

# Sunday Worship



11:00 AM – OCTOBER 8, 2023



**BLACK MOUNTAIN**  
Presbyterian Church

**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

Generosity Kickoff

Dave Johnson

INTROIT

*Let Us Come to Worship God*

I-to-Loh (Taiwan)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

– adapted from Psalm 105:1-4,7-8

David Carter Florence

Give praise to the Lord, our God;  
proclaim God's greatness;  
tell everyone what God has done.

**The Lord is our God,  
faithful to a thousand generations!**

Sing God's praises;  
tell all of the wonderful things God has done.  
Rejoice and give thanks! We belong to God.

**The Lord is our God,  
faithful to a thousand generations!**

Lean on God for help;  
Worship God always.

**The Lord is our God,  
faithful to a thousand generations!**

The Church of Christ can - not be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
 True faith will o - pen up the door and step in - to the street.  
 True love will not sit id - ly by when jus - tice is de - nied.  
 If what we have, we free - ly share to meet our neigh - bor's need,  
 The church of Christ can - not be bound by walls of wood or stone.

Where cha - ri - ty and love are found, there\_ can the church be known.  
 True ser - vice will seek out the poor and\_ ask to wash their feet.  
 True mer - cy hears the home - less cry and\_ wel - comes them in - side.  
 then we ex - tend the Spi - rit's care through ev' - ry self - less deed.  
 Where cha - ri - ty and love are found, there\_ can the church be known.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God,  
 we come in confession for our lack of love.  
 We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors.  
 We have passed by suffering and misfortune  
 because of fear or busyness or preoccupation.  
 We have held prejudices against people  
 as deep as those against the Samaritans.  
 Heal our pains, amend our faults,  
 and guide us in ways of danger and compassion,  
 for we pray in the name of Jesus,  
 our most beloved neighbor,  
 who cared for us even to the cross. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.**

†RESPONSE NO. 710

***We Lift Our Voices*** (*We Are an Offering*)

Dwight Lyles

*choir sings first time, congregation joins in the second time*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you.**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 7:7-15 Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

**Who Is My Neighbor?**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN NO. 36

***For the Fruit of All Creation***

AR HYD Y NOS

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Summary of the Law* (Matthew 22:37-40)

**Bob Tuttle**

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

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

*River in Judea*

Linda Marcus/Jack Feldman  
arr. John Leavitt

†Doxology No. 717      *For the Life That You Have Given*

*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

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 762

*When the Poor Ones*

EL CAMINO

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*A Parting Blessing*

J. Jerome Williams

POSTLUDE



# 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.

**Cullen Ferguson** recovering from brain surgery

**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

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:

**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, Callie Shaffer,**

**Sandra Wilson, Kay Petty Young**

# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

**Bus Driver** Dave McClintock    **Greeter** Cherie Lunsford

**Ushers** Jack Williams, Ellen McClintock, Barbara Brinson

---

## **Sunday, October 8**

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:30 p.m. Quest Class at St. James
- 2:00 p.m. Youth
- 2:00 p.m. Walk For Your Neighbor
- 2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

## **Monday, October 9**

- 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, October 10**

- 12:00 p.m. Book Club
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia PW Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

## **Wednesday, October 11**

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

## **Thursday, October 12**

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Night @ Phil's BBQ

## **Saturday, October 14**

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

## **Walk For Your Neighbor**

**TODAY, October 8, at 2:00 p.m.**

The annual 'Walk for Your Neighbor' fundraising event for the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry is Sunday, October 8, at 2:00 p.m. The walk is important as it raises funds to provide crucial support to our neighbors in need with food, gas vouchers, and rental assistance.

---

## **Ancient Echoes of God's Hand**

**Sunday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.**

The Congregational Life Team is sponsoring a potluck dinner for the whole family followed by a presentation by Tommy Wilkinson, an active member of our church currently serving on our session as chairman of the Mission Team. Join us to discuss and explore the wonders of God's universe as we enjoy deep space images captured from our own backyard right here in Black Mountain. Bring your favorite dish and your own utensils. You are encouraged to submit questions in advance! Email Tommy at [thwilkinson6@gmail.com](mailto:thwilkinson6@gmail.com) or text 828-551-2292.

---



QR code for giving

# 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