



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2015
8:00 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. Many of our activities are resuming after summer hiatus, and we'd be glad to tell you about our programs and ministries. We hope you will return often!

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 may greet each other 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 AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

† 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)*

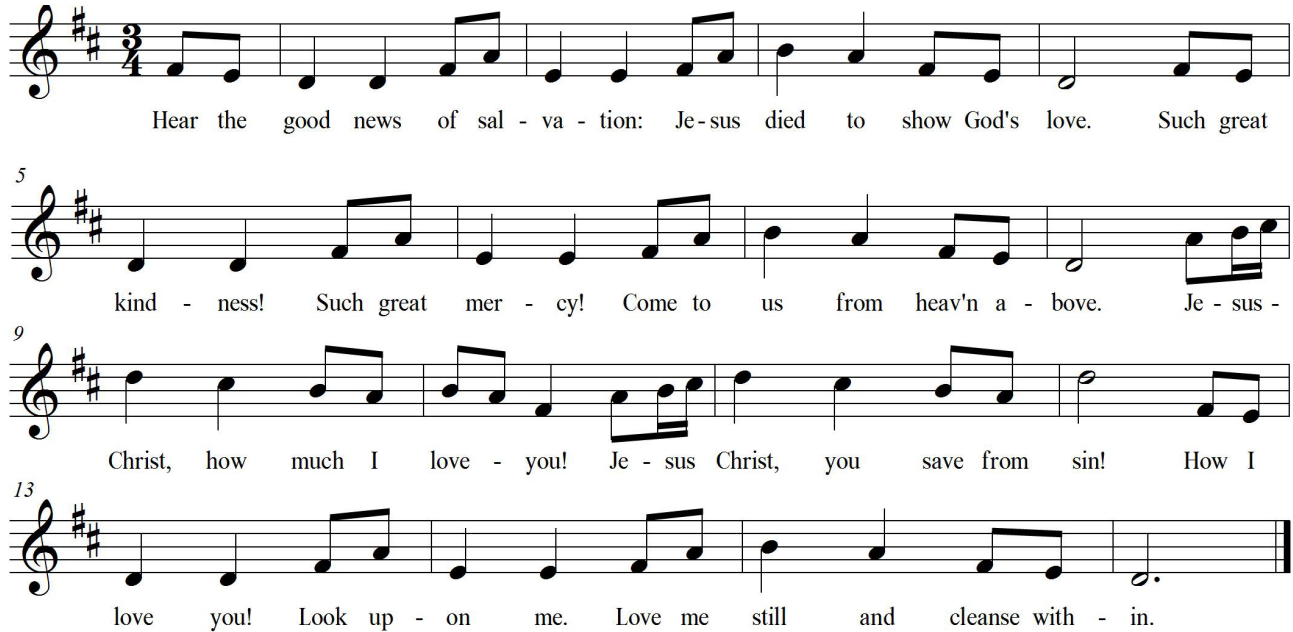
Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Musical score for Congregational Response, 3/4 time, key of D major. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love. Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heav'n a - bove. Je - sus - Christ, how much I love - you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in."

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Becky Brinks

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 111 (*p. 562 in pew Bible*)

Becky Brinks

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Beginning of Wisdom

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN 327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

† Please stand, if able.

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

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Becky Brinks

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. 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.

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, 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, 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.

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.

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. 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, 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@bmpc.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@bmpc.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@bmpc.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@bmpc.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@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. 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 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, ygroupbmpc@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. Jeanne LeBuhn, 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.

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.

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, call the church office, or contact 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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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

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