



Sunday Worship

January 28, 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

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Steal Away

†CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Psalm 132:8-9

David Carter Florence

Let us gather together in the presence of our God.
Let us bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving.
Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.
**Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary,
You, and the ark of Your strength.
Clothe us in justice and faithfulness,
and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.**
Let us worship God together!

†HYMN NO. 401

Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us, God of Covenant,
but we ignore your whispers and pleas.
You ask us to come and see,
but we hedge and hesitate.
Forgive our fear and our excuses.
We are witnesses of your grace and glory
but allow others to silence our praise.
We refrain from sharing Your love
and fail to shine Your light for all to see.
Forgive our fears. Free our testimony.
In Your abiding name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE NO. 710

We Lift Our Voices

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Tuttle

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:8-17

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:14-20

SERMON

A Covenant Community

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN NO. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Service of Ordination and Installation

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions

Mike Ballard, *clerk of session*

Prayer of Ordination and 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.

Declaration and Charge

CALL TO OFFERING

Musical Meditation

From the Nets of Our Labor

ML Bringle, JR Kleinkesel

†Doxology No. 717

For the Life That You Have Given

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN NO. 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MC KEE

*While we sing this hymn, you are invited to come forward
with your 25 Cents A Meal offering for hunger relief in our community.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

Parting Blessing

J. Jerome Williams

POSTLUDE

We Are an Offering

Dwight Lyles



Officers being ordained and installed today

Elders

Taylor Morris

Emily Munn

Margaret Waterstradt

Deacons

Sadie and Andrew Ginn

Junith and John Koon

Cherie Lunsford

Blake and Janet Martin

Joyce Massey

Tom and Sam Maynard

Sheryl Schlegelmilch

cover art: *Fishers Of Men*, Marlon Marcado

Music for this service performed/reprinted/streamed with permission under One License #A-701803. All rights reserved.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Greeters Jeannie Maidment, Annamarie Arens

Ushers Dale and Julie Culpepper, Barbara Brinson, Gay Ferguson

Sunday, January 28

- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Potato Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Handbells

Monday, January 29

- 1:30 p.m. Earth Care Book Group

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Lewis and Tolkien Class
- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 3

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

Rededication of Sanctuary

February 11, 2024

11:00AM

Spaghetti Dinners Are Back!

Weekly help is needed for set-up, cooking, serving, washing dishes, and clean-up. There is a suggested donation of \$5/per person, \$3 for children ages three and under, or \$20/per family. However, it is a pay-what-you-can event and everyone is welcome. The meal consists of spaghetti with meat or meat-free sauce, bread, salad, vegetables, and dessert. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available. Please email Brittany to RSVP or call the church office (828-669-2725).

Four Influences on Lewis and Tolkien's Storytelling

five-week series with Dr. Corrie Greene

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm

January 10–February 7

week 4 – January 31

Beer, Scarcity, and Sehnsucht

Meeting at least weekly to enjoy beers and banter, Lewis and Tolkien experienced a growing reality of scarcity during and after the end of World War Two. Pivotal in their understanding of Christianity as well as their individual narration of mythologies and middle-earth is the concept of sehnsucht, or “inconsolable longing . . . desire for our own far-off country . . . for something that has never actually appeared in our experience . . .” For our last structured session, we will tangle with how scarcity – making a previously taken for granted resource finite – causes us to hold tightly to those things we value, while at the same time opening our grasp to the unknown.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Emily Beaver finished at Columbia in December. Graduation is in May. She is in the process of discernment in a call and is the director of family ministry at Trinity Presbyterian in Atlanta.

Susan Banzhoff following the death of her mother, Mary Lou Boon, on January 9

Betty Hill recovering at Highland Farms Healthcare

Dave Kadau's father, John, recovering from a broken hip at Highland Farms Healthcare

Congratulations to Ellen and Stephen Smith on their new grandson Ian Phillips Cearly

George Thompson recovering from a broken fibula

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

Congratulations to **Cheryl Wilson** who received the 2024 John K. Abernathy Community Service Award, presented to her by Darrell Johnson, Black Mountain Rotary Club president

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**;

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

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.

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



BLACK MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

117 Montreat Road | Black Mountain, NC 28711 | 828-669-2725 | www.bmpcnc.org



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



MATTHEW 25