



# Sunday Worship

April 21, 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

SOWING THE SEEDS: HARVESTING THE FRUIT

Bill Waterstradt, Mary Carroll Dodd

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Prelude for Guitar: Sagina/Eventide*

arr. Price

†CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**We gather in worship seeking to abide in Christ.**

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

**We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, and hopeful.**

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's love will abide in us.

**We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

We gather for worship now to glorify our God: Creator, Liberator, Sustainer.

**May we grow wildly as God tends to the body of Christ in this time and place!**

† HYMN 836

*Abide with Me*

EVENTIDE

*sing all but stanza three in unison*

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have made us your vine, that we may bear fruit.  
Sometimes our limbs are strained, our branches broken,  
our leaves withered on the vine and we need comfort, encouragement, renewal.  
Help us to see the places where we are in need, O God.

*~ silent prayers ~*

Feed us with your grace and goodness.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

O God, you have made us your vine, that we may bear fruit.  
Sometimes we become stagnant, hindering the flow of your life within us.  
We become tangled and a trouble to others,  
rather than a source of hope and help to others, to ourselves and to you.  
Help us to see the places where we are in need, O God.

*~ silent prayers ~*

Forgive us. Feed us with your grace and goodness.

**Lord, hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace!**

## †RESPONSE

### *All You Works Of God*

Refrain:

All you works of God ev - 'ry moun - tain star and tree  
Bless the one who shapes your beau - ty, who has caused you all to be  
One great song of love and grace, ev - er an - cient ev - er new  
Raise your voi - ces, all you works of God!

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

†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 15:1-8

SERMON                                      Fruit! Fruit! Everywhere!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 749                                      *Come! Live in the Light!*                                      WE ARE CALLED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER                                      Bob Tuttle

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      *Piano Meditation: Sagina/Eventide*                                      arr. Price

†Doxology 717                                      *For the Life That You Have Given*                                      PLEADING SAVIOR

†Prayer of Dedication

# BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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†HYMN 742

*We Will Walk with God*

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

*choir sings first time*

This traditional Siswati melody was first translated by Swiss missionaries before being harmonized by John Bell and published in 2002.

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*I Am The Vine*

John Michael Talbot

*I am the vine, and you are the branches;  
live in me, and you will never die  
I am the vine, and God is the keeper;  
Come to me, let the spirit bring you life*



*cover art: I Am The Vine by Mike Moyers*

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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 concerned about those caught in the national park on the East Coast. Please pray for the rescue operations.

**Brittany Williams and family** following the death of her best friend, Tara Bradley, 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** Helen Davies **FL Ushers** Katherine Holman

**11:00 Greeter** Perry Sprawls **11:00 Ushers** Gary McGill

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## **Sunday, April 21**

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Discovery Class
- 2:00 p.m. Handbells
- 3:00 p.m. Route 45/Youth

## **Monday, April 22**

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
- 6:00 p.m. Session

## **Tuesday, April 23**

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, April 24**

- 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

## **Saturday, April 27**

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

## **Discovery Class**

**TODAY at 12:00 p.m.**

### **Fellowship Hall**

Learn more about BMPC and what it means to become a member. Lunch provided and childcare available upon request.

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## **The Blessing Box Needs You!**

Sign up for a week to maintain the Blessing Box and make sure it is clean and stocked with nonperishable food and personal care items. Check it during the week and space out your donations so the shelves are not bare. Each week runs from Sunday through Saturday. There is a basket in the narthex where items are collected so feel free to use them.

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## ***Not sure what to do with your solar eclipse glasses?***

Bring them to the church office! We have found a place that will recycle the glasses and send them to third world countries so that others may benefit from their use. Please place your glasses in the basket outside Jackie's office and we will make sure they get mailed.

# 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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