



# Sunday Worship

February 25, 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

*variations on Beech Spring*

Aaron Price

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Tuttle

God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,  
**the courageous and the fearful,**  
the hungry and the hopeful,  
**the impatient and the reserved.**

God welcomes the young and the old,  
**the poets and the prophets,**  
the faithful and the tired,  
**the curious and the convicted.**

Wherever you are on your journey,  
wherever your boat is at sea,  
**there is room for all to gather here.**

This is God's house.

Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

† HYMN 410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

There are days that threaten to swallow us,  
days when the storms of life feel too big.

In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,  
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.

Forgive us for doubting ourselves.

Forgive us for doubting you.

Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.

With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news.

In Jesus Christ we are transformed by grace.

† RESPONSE 414

*Be Still and Know That I Am God*

PSALM 46

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION     *Calm to the Waves*

SCRIPTURE READING     Matthew 14:22-33     storytelling by Ginny Lindsey

SERMON     *Getting Out of the Boat*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN 470

*There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*by A Sanctified Art*

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.

I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.

I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.

I believe in a God who knows my name.

I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.

Amen.

### 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

*Secure*

Susan B. Boersma/C. Courtney

*The storm is raging, Lord! The boat I sail is small and oh so frail.  
The wind is blowing, Lord! I cannot hold the course against the gale.  
The lightning strikes on every side, nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.  
Your hand alone can hold the tide, Lord, rescue me!*

*I am sinking, Lord! The boat is taking water, going down.  
Part the waters, Lord! I long to plant my feet on solid ground.  
Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea, your hand is reaching out to me  
I know that you have heard my plea, my hope is sure.*



†Doxology 606

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

†Prayer of Dedication

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

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

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Wade in the Water*

POSTLUDE

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# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

**Bus** Mike Beaver **FirstLight Greeter** James Robinson Long **11:00 Greeter** Perry Sprawls  
**11:00 Ushers** Margaret Fouse, Don McMahill, Ellen McClintock, Dave Johnson

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## Sunday, February 25

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Handbells
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group

## Monday, February 26

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Group
- 6:00 p.m. Session
- 7:00 p.m. Beer & Hymns at WH

## Tuesday, February 27

- 1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. PW Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

## Wednesday, February 28

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Reducing The Risk of Dementia at Any Age
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, February 29

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

## Saturday, March 2

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

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

Second week in Lent – February 25-March 2

### Jesus teach us to be satisfied in you

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25

Psalms 22:23-31 Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

*[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." –Mark 8:34-35*

*The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord... All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. –Psalm 22:26-27*

### PRAYER

O God, we know that in you, we can be satisfied from the hunger inside us. Teach us to give our lives fully to you, to surrender our will to your will. So that we might serve the world so broken by hunger and violence and loss. Amen.

### REFLECTION

This year, the Lenten readings from the Revised Common Lectionary invite us to journey through the wilderness asking Jesus to teach us his ways. During this reflective period, we are called upon to rededicate ourselves to prayer and action on behalf of people who are in need. Make prayers to end hunger part of your regular prayer life. To sign up to receive emailed prayers throughout the year, visit [Bread.org/Pray](http://Bread.org/Pray)

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Craig Bannerman**, recovering at home

**Ernie Banzhoff**, recovering at home from a prostate operation

**Judith Burt** following the death of her sister Kathleen on February 19

**Edie Covert**, recovering at home from a lumpectomy

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

**Jim Elam** is at Mission

**Nan Higgins and Betty Hill**, welcoming visitors at GHF Health Care Center

**Tom Maynard**, scheduled for heart bypass surgery February 28

**Gayle Mudge**, recovering at GHF Health Care Center

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

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**;

**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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