



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 20, 2015
8:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Seventeenth 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.

*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

Kellen A. Smith

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus came as a child in the fullness of humanity
that we may know God's love for us.

All: We come to worship as God's children, welcomed and loved.

One: Jesus said that the kingdom of God
belongs to those who are like little children.

All: Trusting we belong to God, we live toward God's promised day.

† HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

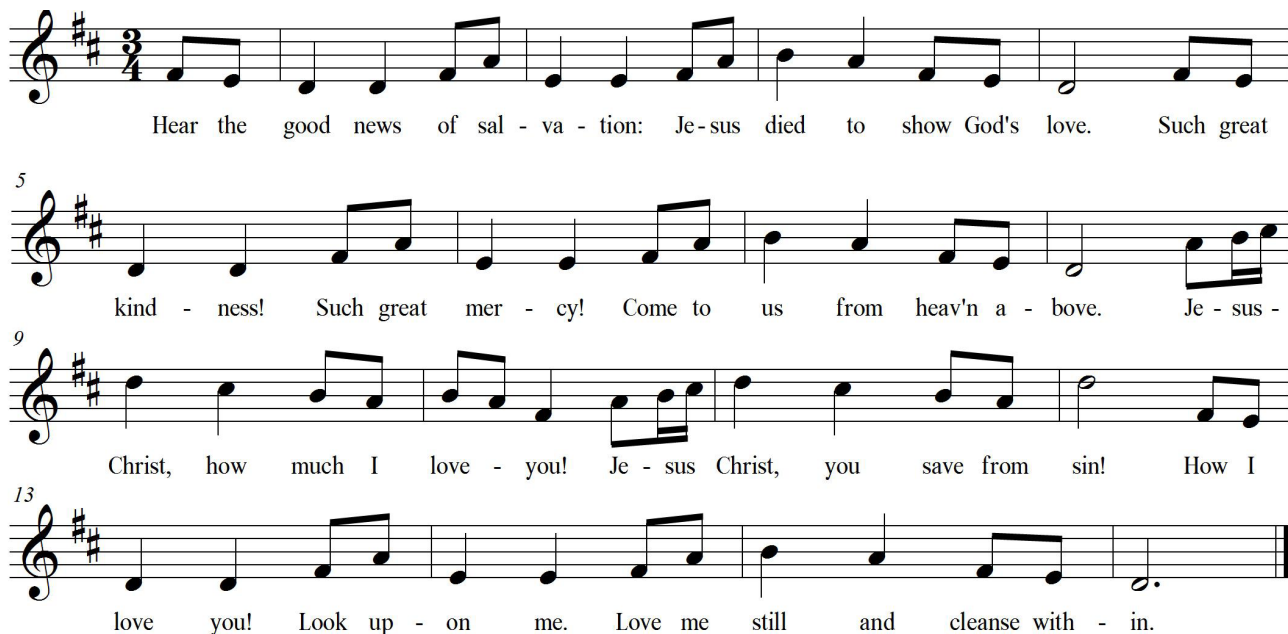
Lord Jesus Christ, you put a child in the middle of your followers to teach us about humility. We confess that we have been filled with self-importance; we have sought more to be served than to serve. We strive for personal gain, and care little for the needs of others. In mercy, forgive us, and renew us. By your Spirit, help us become as little children, so that we may receive your kingdom gladly and freely, without regard for personal advantage. Soften our hearts that we will more fully please you and more freely serve one another, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† *Please stand, if able.*

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

Susie Valerio

FIRST LESSON James 3:13-18 (p. 230 in *pew Bible*)

Susie Valerio

SECOND LESSON Mark 9:30-37 (p. 45 in *pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Paradox of First and Last

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN** 487

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kellen A. Smith

*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

† LITANY OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: Eternal God, we are grateful for the generosity you inspire in us.

All: We give our offerings with a spirit of commitment to serve you.

One: We pray that you bless these gifts to further your work through the church,

All: And you use us, the givers, to proclaim your love to the world.

One: May our praises join the heavenly choirs and the music of creation.

All: Even the stars sing for joy, and the trees of the field clap their hands.

One: We give thanks for the timeless and familiar hymns of the church,

All: That keep us connected with the saints and traditions from the past.

One: We praise you that in each generation new songs of faith arise,

All: To sing a new song to the Lord of all the earth.

One: We give thanks for the gifts of these new hymnals,

All: Celebrating friends and honoring the precious memory of loved ones.

One: By your grace, may this new hymnal shape our faith for the years to come,

All: As we continue the joyful tradition of singing together.

One: In response to your abundant love and grace, we dedicate *Glory to God*

**All: To tune our hearts to sing your praise,
and glorify your holy name. Amen.**

† Please stand, if able.

† **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 Garrett Buck and James Mahlon Buck Jr.

THE CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Hugh and Ruth Campbell

RECEIVING HOLY BAPTISM AT 10:00 WORSHIP

Mackenzie Abigail Liggett, daughter of Sharna and Jon Liggett
Elder Eric Swanson
and Jude Vaughan, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of Adult Education Council

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Susie Valerio

† *Please stand, if able.*

Announcements

NEW CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2015-2016 via the forms at 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.

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.

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.

Today

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY. Begins today, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205, 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 today, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. peggyhermann@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Begins today, 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. Today and Sept. 27, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall, led by Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts. Introducing our new hymnal. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

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

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH. Today, noon, Pastor Kellen's Manse. Young adults (20s and 30s) are invited for a time of fellowship. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

This Week

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

Upcoming

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 for a time of fellowship after worship. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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.

INFANT/TODDLER "FRIDAY MORNING OUT." Fridays beginning Oct. 2, 9:00 - 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 101. Parents and caregivers drop off children (infants - age 3) to learn and play. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811 for details about cost and registration.

MATTER OF BALANCE. Fridays beginning Oct. 2, 11:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. Eight-week course co-sponsored with 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 at bmpc.org > Calednar > Open Registrations or contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

FALL ASLEEP; STAY ASLEEP. Sat. Oct. 3, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. National sleep expert Karl Doghramji, MD discusses sleep wellness in adulthood. Cost: \$10. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

Save the Date

COMMUNITY FORUM WITH DAVID GREGORY. Mon., Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. A former NBC newsman and moderator of *Meet the Press*, Gregory will discuss 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. 8806.

RE-IMAGINED SACRED SPACES PROGRAM WITH LUNCH. Wed., Oct. 7, noon - 2:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Robert Jaeger discusses Philadelphia's Partners for Sacred Places, which helps to utilize older religious properties as civic assets. Catered meal, \$10. Guided tour of four churches on Sat., Oct. 10. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE: THE REV. DR. BRIAN BLOUNT

President and Professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Dr. Blount will join us for the weekend:

- Sat., Oct. 17, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. Lecture: “God is on the Loose.”
- Sun., Oct. 18: Dr. Blount preaches at 10:00 a.m. worship; light brunch and lecture “Jesus as a Teacher” follows.

CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819

Caring & Sharing

DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR THE COMMON PLACE. Place candy (no nuts, please) for their Halloween party in the collection bins in the Ministries Center or Education Building. The Common Place receives support from the Eugene C. Bay Fund through our Outreach Council. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

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.

ASSIST WITH THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK. IHN guests are here through September 27. Assist by preparing and serving dinner or spending the night. BarbaraHHeaton@gmail.com, 610-667-2197.

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 Reception Desk.

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, prayers. Jane Wilber, Parent Coordinator, willbaway5@comcast.net.

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 20, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism and 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.)
8:45 a.m. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
"Filling the Well" Women's Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
- 9:00 a.m. Staff Design Team, Pastors' Conference Room
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. Lemonade on the Lawn
11:15 a.m. Kick off Gathering for Youth & Parents, Gymnasium
Glory to God Hymnal Class, Congregational Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Young Adults Brunch, Pastor Kellen's Manse

Monday, September 21, 2015

- 9:15 a.m. Caring and Crafts, Gloucester Room
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
6:45 p.m. Communications Committee, Conference Room

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
9:15 a.m. Y-Group Brunch and Parenting Program, Congregational Hall
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
6:00 p.m. Pathways to Clergy Renewal, off campus
6:15 p.m. Tutoring Sign-Up & Adult Leader Training, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, September 23, 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. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
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
Discerning God's Call, Witherspoon Parlor
Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, September 24, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
7:00 p.m. Bible for Beginners, Gloucester Room
Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, September 25, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
11:00 a.m. Weekday School Fall Picnic, front lawn

Saturday, September 26, 2015

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

Sunday, September 27, 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.

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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www.bmpc.org (for program information, calendar, and staff directory)

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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