marion Medical Mission in Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, and Mozambique through October 22

Nancy Weaver's daughter Carolyn, recovering from heart surgery in Charlotte

Ann Wiig recovering from knee replacement surgery at home

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@bmpnc.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:

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 Driver Dave McClintock **Greeter** Cherie Lunsford

Ushers Julie & Dale Culpepper, Jack Williams

Sunday, October 1

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Child Protection Training
- 2:00 p.m. Youth
- 2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 2

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 2:15 p.m. Earth Care Team

Tuesday, October 3

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, October 4

- 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, October 5

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Saturday, October 7

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

Presbyterian Women Circles

Tuesday, October 3

Dorcas

10:00 a.m. Church House

Esther

10:30 a.m. Carol Cauthen
6 Wagon Trail, Highland Farms

Naomi

3:00 p.m. Church House

Priscilla

10:00 a.m. Church House

Ruth

1:30 p.m. Highland Farms
Marketing Room

Wednesday, October 4

New Circle!

6:30 p.m. CR2

Tuesday, October 10

Lydia

6:30 p.m. Church House



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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
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