



**Sunday Worship** April 14, 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

INTROIT

*Come All Ye People*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to be branches in Christ's body,  
**we yearn to be connected to the vine.**

Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,  
**we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.**

Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,  
**we seek God's nurturing presence.**

In this season of Easter growth and new life,  
**May we glorify God in our worship and in our lives!**

†HYMN 664

*Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You ask us to be truth tellers  
about the hard places of our lives.

You call us to name the times where our growth is stagnant;  
when the valleys of our faith are so low we can no longer see the peaks...

*Pause for a time of reflection*

We confess the times when we are stuck  
and cut off from your life giving Spirit;  
the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith  
in the lives of others;  
the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world  
that we forget what you have said and done and promised...

*Pause for a time of reflection*

Help us, O God.  
May we be open in listening to the nudging of Your Spirit  
as we seek to grow in our mustard seed faith.  
In your holy name we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!  
In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace!

†RESPONSE

### All You Works Of God

Refrain:

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is the refrain: 'All you works of God ev - 'ry moun - tain star and tree'. The second line continues: 'Bless the one who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to be'. The third line continues: 'One great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient ev - er new'. The fourth line concludes: 'Raise your voi - ces, all you works of God!'. There is a fermata over the final note of the fourth line.

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## †PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation of Thomas and Simon Greenwalt

Prayers of Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism and Laying On of Hands

Welcome

### HYMN/PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hymn 488

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-34

### SERMON

What's growing in you?

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### †HYMN 481

*I Believe in God the Father*

GENEVAN 42

### 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.

## THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Allen Pote

†Doxology

*New Gloria*

Aaron Price

*first time choir; second time all sing*

Glo - ry be to the cre - a tor,  
to the Christ and to the ho - ly ghost  
as it was in the be-gin-ning is now and e-ver shall be  
world with-out end, a men, a - men, a - men!

†Prayer of Dedication

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 80

*You Shall Go Out with Joy*

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Variation on "Woodlands (The Risen Christ)"*

Walter Greatorex



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# JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Judith Burt's son Jim** at Sloan-Kettering for two weeks of additional chemo for multiple myeloma

**Carey Jo Elam** recovering from surgery

**Gay Ferguson** at home after a stroke, asking for prayers as she hesitates finding the correct words and moving carefully about

**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

**Brittany Williams and family** following the death of her best friend Tara on April 2

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**;

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**

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Connect with us on our website: [bmpcnc.org](http://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** Dave McClintock **FL Greeter** Margo Smith **FL Ushers** Andrea DeWitt, Nancy Ellington

**11:00 Greeter** Perry Sprawls **11:00 Ushers** Gary McGill, Ellen McClintock, Julie and Dale Culpepper

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## **Sunday, April 14**

8:45 a.m. FirstLight Worship

10:00 a.m. Festival of Gifts

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

2:00 p.m. Handbells

2:00 p.m. Youth

## **Monday, April 15**

11:00 a.m. Worship Team

1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

5:30 p.m. Property

## **Tuesday, April 16**

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

7:30 p.m. Mama's Group

## **Wednesday, April 17**

11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch

3:00 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Class  
with Corrie Greene

6:30 p.m. Youth

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, April 18**

3:00 p.m. Book Club with Ina Hughs

## **Saturday, April 20**

9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi

## **Sunday Night Live**

### **TONIGHT at 5:30**

### **Spring Bird Migration in WNC**

potluck dinner and presentation  
by Jim Poling

Since retirement, in 2008, James has become a Blue Ridge Naturalist and is a member of the Blue Ridge Audubon Society, and the Western Carolina Botanical Club. He will share some of his bird photography of recent years. James is a member of our church. He spent his career as a pastor, professor, scholar, and writer, most recently at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL. This is a program that has been praised for its beauty and educational value that both children and adults will love.

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## **Discovery Class**

**Sunday, April 21, 12:00pm**  
Fellowship Hall

Learn more about BMPC and what it means to become a member. Lunch provided and childcare available upon request. Sign up at [bmpnc.org](http://bmpnc.org).



# 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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