



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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September 13, 2015  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Sixteenth 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 or ask questions. We'd be glad to provide a tour and tell you about 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:** infants - age 2; 7:45 - 12:30 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 Ed. Bldg.*

**Grades 6- 12:** 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym;

10:30 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

**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 might greet one another after worship.

**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.

**TODAY IS RALLY DAY!** Join us on the front lawn (rain location: Ministries Center) after 10:00 a.m. worship for our our festive celebration for all ages as we kick off a new program year.

*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** Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 547 J.S. Bach

\* **WELCOME** Kellen A. Smith

## † **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the morning light, may we glimpse God's image deep within us,  
the threads of eternal glory woven within us.

**All: May we catch sight of the mystery of the human soul  
fashioned in God's likeness.**

One: Let us recall God's love for us, deeper than knowing,  
more enduring than time.

**All: Let us respond to God's call to us with our whole heart  
as we offer our praise and adoration.**

† **HYMN 487** When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

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

Eternal God, you are the fountain of all wisdom, yet we look to our own understanding to discern what is right, good and beautiful. Forgive us for failing to trust your Word and for failing to walk in your ways. Humble our hearts to embrace your wisdom with gladness that we may live more faithfully, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

*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

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

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



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God  
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u-pon you, and may  
God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the  
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

*During the Sending Hymn, children leave for Sunday School.*

**FIRST LESSON** Psalm 111 (*p. 562 in pew Bible*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**ANTHEM** Jesus our Savior Anton Bruckner  
Sanctuary Choir

Jesus, our Savior, God's Son incarnate, our King eternal! Thou dost save from curse of sin, from death's dread power. Thou hast redeemed us with thy blood most holy. Jesus, our Savior! Jesus, our Savior, our Redeemer, plead Thou for us before the throne of God. Pray for us, Jesus, now and ever. Jesus, Redeemer, save us, we pray Thee. Amen.

**SECOND LESSON** 1 Corinthians 1:25-31 (*p. 166 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

**SERMON** *The Beginning of Wisdom* Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 327 O Word of God Incarnate MUNICH

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

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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.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
    to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
    like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.  
*(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

### **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 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.

### **OFFERING**

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

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Make our Church one Joyful Choir Jonathan Crutchfield

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross and to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost. Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss and our acts and words of care trace the pattern of your cross. Shape us, Christ, to bear your name. Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire, so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Amen!

### † **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.

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| † | <b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>            |                                       | Rebecca Kirkpatrick |
| † | <b>HYMN 429</b>                        | Lord, You Give the Great Commission   | ABBOT'S LEIGH       |
| † | <b>BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE</b> |                                       | Agnes W. Norfleet   |
| † | <b>POSTLUDE</b>                        | "Final" from Organ <i>Symphonie I</i> | Louis Vierne        |

*In preparation for new hymnals next week, please help remove the blue hymnals from the Sanctuary following today's service. Round tables are available on the flagstones to receive them. If the hymnal you used today has no dedication on the inside front cover, you may take it home with you. If it does have a dedication, it will be alphabetized; those who donated it will be able to find their hymnal in the coming weeks.*

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Charles Iredell Tenney

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Representatives of Membership Council

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

### **THE POSTLUDE**

Vierne's *Organ Symphony No. 1* was written between 1898 and 1899, and is clearly an homage to his teacher Widor, as it displays many of the Romantic ideals and features of Widor's symphonies. The Final (last movement of the symphony) is one of the staples of the organ repertoire. The hands open with a memorable bell-like figure, while the opening melody is set in the deep bass of the pedals. The development section is one of the most creative sections of the entire symphony, transforming the main theme through many permutations in different ranges of the organ, and through many distant key centers. The recapitulation showcases an alteration of the opening ostinato, then in duplets, now in triplets. As the final climax builds, the pedals give one last flourish, encompassing the entire range of the pedalboard, before the last three chords resound through the Sanctuary.

## Announcements

**NEW CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS.** Submit recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2015-2016 via the forms at our building entrances or at [www.bmpc.org/nominatingform](http://www.bmpc.org/nominatingform). Candidates must be church members for at least two years, participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church budget. Susan Bravo, [b41793@aol.com](mailto:b41793@aol.com).

**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.

**FALL CHOIR REGISTRATION.** “Wednesdays Together” for grades K-5 from 4:30-6:00 p.m., led by Edward Landin and the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, followed by Youth Chorale (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 (adults 55+): Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org), ext. 8836.

**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](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**MINISTRIES CENTER ART EXHIBIT.** An exhibit of BMPC’s permanent art collection is on view through Sun., Oct. 25. Visit this collection of works by local and international artists and learn about their significance and acquisition. [jeankwolf@gmail.com](mailto:jeankwolf@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Sundays

**COUPLES BIBLE STUDY.** Begins Sun., Sept. 20, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 105, led by Barbara and David Heaton. Study of the Old Testament book of Joshua. Barbara Heaton, [barbhheaton@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto: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. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

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

**YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH.** Sun., Sept. 20, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. Young adults (20s and 30s) are invited for a time of fellowship. KellenSmith@bmmpc.org, ext. 8822.

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY.** Sun., Sept. 27, 8:45 a.m. family breakfast, Congregational Hall; 10:00 a.m. Bible presentation, Sanctuary. Register: MaryRichards@bmmpc.org with your child's name for the bookplate and the number for breakfast.

**6TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** Sun., Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 6th grade families are invited to join together with Pastor Kellen for a time of fellowship after worship. Register: AmyBauer@bmmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## **Upcoming Weekdays / Saturdays**

**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tues., Sept. 15, 12:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Bring lunch 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 for women about the parables of Jesus. MaryRichards@bmmpc.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. JaneWilber@bmmpc.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@bmmpc.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 the residents 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, ygroupbmmpc@gmail.com.

**DISCERNING GOD'S CALL.** Wed., Sept. 23 and 30, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Explore the Christian understanding 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. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC.** Mon., Sept. 28, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Our season opener features soprano soloist Elizabeth Weigle, accompanied by pianist Elizabeth Morgan. DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com, 610-525-8347.

**MATTER OF BALANCE.** Fridays beginning Oct. 2, 11:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. Eight-week course co-sponsored with 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***

**“DOING GOOD TOGETHER” FOR GRADES 1 - 5.** Mon., Sept. 14, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. with extended day option, Congregational Hall. Students work together to help our mission partners around Philadelphia: serving the hungry, visiting the elderly, cleaning up God’s creation, and more! MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

**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, a mailing project for TheVillage, painting at Chester Charter School for the Arts, gardening at Urban Tree Connection, cleaning up Arch Street Preschool, and a collection for Habitat for Humanity’s Re-Store. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**PRAYER MINISTRY.** Our Prayer Group meets every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in Fullerton Room to pray for BMPC members and friends; an email-supported prayer chain now expands this ministry. Submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit [www.bmpc.org/prayer](http://www.bmpc.org/prayer). Jeanne LeBuhn, [wlebuhn200@comcast.net](mailto:wlebuhn200@comcast.net), 610-688-6984.

**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](mailto:wilbaway5@comcast.net).

**VOLUNTEER FOR OUR TUTORING PROGRAM.** We need adult group leaders for our Tuesday evening tutoring program in our Ed. Bldg. for children from North Philadelphia. Registration meeting: Tues., Sept. 22, 6:15 p.m. Marnie Bowen, [marnieb1963@aol.com](mailto:marnieb1963@aol.com).

**DINE OUT TO BENEFIT MAIN LINE ADULT DAY CENTER.** Any Tuesday in September; enjoy a meal at Not Your Average Joe’s restaurant in Suburban Square and 15% of the proceeds will benefit the Main Line Adult Day Center on our campus. Vouchers required; pick one up at our Receptionist Desk.

**ASSIST WITH THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK.** IHN guests will be here Sept. 20 - 27. Assist by preparing and serving dinner or spending the night. BarbaraHHeaton@gmail.com, 610-667-2197.

**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.

**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](http://www.bmpc.org), call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).***

### **Today, 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.
- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 2, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (through 12:30 p.m.)  
9:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Council, Loft  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.  
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.  
10:30 a.m. Youth Grade Groups, Ministries Center  
Confirmation, Witherspoon Parlor  
11:00 a.m. Rally Day, front lawn (rain location: Ministries Center)

### **Monday, September 14, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Doing Good Together for Grades 1 - 5, Congregational Hall  
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee, Witherspoon Parlor

### **Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor  
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor

- 1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room  
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19 Committee, Gymnasium

### **Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Converse House Parlor  
Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room  
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. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room  
4:30 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Children's Choir), Fine Arts Center  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall  
6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center  
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft  
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

### **Thursday, September 17, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Fullerton Room  
Tour of Presbyterian Historical Society, meet in BMPC parking lot  
10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room  
7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee, Conference Room  
Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center  
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

### **Friday, September 18, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. WePAC Workshop, Congregational Hall and Gymnasium

### **Saturday, September 19, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Congregation-Wide Day of Service, meet in Ministries Center Court  
10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Converse House Parlor

### **Sunday, September 20, 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 for age 2 - grade 12.  
Adult classes at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

## ***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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Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • [JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org](mailto:JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org)

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