



# Sunday Worship

November 12, 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 *Joyful Processional* Handbell Ringers/Percussionists

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mary Katherine and David

INTROIT *God Welcomes All*

†CALL TO WORSHIP The Call to the Ark Vivian Pickett and Evie Wiggs

God calls us to gather.

**From field and foxhole, from nest and lair, we come.**

God calls us to safety.

**With fear and trembling, with hope and trust, we come.**

God calls us to be in relationships.

**We weren't meant to be alone. We leave isolation behind.**

God calls us to sanctuary.

**In the midst of noise and chaos, we listen for that still, small voice.**

God calls us to service.

**Some of us sing, some carry heavy loads, some of us cradle and feed our young.**

God calls us to worship.

**We recognize our Creator's voice and praise God's Holy name.**

† HYMN NO. 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION Scout Neder

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we are sorry that we lack faith and imagination,  
that we are deaf to your Word.  
We laugh at people and ideas we don't understand.  
We use up Creation as though the water, plants, animals,  
and Earth will last forever.  
Forgive us, Lord, and show us how to share the garden.  
Teach us to live together, to begin again in the world you intended.

*~ silent prayers ~*

Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## †RESPONSE

### *Let Us Build an Ark*

*Let us build an ark where all can share the air that God provides  
Underneath the shelter of your wings every creature here may hide  
Reptiles, birds and mammals, every creature will survive  
As we pray that God will keep us safely  
All are caring, all are sharing  
All are hopeful here inside!*

## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

Parker and Paden Gardner

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

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Winnie Wells

*When the World Started Over Again*, based on Genesis 6-9  
from *Growing in God's Love* Story Bible

RAD! KIDS OFFER

Prayers From the Ark

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN

*Rise and Shine*

sing twice

*Rise and shine*

*and give God the glory, glory!*

*Rise and shine*

*and give God the glory, glory*

**RISE AND SHINE** and

*give God the glory, glory*

*children of the Lord*

†STATEMENT OF FAITH

*inspired by Anna Carter Florence*

Eliza Cullen

We believe that God can call a worm as well as a prophet  
and talk to a whale as easily as a human being.

We believe that God sends creatures to feed, save, carry, and accompany us  
just as they were sent to ancient prophets, to Jesus and the disciples.

We believe that God cares for everything that flies, creeps, swims, or crawls,  
and commands us to do likewise.

We believe that God gives heed to the voiceless and the vulnerable  
and expects us to tune our ears to them, as well.

We believe that the Great Creator, the One who made a universe from a void,  
is still creating, still shaping, still walking in the garden with us,  
inviting us to fashion a newer, better world every day.

PRAYERS OF THE CREATURES AND LORD'S PRAYER      Blake Martin, Karen Hagwood

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

Leah Paz

Offertory

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. Kevin McChesney

Handbell Ringers

†Doxology

*Glory To God Whose Goodness Shines On Me*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, amen*

†Prayer of Dedication

Xander Dodd

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†CHARGE

The Prayer of the Dove      Parker, Paden, Ruth, Leah, Rylan

†SUNG BENEDICTION

*You Shall Go Out With Joy*

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out with joy!*



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Thank you to all of our amazing RAD! volunteers who have made this program possible!

We are forever grateful for your dedication, leadership, and continued love!

**Annamarie Arens, Jane Belsches, Michelle Ferguson, Karen Hagwood,  
Dave Johnson, Cherie Lunsford, Blake and Janet Martin, Wayne Mullis,  
James and Laura Robinson-Long, Becky Jo Sumner, Cheryl Wilson**

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**

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**Connect with us on our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://bmpcnc.org)**

Visitors: let us know of your interest or questions about BMPC.

Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

**Bus Driver** Dave McClintock **Extended Session** Ginn family

**Ushers** Rylan Van Note, Peter and Silas Davenport, Jaydyn Lunsford, Dave Johnson

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## Sunday, November 12

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Fall Harvest Potluck

## Monday, November 13

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

## Tuesday, November 14

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

## Wednesday, November 15

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Fall Party
- 6:00 p.m. Officer Training
- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, November 16

- 3:00 p.m. Book Group with Ina Hughs

## Saturday, November 18

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

## Fall Harvest Potluck TODAY at 5:30 p.m.

in fellowship hall

Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share along with your own utensils and plates.

Turkey and ham will be provided. This is a time for us all to come together in gratitude and thankfulness before Thanksgiving.

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## Feed A Family

Youth will fill 30 boxes of food for SVCM families for their Thanksgiving meal. You can drop off non-perishable items in the parlor November 12-19, on Sundays or during office hours (M-F, 9:00am-2:00pm). Turkeys will be collected on Sunday, November 19, from 10:00-noon (since we cannot accept turkeys early due to limited storage). You can sign up for what food you will be bringing by clicking the button in the weekly emails or by calling the church office (669-2725). If you are not receiving our weekly emails, be sure to let us know.

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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  
Sam Webber ..... Director of Operations  
Jackie Kerr ..... Director of Communications  
Katie Duvall ..... Youth Director  
Suzane Churchman ..... Bookkeeper  
Steve Kint ..... Custodian



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