



Sunday Worship

May 12, 2024 – 11:00AM

**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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Handbell Ringers

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Tuttle

The voice of God gathers us this day;

The warmth of God brings us together as one people.

We come with our full humanity on display,

With acts mighty and faltering,

With kindness and with selfishness,

With doubt and with faith.

As God's people, may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.

From birth to death, we belong to God!

And so, as beloved people, let us worship God.

† HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Breathing Prayer

Let us breathe deeply –

inhaling the good gifts that God provides,

and exhaling all of the things that we need to release.

Let us breathe in strength. *Pause for breath...*

And, let us exhale our exhaustion. *Pause for breath...*

Let us breathe in freedom. *Pause for breath...*

And, let us exhale all that holds us back. *Pause for breath...*

Let us breathe in a new sense of direction. *Pause for breath...*

And, let us exhale the paths we no longer want to use. *Pause for breath...*

Let us breathe in hope. *Pause for breath...*

And, let us exhale self-doubt. *Pause for breath...*

Let us breathe in unconditional love. *Pause for breath...*

And, let us exhale distrust and hate. *Pause for breath...*

Holy Spirit, let us feel the mighty rush of your presence in this place.

Blow away our fears and worries,

and help us to breathe in your gifts of new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace!

†RESPONSE 7

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

NORWICH

†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

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE *Psalm 139, selected verses*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

SERMON

The Advocate

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 28

You Are Before Me, Lord

SURSUM CORDA

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles and
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

Let the Praise Go Round

Hal Hopson

†Doxology

New Gloria

Aaron Price

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
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world with-out end, a men, a - men, a - men!

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 257

The Risen Christ

†CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P. Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Variations: Royal Oak

ENGLISH MELODY



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Laurel Broadhurst with unspoken medical concerns

Nan Clark's brother-in-law, Butch Baker, diagnosed with ALS

Edie Covert radiation treatments for breast cancer

Donna Drake's brother, Jeff, in hospice

Jan Griffin's brother-in-law, Ted Wachs, died April 18 in Hendersonville

Gayle and Darrell Johnson's daughter is receiving her Doctorate of Divinity this weekend from Memphis Seminary. She will be the Rev Dr Shannan Ocampo!

Wilma Leary's best friend, Joyce Hawkins, diagnosed with breast cancer
Wilma Leary attending memorial service May 18 for nephew, Tyler Greco

Cheri Lunsford's daughter-in-law, Elicia, had a miscarriage

Cathy McMillan at Givens Highland Farms Healthcare

Names above listed 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 and 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 and Scottie 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, 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.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Bus Driver John Murphy FL Greeter Brandon Ford FL Ushers Nancy Ellington, Andrea DeWitt

11:00 Greeter Perry Sprawls 11:00 Ushers Dave Johnson, Cherie Lunsford, Janine Spiller, Gay Ferguson

Sunday, May 12

8:45 a.m. FirstLight Worship

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes

10:00 a.m. Second Sunday
Programming

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Monday, May 13

1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study
Selected Ministry Team Meetings

Tuesday, May 14

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 15

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, May 16

3:00 p.m. Book Study w/Ina Hughs

5:30 p.m. PW Spring Gathering

Thursday, May 17

6:35 p.m. Asheville Tourists
Baseball Game

Saturday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga



BMPC Youth
YARD SALE

JUNE 1ST
Fellowship Hall
8-1pm

Are you spring cleaning? Please consider donating your unwanted items to our upcoming youth fundraiser. Collection will start Sunday May 19th before worship and during office hours 9-2pm.

Questions? katie@bmpcnc.org

The poster features a blue background with a grid pattern. It includes illustrations of a red sofa, a clothing rack with various items, a bookshelf, and a box of toys. The text is in bold, sans-serif fonts.

Calling all volunteers!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need help the day before the yard sale on **Friday, May 31, to set up and Saturday, June 1, in the kitchen, sales floor, and parking lot.**
Please use QR code below to sign up.



Thank you for supporting the youth!

The block features a dark blue background with a white QR code in the center. Above the QR code is the text "Thank you for supporting the youth!". On either side of the QR code are stylized illustrations of hands in various colors (red, blue, green, yellow) reaching upwards.

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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providing a safe environment for children & youth

