

Sunday Worship

March 3, 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

NEW MEMBERS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Come to The Table!

BMPC kids/Aaron Price

Come to the table, come to the table, Come to the table of GRACE! (PEACE, LOVE)

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This is God's House, we get to share it!

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†CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Psalm 19

If you ask the sky who God is,

the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,

the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is,

the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God."

Are you listening?

We are listening!

We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

Some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.

Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.

Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings –

trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.

But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace.

Pull us closer toward you.

Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news.

In Jesus Christ we are transformed by grace.

† RESPONSE 475.1 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING David Carter Florence

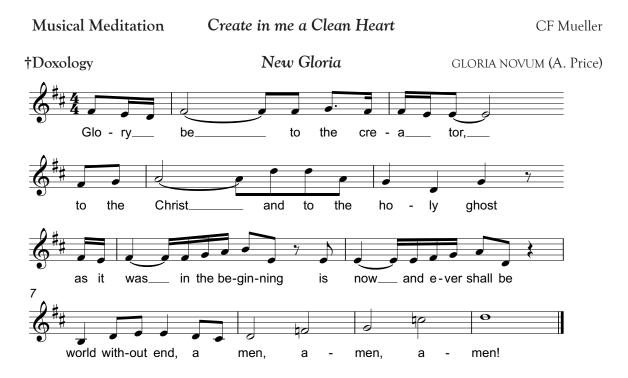
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON Who do you say that I am?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL TO OFFERING



†Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Communion Liturgy/singing from GTG 520, Taste and See

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

~ prayers ~

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

~ prayers ~

...You sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Choir: (stz 1) I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips My soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

~ prayers ~

... Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup, that this meal may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Choir: (stz 2) Glorify the Lord with me. Together Let us All Praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles, I was set free

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

~ prayers ~

Choir: (stz 3) Worship the Lord all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Keep us faithful in your service nurturing us in Christ's presence through the Holy Spirit, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm as we pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray:

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

Sharing Bread and Cup

Hymn 534

Now the Silence

NOW

Prayer after Communion

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 790

In Silence My Soul Thirsts

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION

AMEN I

Aaron Price

POSTLUDE

We welcome and give thanks for the musical gifts of flautist Delia Lytle-Bailey this morning

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Craig Bannerman, recovering at home

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

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

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

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

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.

Sunday, March 3

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

2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 4

1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Group

2:15 p.m. Earth Care Team

5:00 p.m. Church Fellowship Night

at Foothills Grange

Tuesday, March 5

PW Circles meet

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting

7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, March 6

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

6:45 p.m. Joy Circle

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

1:30 p.m. Blood Drive

Friday, March 8

Youth High School Mission Retreat

Saturday, March 9

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

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

Lent Week 3 Jesus, Teach us to do Justice

Scripture John 2:13-15a, Psalm 19:7-8

Reflection Part of the way we follow Jesus' ways of justice and righteousness is to advocate in the public square. Take just a few minutes this week to write brief letters to your members of Congress. Urge them to support policies to reduce and end hunger.

Presbyterian Women Circles

Tuesday, March 5

Dorcas

10:00 a.m. Church House

Esther

10:30 a.m. Highland Farms Margaret room in Brookside bldg.

Naomi

3:00 p.m. Church House

Priscilla

10:00 a.m. CR1

Ruth

1:30 p.m. Highland Farms Margaret room in Brookside bldg.

Wednesday, March 6

Joy

6:45 p.m. CR2



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