



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2015
8:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fifteenth 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. Many of our activities are resuming after summer hiatus, and we'd be glad to acquaint you with our programs and ministries. We hope you will return often!

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare: infants - age 4; 7:45 - 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
Ages 5 - grade 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."

Glenn A. Shively ~ August 31, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Kellen A. Smith

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

† HYMN 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holly Stafford

FIRST LESSON Ephesians 6:18-20 (*p. 195 in pew Bible*)

Holly Stafford

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 12:1-6 (*p. 226 in pew Bible*)

Kellen A. Smith

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Proceed with Perseverance

Kellen A. Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN** 419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

Kellen A. Smith

† **HYMN 526**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

† **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
Anne M. and Bradford D. Smith

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Barrie and Ted Wentz

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Holly Stafford

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY

Representatives of Membership Council and new members

SEMINARY INTERN

Welcome to David Smith, a student at Princeton Theological Seminary,
who will be a Seminary Intern for Youth Ministry.

Announcements

NEW CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit your recommendations 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 church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church budget. 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, at a breakfast meeting of Session followed by reception in worship. 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 (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.

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. All volunteers who work with children and youth must be certified; training times in September are indicated on the church calendar. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

This Week

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Sept. 8, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. This month: Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion of Brazil’s metamorphosis. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

MEN’S STUDY GROUP. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays beginning Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m., Converse House. Read and discuss Huston Smith’s *The World Religions* with the Rev. Paul MacMurray. Book (\$10) available for purchase. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. This month: 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@bmpc.org, ext. 8813.

Upcoming Sundays

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 resumes in the Gym for grades 6-12 at 10:00 a.m. followed by grade level classes including Confirmation, Ministries Center. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811 (children) or AmyBauer@bmpc.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!

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY. Begins Sun., Sept. 20, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 105, led by Barbara and David Heaton. This fall we begin a study of the Old Testament book of Joshua. Barbara Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

FILLING THE WELL WOMEN'S GROUP. Begins Sun., Sept. 20, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. peggyhermann@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Begins Sun., Sept. 20, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Paul MacMurray. Discussion of *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. Books available on the bookshelf next to the Receptionist Desk (\$10). Make checks payable to Paul MacMurray. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL CLASS. Sun., Sept. 20 and 27, Congregational Hall, led by Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts. A review of our new hymnal.

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

Upcoming Weekdays / Saturdays

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.

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 16, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads a weekly discussion of the parables of Jesus. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

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.

CARING AND CRAFTS. Mon., Sept. 21, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Monthly gathering to knit scarves, prayer shawls, mittens and hats for children and teens at "theVillage." Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909.

Y-GROUP (For Mothers and Caregivers of Children). Tues. Sept. 22, 9:15 a.m., Congregation Hall. Potluck kick-off brunch and program with parent educator Florence Sturm. Childcare available with advance notice. Ali Hinkie, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

DISCERNING GOD'S CALL. Wed., Sept. 23 and 30, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Explore the Christian notion of vocation and how the spiritual practice of discernment guides us toward it. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Sept. 24, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Gloucester Room. This month: Exodus 20-25, Numbers and Deuteronomy, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick.

MATTER OF BALANCE. Fridays beginning Oct. 2, 11:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. Eight-week course co-sponsored by Bryn Mawr Hospital/Main Line Health. Bring a brown bag lunch and improve your endurance, strength, and balance while having fun and reducing the risk of an injury due to a fall. Manual included. Register by Sept. 25: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext 8821.

Caring & Sharing

BE A “SECRET SAINT.” Sponsor one of our many students who are away from home. Secret Saints let them know BMPC cares through packages, cards, and most importantly, their prayers. Jane Wilber, Parent Coordinator, wilbaway5@comcast.net.

PARTICIPATE IN FINE ARTS OUTREACH. Play an instrument, sing, share travel slides, or read poetry aloud for a 30-minute program at a retirement community or nursing home. Sign up by Sept. 8: DeAnn Clancy, deannclancy@hotmail.com or 610-525-8347.

CONGREGATION-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE. Sat., Sept. 19, meet at 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center. Projects include a casserole blitz in our kitchen to feed the hungry, hands-on help in our community, a mailing project for TheVillage, painting at Chester Charter School for the Arts, and a collection for Habitat for Humanity’s Re-Store (acceptable items are listed at www.habitatphiladelphia.org/items-accepted). CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

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. We need adult group leaders for our Tuesday evening tutoring program for children from North Philadelphia in our Ed. Bldg. Registration meeting: Tues., Sept. 22, 6:15 p.m. Marnie Bowen, marnieb1963@aol.com.

FEED THE HUNGRY. 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, 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.

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

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

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, September 7, 2015

Campus Closed; for pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Clergy Renewal Think Tank, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room
Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet at main parking lot
- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Ballroom
- 3:30 p.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Introduction to Worship for Kindergarten, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Leader Training, Loft
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Thursday, September 10, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Fullerton Room
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Virginia (Ginny) Lott Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, September 11, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room
Glenn A. Shively Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, September 12, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor and Library
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor and Library

Sunday, September 13, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School Kick-Off for age 2 - grade 12.
- 11:00 a.m. Rally Day Festivities, front lawn

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

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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