

Reformation and Dedication Sunday Worship

October 29, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**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

Pipe Selections

Rosalind Buda

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Psalm 96

O sing to God a new song!

Sing to God, all of us throughout this earth.

Sing throughout our lives. In our song, bless the name of God.

Exclaim God's salvation from morning until night.

Declare God's glory and marvelous works

For great is God, and with excitement, we join in praise.

† HYMN NO. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Reformation and Change,

On this Sunday, when we remember those who've gone before us,

we are mindful of how our reformers of the faith

were willing to stand up for what they knew was right.

We consider how you have called us, oh God, to stand up for the truth.

However, we have often done so without loving others.
You show us, time and time again, that the truth is worth defending
only if it is rooted in love for one another.
So we confess to you today all of the times we have not loved as you love.
We confess our failure to be selfless,
instead doing what feels easy or what comes naturally.
Forgive us, we pray, and lead us into the future.

~ silent prayers ~

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

†RESPONSE

Salaam (Peace)

Egyptian Presbyterian Church

Sa - laam sa - laam the peace of God to ev - ery race,
sal - laam sa - laam, the peace of God in ev - ery place.

†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 *The Lone Wild Bird*

The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight
is still with thee nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine I rest in thee,
great Spi - rit come and rest in me

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:18-30

SERMON “The Essentials”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith, PC (USA)*

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.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation *If I Can Help Somebody* Alma B. Androzso/arr. D. Brunner
Noah Hijleh, tenor

† Doxology No. 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

As we sing our hymn, please bring your commitment cards to the baskets on the table.

For those who are unable to come forward, please place your cards in the baskets which will be moved to the counter outside of the fellowship hall at the end of the service.

You are also invited to come forward with your 25 Cents A Meal offering for hunger relief in our community and place this offering in the wooden bowl in the middle of the table.

† HYMN NO. 301 *Let Us Build a House* TWO OAKS

† SENDING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace*



Many thanks to Rosalind Buda for her gifts of music today.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our hearts and prayers are with family and friends of Chuck Reiley, who entered God's Church Triumphant on October 22. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church Asheville on Monday, October 30, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Cynthia Keaver's brother, Wythe, who has numerous blood clots

Wilma Leary at home recovering from surgery

Chuck Sandy at Health Care Center at Highland Farms

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,

Callie Shaffer, Sandra Wilson, Kay Petty Young

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Bus Driver Dave McClintock **Greeter** Cherie Lunsford

Ushers Cherie Lunsford, Gay Ferguson, Jack Williams

Sunday, October 29

- 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. Trunk or Treat
- 2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Monday, October 30

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 2:00 p.m. Chuck Reiley memorial service at First Presbyterian Asheville

Tuesday, October 31

- 1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. PW Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, November 1

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Rake & Run
- 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Officer Training
- 6:30 p.m. New PW Circle
- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 2

- 9:30 a.m. Property Work Day

Saturday, November 4

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

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:

Discovery Class

November 5 – 12:00 noon

in the church house

Pastor Mary Katherine Robinson will lead this class which is for anyone interested in discovering more about the church. Attendees will hear from ministry team leaders, members of the church, take a tour, and have questions answered. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Attending this class does not mean you are expected to join as a member of BMPC. All are welcome no matter what your membership status is!



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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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