



# Baptism of Our Lord

January 14, 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

INTROIT

*Out Of Deep, Unordered Water*

Fred Kahn, Hubert Parry

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Tuttle

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

**Then God said: Let there be light,**

**And God saw that it was good.**

At the beginning of his ministry,

Jesus was baptized by John.

**The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;**

**Then God said: This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.**

In this time and place, let us worship the Naming God who claims us!

**As God's Beloved, we join our voices in song this day!**

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN NO. 637

*O Sing to the Lord*

CANTAI AO SENHOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all mercy,  
give us grace  
to make a fresh start today.  
We know we have not loved you  
with our whole heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
As we hope to be forgiven,  
teach us also to forgive,  
and lead us forward in a new life  
where neither grudges nor resentment have a part;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## † RESPONSE

### *All You Works of God*

Refrain:

All you works of God ev - 'ry moun - tain star and tree

Bless the one who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to be

One great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient ev - er new

Raise your voi - ces, all you works of God!

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Genesis 1:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Mark 1:4-11

SERMON      Stepping Into the Line

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 479

*Ho, All Who Thirst*

JACOB'S WELL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *A Declaration of Faith, PCUS*

We believe that in baptism  
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise  
to include us and our children in his gracious covenant,  
cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life,  
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.  
Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people  
and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.  
In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance to be the Lord's.  
For both children and adults,  
baptism is a reminder that God loves us long before we can love him.  
For both, God's grace and our response to it  
are not tied to the moment of baptism,  
but continue and deepen throughout life.

## 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. Amen.

## CALL TO OFFERING

Musical Meditation

*Wade In the Water*

†Doxology No. 717      *For the Life Which 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. 339

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Wade In the Water*



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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Chet Alexander** at Highland Farms healthcare recovering from a fall  
**Susan Banzhoff** following the death of her mother, Mary Lou Boon, on January 9

**Katherine Holman** following the death of her brother, Butch

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

We celebrate the marriage of **Ann White and Caroline Lovette**

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:  
**Tom Cannon, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Curtis Davies, Art De Jong,**  
**Jim Elam, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, Mary McElrath,**  
**NeGrete Family, 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** Billy Banks

**Ushers** Margaret Fouse, Gay Ferguson, Jack Williams

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## Sunday, January 14

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:30 p.m. PW Winter Gathering
- 2:30 p.m. Handbells

## Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
church office closed

## Tuesday, January 16

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

## Wednesday, January 17

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 18

- 8:00 a.m. Kairos Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Book Club with Ina Hughs

## Saturday, January 20

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi

## Meet & Eat – Small Groups

It's time to sign up for the Winter/Spring edition of Meet & Eat small groups. These groups will meet during the months of February, March, April, and May. Each Meet & Eat group will consist of around eight adult members. You can sign up on the form located outside fellowship hall. Or, you can call the church office at (828) 669-2725. This is a great opportunity to form real relationships with other members of our congregation.

**The deadline for signing up is Sunday, January**

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## Ushers and Greeters needed every Sunday morning

If you are interested in ushering and/or greeting on Sunday mornings either in the FirstLight service or at 11:00, please email Jackie ([jackie@bmpcnc.org](mailto:jackie@bmpcnc.org)).

You can sign up for one Sunday or choose to help once a month on a regular basis. It's always helpful when folks have signed up in advance so there is no scrambling around for help on Sunday mornings.

**Thank you very much!**

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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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