



EARTH CARE SUNDAY

APRIL 28, 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

David Carter Florence

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Endowment

Gayle Petty Johnson, Jim Layman

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Let Us Come To Worship God

Taiwanese melody

text: Psalms 95 and 100

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning has broken!

We gather to greet the new day by praising God.

God created us for relationship with God, one another, and the earth.

Let us honor those relationships today and every day.

We seek to care for our brothers and sisters around the world
and to God's good Creation.

Let us honor those relationships today and every day.

May we commit to new ways of honoring your Creation
as a means of sharing Jesus' transforming love,

And let us seek God's grace, justice and mercy for all!

† HYMN 714

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from *Make Our Garden Grow* Leonard Bernstein/Richard Wilbur

We're neither pure, nor wise, nor good.

We'll do the best we know.

We'll build our house and chop our wood

and make our garden grow... and make our garden grow.

God of Creation, of the environment, of all the diversity of the world,

We confess that we have failed to care for each other.

We have failed to live into your teachings.

**Even as we strive to protect and love the earth and each other,
we fall short.**

Dear God, we offer ourselves back to you.

Help us be bold and brave

as we work for climate and environmental justice. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace!

†RESPONSE 696

Change My Heart, O God

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Katherine Holman, Karen Austin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4b-9, Matthew 22:36-40

Abby Mohaupt

SERMON

The Human Came to Life

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 715

The Earth Belongs To God Alone

SIMMONS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Brief Statement of Faith*

Bob Tuttle

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God;
we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God
in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet
entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CAMBODIAN LORD'S PRAYER *see insert*

THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

As we ga - ther now to praise you a - mong the heavn'-ly throng,
 we div - ine your ho - ly wis - dom dis - cer-ning right from wrong
 Je - sus showed the ho - ly pat - tern and un-veiled your love and might
 A - bid - ing in the Spi - rit we strive to live like Christ
 More love to thee in earn - est as in your fields we plow
 Sow-ing seeds to grow your boun - ty, O Lord, be with us now!

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN

Trees (Psalm 1) see insert

DIX

*While we sing this hymn, you are invited to come forward
 with your 25 Cents A Meal offering for hunger relief in our community.*

†CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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

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

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

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 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, 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 Dave McClintock **FL Ushers** Ann White, Kay Layman **11:00 Greeter** Cherie Lunsford

11:00 Ushers Margaret Fouse, Dave Johnson, Annamarie Arens, Kitty Fouche

Sunday, April 28

- 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. Youth

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

- 1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. PW Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 1

- 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, May 4

- 9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi
- 11:30 a.m. New Member Cookout



There is a basket in the narthex where you can submit movie titles you would especially like to see and hear more about this summer during our series. Movies will be shown on Wednesday evenings and pastors will preach on the theological and faith connections of the film the following Sunday in June and July.

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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