



Easter Sunday Worship March 31, 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.

PRELUDE

Variations on Now the Green Blade Rises

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

Jesus is risen!

Hallelujah! He is risen indeed!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Awake My Soul

A. Price

*Awake my soul, let me look where I may see
Through Christ my Lord, may I attune my life to thee
Awake my soul to Thee, Alleluia!*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved church, behold the resurrection of our God!

Jesus has arisen from the grave!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Tuttle

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, we have seen the empty tomb,
 and yet we sometimes act as if we have seen nothing.
 There are times when we deny your resurrection and cower in fear.
 This is a glorious day of mirth and song,
 and yet tomorrow we are quick to forget its Good News.
 Help us to be a people of resurrection not just on this day but all days.
 Fill our hearts with your resurrection promise of life
 that we might turn from separation and be renewed.
 Eliminate from us the fear of sin that we might tell this glad story –
 that Christ is risen, he is risen, indeed!
 This we pray in the name of your Risen Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 hear the good news of the Gospel:
 the tomb is empty! Our Lord and Savior has risen from the grave!
 That which has been dead is alive!
 No barrier, none whatsoever, can keep us from the love of God!
 I announce to you this day that our sins are forgiven!
 Alleluia! Amen!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

A Living Faith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God. 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

THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation

Alleluia Hearts to Heaven

D. Lantz

†Doxology 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORUS

Hallelujah Chorus

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

Toccata for the Morning of Easter

Martin



Many thanks for all the gifts of music
Richard and Karen Plyler, trumpets/Gayle Sawyer, organ

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Family and friends of Art DeJong following his death

A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Alan Hetzel in hospice home care at the Quaker retirement community
where he and Ellen Farrior live in Maryland

Gary McGill's sister Kathie Shealy in ICU in Columbus, Ohio, following a heart attack

Don McMahill recovering at Mountain Ridge Rehab

Jessi Stitt, volunteering with Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas
providing hospitality to refugees, immigrants, and migrants

Susan Case's sister Sandra Wilson has completed radiation treatment and greatly appreciates
all the prayers over the last ten months. She will continue immunotherapy.

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**;

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer**, in Guatemala

Levi Bannerman, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia;

Susie Burns, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina;

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Tom Cannon, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin,

Becky Hughes, Mary McElrath, NeGrete Family, Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada,

Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Callie Shaffer, 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.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Bus Driver Wayne Mullis **FirstLight Greeter** Helen Davies

FirstLight Ushers Andrea DeWitt, Nancy Ellington **11:00 Greeter** Perry Sprawls

11:00 Ushers Dave Johnson, Margaret Fouse, Ellen McClintock, Jack and Judy Williams, Gay Ferguson

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service in Town Square

8:45 a.m. FirstLight Worship

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Monday, April 1

Church office closed

Tuesday, April 2

PW Circles

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 Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 3

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

6:45 p.m. Joy Circle

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, April 6

9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi

2:00 p.m. Art De Jong Memorial Service

VISITORS

We're so glad you're here!

Please pick up your welcome bag at the welcome table in the narthex.

Presbyterian Women Circles

Tuesday, April 2

Dorcas

10:00 a.m. Church House

Esther

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

Naomi

3:00 p.m. Library

Priscilla

10:00 a.m. CR1

Ruth

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

Wednesday, April 3

Joy

6:30 p.m. CR2

Tuesday, April 9 & 23

Lydia

6:30 p.m. Church House

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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