

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

August 30, 2015
8:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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. Although many of our activities are on summer hiatus, we'd be glad to acquaint you with our upcoming programs and ministries. We hope you will return often!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

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

Ages 5 - 12: in worship, Sanctuary.

GETTING 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 each other after worship.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Visit the Ministries Center Court for 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.*



"I am the resurrection and the life."

James H. Burdick ~ August 22, 2015

R. Bruce Filmer ~ August 23, 2015



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Richard Wohlschlaeger

Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord, here and in the highest heavens.

All: Shout out with joy to the rock of our salvation.

One: The Lord is here and God's Spirit renews us.

All: Let us worship the Living Lord.

† HYMN 356

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

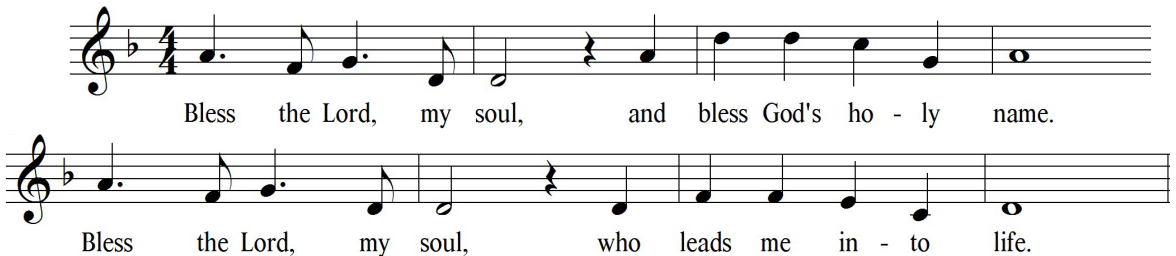
AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious Lord, you ask for my hands to build your kingdom. You ask for my mouth to speak your grace and your justice. You ask for my life to work through me. Forgive me for the times I draw back and turn away. Forgive me and renew me so that all I do might reflect the love you share. We ask this in name of the one who died so that we may live.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung twice)*



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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† *Please stand, if able.*

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gene Chang

FIRST LESSON James 1:17-27 (*p. 229 in pew Bible*)

Gene Chang

SECOND LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15 (*p. 42 in pew Bible*)

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

More than Hearing

Rachel Pedersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN 374**

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Richard Wohlschlaeger

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread in the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.

Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your morning offering to the baskets when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rachel Pedersen

† Please stand, if able. * Ushers may seat latecomers.

MINISTRY MOMENT FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Anita Iyengar

† **HYMN 422** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
James Edwin Wood

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Gene Chang

GUEST ORGANIST

Andrew Senn

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY

Representatives of Membership Council and new members

Announcements

NEW CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2015-2016 via the nominating forms found near the Sanctuary or Ministries Center entrances or online at www.bmpc.org/nominatingform. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church budget. Elders and Deacons also are called upon to participate in worship services by serving communion. Susan Bravo, b41793@aol.com.

FALL CHOIR REGISTRATION. Opportunities for all ages from kindergarten through adults! NEW: “Wednesdays Together” program for grades K-5 from 4:30-6:00 p.m., led by Edward Landin and the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, followed by Youth Chorale (now for grades 6-12) from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Intergenerational handbell choir: Sundays, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (ability to read music required). Sanctuary Choir: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Singing for Life: Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

CHAPEL CLOSING. The Chapel is closed until after Thanksgiving for stained glass window restoration. Until the work is completed and scaffolding removed, the 8:00 a.m. worship service will be held in the front of the Sanctuary.

NOT A BMPC MEMBER? We invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Oct. 11, when we will receive new members at a breakfast meeting of Session. Our “Gathering with the Pastors” before and after 10:00 a.m. worship on Sun., Oct. 4, is an opportunity to meet our pastoral staff, learn more about our church and ask questions (inquirers welcome; childcare available). Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

SUNDAY PARKING REMINDER. Those who are able-bodied are encouraged to park behind Harcum College (access on Pennswood Road). A Montgomery Avenue crossing guard is available for safety.

CHECK OUT OUR BOOKS. Our Book Center is accessible on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (the key is available at the Reception Desk). You also may borrow books from Converse House Library. KatMacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

DINE OUT TO BENEFIT MAIN LINE ADULT DAY CENTER. Enjoy a meal at *Not Your Average Joe's* restaurant in Suburban Square any Tuesday in September and 15% of the proceeds will benefit the Main Line Adult Day Center on our campus. Vouchers required; download the flyer on our website's homepage or pick one up at our Reception Desk.

Today

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. Discussion of *Falling Upward – A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org, ext. 8819.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE. This week and next Sun., Sept. 6, care is available for infants through 4-year-olds in the nursery, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102, at 10:00 a.m. with special activities and a story, while children and youth from age 5 - grade 12 worship in the Sanctuary. MaryRichards@bmpe.org, ext. 8811.

This Week

WEEKDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 2, 8:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. (Note change of location due to Chapel closing.) pdanzonphoto@comcast.net.

Upcoming

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. Begins Wed., Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m., Converse House. Led by Paul MacMurray, the group will read and discuss Huston Smith's *The World Religions*. Book (\$10) available for purchase. AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger leads our study of *Come to the Waters* by Judy Record Fletcher, Chapter 1. Books available from Joyce Malott, 610- 525-4469 or okf405@erols.com.

BRYN MAWR DAY. Sat., Sept. 12, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., parking lot across from Ludington Library. Taste the restaurants, see the traveling zoo and circus, shop at the farmers market, ride the fire trucks, take a history tour, enjoy the music...and visit our BMPC table! JaneWilber@bmpe.org, ext. 8813.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Sept. 12, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. On-going support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. All welcome. Info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF. Sun., Sept. 13. Classes for ages 2-4 at 10:00 a.m. and for K-Grade 5 after the Childrens' Moment in worship, Ed. Bldg. Youth Gathering in the Gym for grades 6-12 at 10:00 a.m. followed by grade level classes including Confirmation, Ministries Center. MaryRichards@bmpe.org, ext. 8811 (children) or AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821 (youth).

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 13, 11:00 a.m., front lawn. Don't miss our festive celebration for all ages as we kick off a new program year, after 10:00 a.m. worship. Bring a friend!

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. All volunteers who work with children and youth must be certified; training times will be offered in September. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Sept. 15, 12:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Bring lunch and beverage and discuss *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James. sherry.archer19@yahoo.com.

Save the Date

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS. Begin Sept. 16, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall (food served until 6:45 p.m.). Enjoy fresh, healthy meals prepared by Chef Ruth; \$8 adults; \$5 children/students. Menus available on our homepage and at the Reception Desk or call the church office. JaneWilber@bmpc.org, ext. 8813.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR. Thurs., Sept. 17. Learn about Presbyterian history and tour the Old Pine Street Church's colonial churchyard. No charge; lunch included. Bus departs from our back parking lot at 9:00 a.m.; space is limited. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

NEW ADULT CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20. 8:45 a.m.: Sunday Morning Discussion Group begins discussion of *Road to Character* by David Brooks; Couples Bible Study begins study of the book of Joshua; Filling Your Well begins a new study, 11:15 a.m.: *Glory to God Hymnal* class led by Jeffrey Brillhart.

KICK-OFF MEETING FOR YOUTH & PARENTS. Sun, Sept. 20, 11:15 a.m., Gym. Youth (grades 6-12) and their families gather with Pastor Kellen and Youth Ministry Council to hear about the exciting programs and events in the upcoming year and to enjoy refreshments. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

COMMUNITY FORUM WITH DAVID GREGORY. Mon., Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. A former NBC newsman and moderator of Meet the Press, Gregory discusses the topic of his new book, *How's Your Faith? An Unlikely Spiritual Journey*, and lessons he's learned about belief. Free and open to the public; no reservations needed. Childcare available with three days notice. PamLloyd@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun. Oct. 11, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals; bring an offering of food and supplies for local animal shelters. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

HELP WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL. Join us as you are able to help make our classes special for children age 2 - grade 5. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR TUTORING PROGRAM. Experience the rewards of tutoring elementary school children from North Philadelphia on Tuesday evenings in our Education Building. We especially need adult group leaders; tutor registration meeting is Tues., Sept. 22, 6:15 p.m. Marnie Bowen, marnieb1963@aol.com.

CONGREGATION-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE. Sat., Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m. – no later than noon. Projects include a casserole blitz in our kitchen to feed the hungry, hands-on help in our community, and a collection for Habitat for Humanity's Re-Store. Set aside household items to donate to Re-Store now; acceptable items are listed at www.habitatphiladelphia.org/items-accepted. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR FINE ARTS OUTREACH PROGRAM. If you enjoy playing the piano or another instrument, singing, sharing travel slides, or reading aloud from your favorite poetry or prose, consider presenting a 30-minute program at a retirement community or nursing home. Sign up by Tues., Sept. 8: DeAnn Clancy, deannclancy@hotmail.com or 610-525-8347.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY. Your contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

This Week's Calendar

For more information visit our website at www.bmpc.org, call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.

Today, August 30, 2015

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

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

The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 4, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (through 11:00 a.m.)

8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Children age 5 - grade 12 in worship

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

11:30 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Training, Gloucester Room

Monday, August 31, 2015

9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

No scheduled activities.

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Converse House Parlor

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

9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium

5:00 p.m. Property Vision Team, Pastors' Conference Room

Thursday, September 3, 2015

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

Friday, September 4, 2015

9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium

Saturday, September 5, 2015

No scheduled activities.

Sunday, September 6, 2015

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

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

The Rev. Kellen Smith will preach.

Ages 5 - grade 12 in worship with their families.

Childcare for infants - age 4.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

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 L. Landin, Assistant Director of Music

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24/7 Answering Service for Pastoral Emergencies: 610-525-2821

Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840