

# Confirmation



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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May 17, 2015  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

# *Welcome to BMPC*

*Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**NEW HERE?** Stop by the information alcove near the main entrance to learn more about us or ask questions. We'd be glad to show you around and help you get acquainted with our programs and ministries. You are invited to participate according to your interests and we hope you will return often.

**TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP:** Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

**Childcare:** 7:45 - 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102

**Children age 2 to PreK:** 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

**Grades K-5:** 10:15 a.m., classes, Ed. Bldg.

(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

*If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Chapel.*

**Grades 6-12:** 10:00 a.m., Youth in Worship



**GET CONNECTED.** Please fill out the fellowship register as indicated during worship to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you may greet one another after worship. To inquire about membership or other opportunities to enrich your life in faith, contact [DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org](mailto:DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org), ext 8809.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP.** Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for refreshments on the front lawn (weather permitting) at 11:00 a.m.

*As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone  
and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.*

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

Préambule  
In Paradisum

Louis Vierne  
Daniel-Lesur

## \* WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness.**

One: Come into God's presence with singing!

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God**

One: Whose mercy is everlasting,  
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

## † HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*† GLORIA PATRI *(in unison)*

*(Hymnal 579)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.*

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rachel Pedersen

**SENDING HYMN**      Go now, Children, with our Blessing

*During the Sending Hymn, kindergarten through 5th grade children  
depart for their Sunday School classes.*



Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God  
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and may  
God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the  
presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

**FIRST LESSON**      Jeremiah 31:1-6 (p. 733 in pew Bible)      Richard Wohlschlaeger

**ANTHEM**      Hallelujah, Amen      G. F. Handel

Hallelujah, Amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine, with cherubim and seraphim  
harmonious join. Hallelujah, Amen.

**SECOND LESSON**      2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (p. 185 in pew Bible)      Kellen A. Smith

**SERMON**      *The Gracious Mercy of God*      Kellen A. Smith

\*† **HYMN 525**      Here I Am, Lord      HERE I AM, LORD

# CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### † THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew;  
pass it down your row and back again.)

## OFFERING AND

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Peace I Leave With You

Walter Pelz

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you; my peace I give to you.

### † DOXOLOGY (*in unison*)

(*Hymnal 592*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Richard Wohlschlaeger

### † HYMN 346

Christ, You Are the Fullness

ARIRANG

### † BENEDICTION

Kellen A. Smith

## POSTLUDE

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

† Please stand, if able.

# Worship Notes

## 2015 CONFIRMANDS

Alexander D. Andrews  
Evan G. Babiash  
Marcus A. Beato \*\*  
Isabel T. Burton  
A. Samuel Chase  
Amelia M. Coursen  
Siobhan Daley-Gibson  
Samuel R. Eaddy  
Weldon T. Eaddy  
Jaimee A. Getty  
Miles C. Harden\*\*  
Brock C. Hoehn

Olivia W. Hughart  
Isabelle H. Kitchel  
Isabella K. Maloney\*\*  
Jake C. McClain  
William B. Micheletti  
John C. Munroe  
Nicholas S. Parente  
Alexander N. Peetros  
Emily V. Pinsk\*\*  
J. David Pomeroy  
James T. Powell  
Ann Elisabeth B. Rau

Benjamin E. Schmid  
Isabella E. Schneider  
Christopher M. Snyder  
S. Grant Stevens  
Alex D. Storrer  
Lindsay A. Tillman  
A. Sophia Udicious  
Carter M. Valerio  
Thomas N. Ward  
Peter F. Zirnkilton  
Katerina Zisman  
*\*\*Presented for Baptism*

Today we confirm the youth who started Confirmation Class in September, 2014. Over the past year, they have continued their faith journeys, strengthened by the help of their teachers, mentors and families. Confirmation is about becoming a fully participating member of the church and today is a time for our Confirmands to answer questions in front of the congregation about what they believe, how they will treat others, and how they think the church should be speaking to the world. As a congregation, we welcome these youth with open arms and encourage them into all ministries of the church.

*Agnes Norfleet regrets that she is unable to join us for this celebration of Confirmation. She and Larry are in New Orleans for son James Arney's graduation from Tulane University.*

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ida Virginia Evans

## **CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stuart K. Gord

## **GREETING AND HOSTING FELLOWSHIP**

Representatives of the Main Line Adult Day Center  
Join them after worship to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

## **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

## **Announcements**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sun., May 31, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, to act on a recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Adult Education and Mission. Information pertaining to the meeting will be available in the week prior to the meeting.

**PENTECOST OFFERING.** Your gift to the Pentecost Offering unites young people in Christ and inspires them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Envelopes are in the pew racks or note “Pentecost Offering” on the memo line of your check. This offering will be collected through Pentecost Sunday, May 24. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**ART EXHIBIT.** “Russian Iconography, Its History and Art” is on display in the Ministries Center through May 31. View works by artists trained at the Prosopon School of Iconography and photographs of Russian Orthodox Christian churches by BMPC member Linda Madara.

**SUMMER CHOIR.** Begins Sun., Jun. 14. All singers (ages 12 to adults) are invited on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then to stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment, no need to sign up in advance. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Can you help this summer? Share a story with our two and three year olds in the nursery or help us worship together at our special chapel service for ages 4 - 10. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION.** Mon., June 22 to Fri., June 26, BMPC campus. Join us for a week when students age 3 - rising 6th graders grow in God’s love, serve neighbors, and build a community together. Volunteers welcome. For more details and to register, search “Vacation Bible Camp” at bmpc.org. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

**CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING.** Become a certified volunteer to work with children and youth. Required training dates will be offered in May and June. For details, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

**VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER.** Located in the Ministries Center, our Book Center is open after worship and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come and purchase a perfect book for summer reading! You also can borrow books from our Converse House Library. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

**STOP HUNGER NOW UPDATE.** Meals from our meal packaging event in April have been shipped to Salesian Missions in Zambia. Salesian Missions operates 5,000 schools and technical training centers, 23 colleges, 216 clinics and hospitals, 225 orphanages and shelters, and runs a wide variety of social and economic development activities throughout the world.

## Today

**MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION — LAST DAY.** Bring infant formula and baby food to the collection boxes and baskets in the Ministries Center, Education Building and Narthex for children at St. Barnabas Mission. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PARTY.** 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Youth and their families are invited to celebrate with food catered by Chef Ruth and to meet Hadley Claire Smith. Free-will offering.

**TEN YEARS OF BROAD STREET MINISTRY.** 4:00 p.m., worship; 5:30 p.m., party. Free food, great music, Federal Donuts cake and a photo booth with Philadelphia photographer JJ Tiziou! For more information: [www.BroadStreetMinistry.org/Anniversary](http://www.BroadStreetMinistry.org/Anniversary).

## This Week

**CARING AND CRAFTS.** Mon., May 18, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Knitters gather to make scarves, prayer shawls, mittens and hats for children and teens at “theVillage.” Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909.

**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tues., May 19, 12:00 noon, Converse House Parlor. Discussion of *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. Bring a brown bag lunch and beverage along with suggestions for upcoming book selections. Sherry Archer, Sherry.archer19@yahoo.com.

**INHABITING EDEN SERIES: GET YOUR LAWN OFF DRUGS.** Wed., May 20, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Host of *You Bet Your Garden* public radio show, Mike McGrath, shares the essentials for keeping your garden looking good without adding pesticides or herbicides.

**Y-GROUP BRUNCH AND PARENTING PROGRAM.** Thurs., May 21, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages. We welcome all for our pot-luck, year-end brunch and to attend certified Parent Educator Florence Sturm's parenting class filled with wisdom, humor, and practical advice. Tricia Mackay, tricia.mackay@gmail.com.

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., May 22, 6:00 p.m., home of Janet Haas, 459 Huston Road, Radnor. Spend the evening with BMPC women of all ages for a pot-luck dinner, fellowship, and discussion led by the Rev. Rachel Pedersen. RSVP with pot-luck donation to Janet White, JanetW298@verizon.net, 610-254-0231.



## Upcoming

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., May 26, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads monthly discussions of global affairs issues based on the Foreign Policy Association briefing books and DVDs. This month: U.S. Policy toward Africa — how can U.S. policy live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region? Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

**Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION.** Tues., May 26, 7:30 p.m., home of Judi Green, 624 South Devon Ave., Wayne. Mothers and caregivers of children of all ages. Judi leads our discussion of *The Dinner* by Herman Kock. RSVP with your appetizer or beverage donation to judigreen1@aol.com or 610-525-1832.

**FEED THE HUNGRY.** Sat., May 30, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Carpool from BMPC to help prepare and serve lunch at “Our Brother’s Place” homeless shelter for men. Contact Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net or 610-667-0972.

**SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP.** Sun., May 31, following Congregational Meeting, Congregational Hall. Support our Dominican Republic Mission Team at a festive themed luncheon. Proceeds benefit the construction of a new church building in the Dominican Republic which our youth will help build. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## BMPC Online

**BMPC ONLINE.** Visit our website, [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org), for updated information and our complete calendar, including open registrations. Under “News & Media,” you’ll find pastors’ columns, archives of recorded sermons, and our other church publications. Our “search box” on the top right of our home page should help you find what you need.

**STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH ENEWS.** Subscribe to our weekly BMPC eNews or to monthly ministry-specific newsletters by adding your email address to the fellowship register or by searching “subscribe to eNews” on [bmpc.org](http://bmpc.org).

**SOCIAL MEDIA.** “Like” us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BrynMawrPC](http://www.facebook.com/BrynMawrPC) or “Follow” us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/BrynMawrPres](http://www.twitter.com/BrynMawrPres).

**WIRELESS NETWORK.** We now have WiFi in all buildings on our campus.

# **This Week's Calendar**

*For more information visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org), call the church office (610-525-2821), or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, May 17, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

The Rev. Kellen Smith will preach.

7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (through 11:15 a.m.)

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast, Congregational Hall

8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201

Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 209

“Filling the Well” Women’s Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 210

The Five Great Discourses in Matthew, Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Sunday, Sanctuary

Sunday School ages 2, 3, &4, Ed. Bldg.

10:15 a.m. Sunday School K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Ed. Bldg.

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn (Parents pick up children in Ed. Bldg.)

11:15 a.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center

11:30 a.m. High School and Middle School End of Year Cookout, Congregational Hall

## **Monday, May 18, 2015**

9:15 a.m. Caring and Crafts, Gloucester Room

9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium

## **Tuesday, May 19, 2015**

7:00 a.m. Primary Election Voting, Ed. Bldg.

8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor

9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium

11:30 a.m. Perspectives in Music Luncheon, Overbrook Country Club

12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor

5:00 p.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Fullerton Room

7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

## **Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Chapel

9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet in Main Parking Lot

9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 1:30 p.m. Boost Your Brain & Memory, Gloucester Room
- 5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Boy Choir, Fine Arts Center  
St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Inhabiting Eden: Get Your Lawn Off Drugs, Congregational Hall  
Vacation Bible Camp Volunteer Training, Fullerton Room

**Thursday, May 21, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel  
Y-Group, Congregational Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 2:30 p.m. Caregivers Support Group, Converse House Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 9:00 p.m. Harmony Choir, Fine Arts Center

**Friday, May 22, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, home of Janet Haas

**Saturday, May 23, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

**Sunday, May 24, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Choir School and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.  
Grades 6 - 12 in worship with their families.  
Sunday School for ages 2 - grade 5.

**Donate a New Hymnal!** Help fill our church with new volumes (\$20 each).  
Upon request, book plates will indicate names of donors and honorees.

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: In Memory of/In Honor of (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

*Put this tear-off and your payment in the "Donations" envelope in the pew rack and place it in an offering plate, or visit the hymnal sales table in the Court.*

## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

**Kellen A. Smith**, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

**Richard Wohlschlaeger**, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music and Fine Arts

**Edward Landin**, Assistant Director of Music

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