



Epiphany Sunday

January 7, 2024 – 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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Words of Life

Phillip P. Bliss

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we welcome the magi into our Christmas story.

**A story of wonder and light, of angels, shepherds,
and wise men who followed a star.**

In the midst of darkness, they chose to follow the light.

Their story gives us hope that God still sends light for us to follow.

We come today knowing we too are on a journey.

**May we be faithful followers of the light of God
so that we too can be bearers of hope and justice
for a dark and lonely world.**

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN NO. 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 19 *selected verses*

David Carter Florence

S is for Salt

Anna Carter Florence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news.

In Jesus Christ we are transformed by grace.

† RESPONSE

He Came Down

first time "Joy," second time "Love"

He came down that we may have Joy

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Hallelujah, forever more!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

FAITH SHARING

Aaron Price

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:39-52

G is for Growing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Hypnosis

Ian Clarke

Delia Lytle-Bailey, *flute*

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

Prayers...

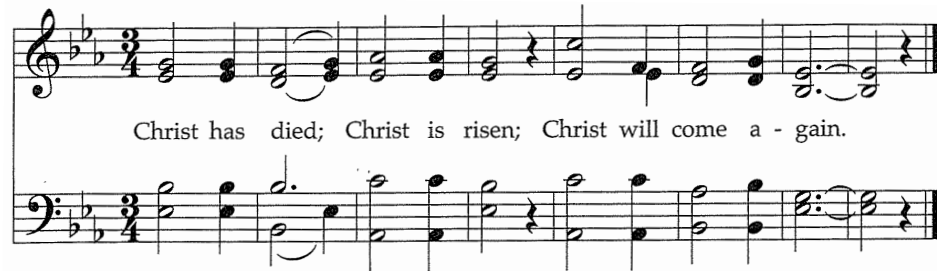
Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

(sung by choir)

Prayers...

Words of Institution

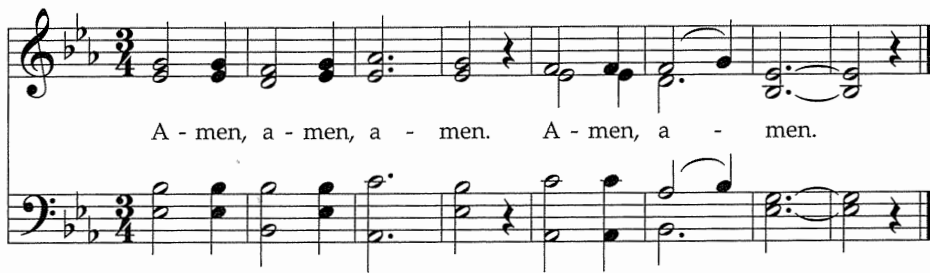


Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come a - gain.

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.



Prayer after Communion

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

Wonderful Words Of Life

POSTLUDE



Thank you to Dr. Anna Carter Florence for sharing her gifts and book, *A is for Alabaster*, with us today. We are also certainly grateful she considers us her home church and the mention she made of our congregation in the forward of her book. We love you, Anna!

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Chet Alexander at Highland Farms healthcare recovering from a fall

Jane & Craig Bannerman celebrating the birth of grandson, Micah Glenn Bowman, December 20

Nan Higgins at Highland Farms healthcare recovering from wrist and hip surgery

Katherine Holman following the death of her brother, Butch

Dave McClintock on the passing of his mother Lois, in Doylestown PA

Pam McMurray following the death of her mother, Ernestine Owen Conrad

Congratulations to **Paola Navarrete** who completed a Master in Real Estate Finance and Development at UNC 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

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:

Tom Cannon, 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

Connect with us on our website: 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 Billy Banks **Greeters** Margaret Fouse, Barbara Brinson

Ushers Dale & Julie Culpepper, Gay Ferguson, Dave Johnson

Sunday, January 7

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Handbells

Monday, January 8

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Team
- 2:15 p.m. Earth Care Team
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Life Team
- 5:30 p.m. Property, Strategic Planning
- 7:00 p.m. Hospitality & Welcome,
Mission, Faith Formation,
Personnel Teams

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Group

Saturday, January 13

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga

Star Words

You can pick up your star word for 2024 after the service today. Stars will be available outside fellowship hall through the month of January.

Church bus drivers needed

The Sunday morning run to Givens Highland Farms for the 11:00 worship service is an important ministry to our seniors! Drivers commit to be a substitute from time to time or to take one month of the year. Many hands make light work and you will get to know some fantastic and appreciative folks! Please contact Bob Tuttle or Dave McClintock for more information.



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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



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