



Sunday Worship

February 18, 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

For You, My God, I Wait

SPRINGTIME

INTROIT

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

traditional

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25

David Carter Florence

We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

We wait for you.

Lead us in your paths of truth.

Do not remember our failures.

Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

We lift up our souls to you,

and praise you always.

† HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
You call us by name.
You join us in the deep waters of life.
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,
and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.
Over and over again,
we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.
Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.
Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

† RESPONSE 791

For You, My God, I Wait

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lisle Gwynn Garrity

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

River of Grace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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I believe in a God of abundance —
a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.

I believe in a God who comforts —
a God who says, “Do not be afraid;”
a God who joins me in life’s deep waters.

I believe in a God who invites —
a God who says, “Follow me,”
and, “You will be fishers of people.”

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently —
a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.

We believe.

Help our unbelief.

In Christ’s name we pray.

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

The Meditations of My Heart

Elaine Hagenburg

†Doxology 304.1

O Sing a New Song to the Lord

choir sings first time, congregation sings second time

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Parting Blessing

J. Jerome Williams

POSTLUDE

St. Margaret

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WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

FirstLight Ushers Jim and Kay Layman **FL Greeter** Helen Davies **11:00 Greeter** Perry Sprawls

Bus Mike Beaver **11:00 Ushers** Jack and Judy Williams, Cherie Lunsford

Sunday, February 18

- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 2:00 p.m. Handbells
- 4:00 p.m. Route 45 (pre-youth)

Monday, February 19

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Group

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, February 22

- 3:00 p.m. Living Next Door
to Dementia

Friday, February 23

- 5:30 p.m. Kids Night In

Saturday, February 24

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

Bread For The World – Lenten Prayers for an end to hunger

First week in Lent – February 18-24

We journey into the wilderness with Jesus

Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22

Psalms 25:1-10 Mark 1:9-15

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Mark 1:12-13

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Psalms 25:4-5

PRAYER

O God, as we enter this wilderness time of Lent, we know that we are not alone, and all who hunger and thirst for justice are not alone. You have journeyed before us. Teach us your ways, so that we might proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection fully, with our hearts and minds and actions. Amen.

ACTION

During the 40 days (not including Sundays) of Lent, many Christians give up some favorite food. Others participate in fasts as a way to remember those who are hungry. You may prefer to fast for just one day a week – or skip one meal. Contribute the money you save to your church or denomination's hunger appeal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Ernie Banzhoff, recovering at home from a prostate operation

Judith Burt's sister Kathleen, critical condition in ICU in Raleigh

Eddie Covert, lumpectomy for breast cancer on February 21

Vivolynn Crandall, Rosie Johnson's mother, recovering from complications from pneumonia at Highland Farms Healthcare

Dan Davis family following the death of his mother

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, February 18, at 2:00 p.m. at Highland Farms

Family and friends of Art De Jong who died on January 26

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Gayle Mudge at Mission, surgery on broken humerus

Cliff Schlegelmilch recovering from a bruised hip and broken wrist

Wes VanDoren, Hannah Webber's boss's husband, diagnosed with bladder cancer

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, 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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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 2024

Alan Belsches (property)
Bill Gilliland (personnel)
Ken Kelly (faith formation)
Ellen Phillips Smith (worship)

Class of 2025

Mary Carroll Dodd (outreach & mission)
Kristy Beaver (congregational life)
Steve Riley (finance)
Mike Begley (generosity)

Class of 2026

Taylor Morris (strategic planning)
Emily Munn (faith formation)
Margaret Waterstradt (communications)
Cheryl Wilson (hospitality & welcome)

Deacons

Class of 2024

Annamarie and Bill Arens
Christy Carswell
Julie and 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 and Robert Sway
Jayne and Ronald Vaughan
Debby Vial

Class of 2026

Sadie and Andrew Ginn
Junith and John Koon
Cherie Lunsford
Blake and Janet Martin
Joyce Massey
Sheryl Schlegelmilch



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