

Sunday Worship

11:00 AM – October 22, 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Carter Florence

INTROIT

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Tuttle

We gather to worship
the God who calls us to do justice.

God, here we are!

All glory belongs to you.

We gather to worship
the God who calls us to cherish kindness.

God, here we are!

From you all good things come.

We gather to worship
the God who calls us to journey humbly on the way.

God, here we are!

Give us all that we need to follow where you guide us.

† HYMN NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all good gifts,
you have provided us with a world filled with plenty,
where all should be able to have enough;
but we have used our planet's resources wantonly
and without regard to future generations.
Some have much, others have enough,
and many struggle with very little.
The disparity is too great.
Forgive us for our inability to share that which we have in excess,
whether it is wealth, resources, access, time, power.
We ask that we might be more attuned to the needs of others
and more willing to work for justice.
Merciful God, hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE

For Everyone Born, first stanza

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:16-19, Isaiah 58:1-12

SERMON

Share Justice

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

MERLE'S TUNE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Belhar Confession

*written in response to apartheid by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa,
adopted by PCUSA in 2016*

We believe...

that God wishes to teach the church what is good and to seek the right.

We believe...

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe...

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged.

We believe...

that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore...

we reject any ideology which would legitimize forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. Amen.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Servant's Prayer

THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr Eric Nelson

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

PLEADING SAVIOR

*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. 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

HERE I AM

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† SUNG BENEDICTION *The Servant Song*

*When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.*

POSTLUDE



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Nancy Beaver at home, recovering from nine days of hospitalization for reaction to medication

Cullen Ferguson recovering from brain surgery

Wilma Leary surgery, scheduled for Monday, October 23,
necessary as follow-up to prior cancer treatment

Chuck Reiley in ICU at Mission Hospital

Chuck Sandy at Mission Hospital

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

Pat Tuttle recovering from knee replacement surgery

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:
Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Curtis Davies, 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 Ellen McClintock, Kitty Fouche, Jack Williams

Sunday, October 22

- 8:30 a.m. Directory Photos
- 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. Handbell Practice

Monday, October 23

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, October 24

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Finance
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, October 25

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:00 p.m. Directory Photos
- 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 26

- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

Saturday, October 28

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

Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women TODAY, October 22, 3:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

All current circle members are invited and other women in our church who would like to come are urged to join us as well!

This is our Thank Offering Program when we will learn more about where our PW monies go to help people in need around the world. We will enjoy homemade desserts from each circle. Getting to know one another better in an informal setting is always a good thing, too!

Trunk or Treat All are welcome! Sunday, October 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

How you can help:

- Decorate your vehicle and hand out candy
- Donate individual wrapped candy prior to the event – collection in the parlor
- Volunteer to help with set-up, traffic control, clean-up, etc.

Sign up to volunteer:



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



an Earth Care Congregation



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



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