

# Sunday Worship April 7, 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	Crown Him With Many Crowns	Burkhardt
†CALL TO WORSHIP		David Carter Florence
Jesus said,		
"Follow me."		
Jesus said,		
"Take heart, it is I; d	o not be afraid."	
Jesus said,		
"Forgive seventy time	es seven."	
Jesus said,		
"Feed my sheep."		
As Easter People, we	respond:	
Jesus calls us to follow	w him.	
Let us worship the G	od of hope and resurrection today! Alleluia	ı!
† HYMN 247	Now the Green Blade Rises	NOEL NOUVELET

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
Like Peter, we jump out of the boat only to sink.
You tell us your truth and we push it away.
We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance.
We profess our faith and deny it three times.
We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence.
Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith.
Tether us to your heart.
Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination.
Forgive our lack of commitment.
With humble hearts we pray, amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

**†RESPONSE 250** 

#### In the Bulb There Is a Flower

**†PASSING OF THE PEACE** 

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

# LISTENING FOR THE WORD

#### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 21:1-19

SERMON

PROMISE

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 252

Day of Arising

RAABE

#### THE OFFERING

Offertory

**Amazing Grace** 

Best

†Doxology 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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# The Lord's Supper

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

...With wandering but grateful hearts, we pray the words your son taught us to pray, saying:

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

Words of Institution

Sharing Bread & Cup

Hymn 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Prayer after Communion

# BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

**†CHORAL BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE

Become to Us the Living Bread

Lasky



Many thanks to organist Gayle Sawyer for her gift of music.

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Carey Jo Elam recovering from surgery

Rena and Bill Henderson following the death of Rena's mother, Rena Mebane Storey, on April 2

John McCall is okay and says Taipei fared well during the earthquake. He is most concerned about his friends and those who are caught in the national park on the East Coast. Please pray for the rescue operations.

Gary McGill following the death of his sister, Kathie Shealy, on April 1

Don McMahill recovering at Mountain Ridge Rehab, no visitors please

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

Brittany Williams and family following the death of her best friend Tara

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 Seminarians: 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

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.

# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Bus Driver Blake Martin FirstLight Greeter Helen Davies

11:00 Ushers Ellen McClintock, Margaret Fouse

### Sunday, April 7

8:45 a.m. FirstLight Worship 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

#### Monday, April 8

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 12:00 p.m. Book Club
- 2:30 p.m. Worship Team
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Life Team
- 5:15 p.m. Faith Formation Team
- 5:30 p.m. Property, Strategic Teams
- 7:00 p.m. Hospitality and Welcome, Outreach, Personnel Teams

# Tuesday, April 9

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

# Wednesday, April 10

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch3:00 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Class6:30 p.m. Youth7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

# Thursday, April 11

6:00 p.m. Men's Group

# Friday, April 12

5:30 p.m. Kids Night In

## Saturday, April 13

9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi

# Festival of Gifts Sunday, April 14 – Fellowship Hall

Stop in from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and 12-12:30 p.m. to learn more about the work of the different church Ministry Teams and how you can get involved and share your gifts. No Faith Formation programming on this day.



Greed Captures the Essence of the Evolutionary Spirit: the Then, Now, Never, and Forever of Avarice



Lecture/Discussion Class with Corrie Greene Wednesday, April 10, 6:00pm in CR1

# 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)

Deacons

#### Class of 2026

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

#### 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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