



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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September 27, 2015  
8:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Eighteenth 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.*



*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

Emily Elizabeth Fletcher ~ September 16, 2015

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come not simply to a sanctuary, but into the presence of God.

**All: We come in our need and bring with us the needs of the world.**

One: We are carried by our faith and stand in the face of doubts.

**All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.**

One: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

**All: and it is God who promises a holy welcome;  
it is God who promises never to turn us away.**

## † HYMN 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

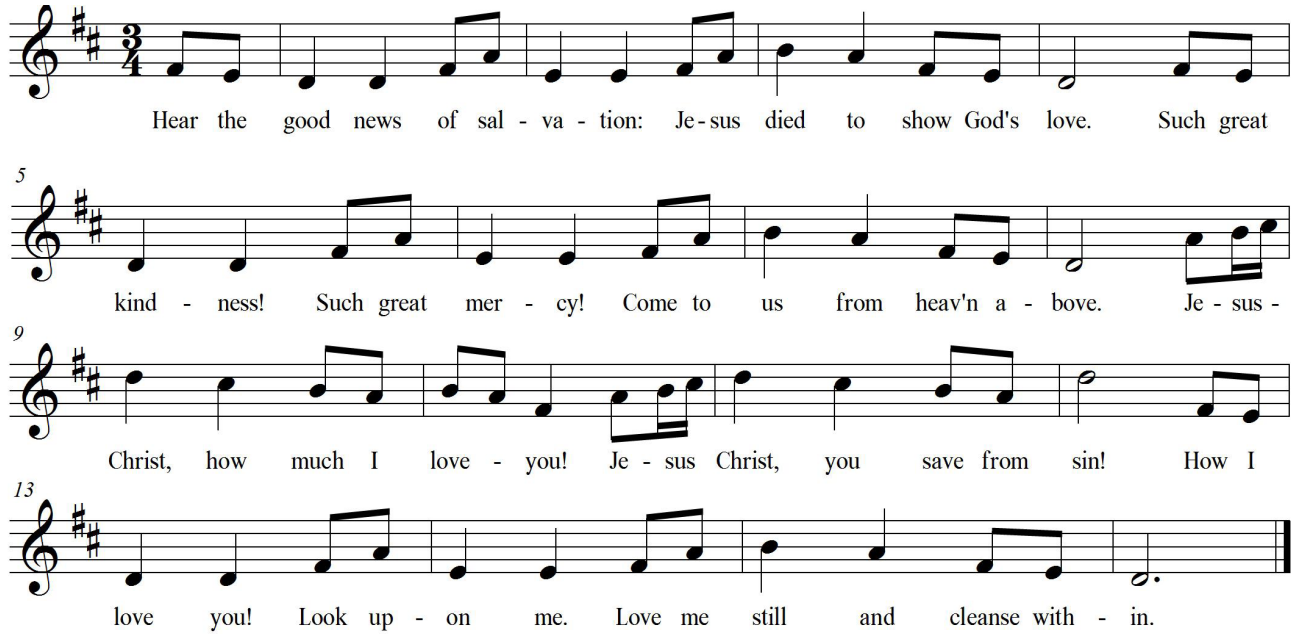
Loving God, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have heard your summons to follow and we have failed to be faithful to your calling. We have heard how you bless the church with the power of your Spirit and a spirit of unity, and yet we look for the things that divide us one from another. Forgive us, O God, and free us to be a community of blessing, spreading the gospel in word and deed. Empower us anew to be good stewards of the mysteries of your grace. Amen.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† *Please stand, if able.*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love. Such great  
5 kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heav'n a - bove. Je - sus -  
9 Christ, how much I love - you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin! How I  
13 love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

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## HEARING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Steve Udicious

**FIRST LESSON** Psalm 145:1-10 (*p. 581 in pew Bible*)

Steve Udicious

**SECOND LESSON** Philippians 1:1-11 (*p. 196 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*As Partners in the Gospel*  
1st of *Our Stewardship Journey* series from Philippians

Agnes W. Norfleet

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

## 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

### MINISTRY MOMENT

Susie Valerio on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

## † 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  
Grafton D. Chase  
Elizabeth C. Erb and Harry C. Erb  
Richard W. Knecht  
Emilie M. Pyle  
Louella & Melville Kennedy

### **BIBLES PRESENTED**

to these 3rd grade children during the 10:00 a.m. service are provided by  
the Catherine C. Miller Fund of The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Foundation:

Andrew Bachman	Corinne Sanborn Davis	Elisabeth Lee Maeulen
Nina K. Bertrand	Chet Ebert	Maddie Meiler
Andrew James Beyer	Eli Karl Engelman	Jane Newlin
David Matthew Blusiewicz	Theodore Henry Engelman	Henry Koban Payne
Addison Maya Chang	Georgia Grace Gatta*	Elijah Samuel Press
Delanie Grace Ciprich*	Read Potter Kitchel*	Jordan Lillian Smith*
Jasper Conway	Ashley Elizabeth Kuntz	Rafael Rhoads Snyder
Maeve Daley-Gibson	Brody Robert Ladda	* = <i>unable to attend today.</i>

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Representatives of Peacemaking Committee and Interfaith Hospitality Network

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Elder Steve Udicious

† *Please stand, if able.*

## Announcements

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS DUE.** Submit recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2016-2017 by Sept. 30 via the forms at 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).

**MINISTRIES CENTER ART EXHIBIT.** An exhibit of BMPC's permanent art collection is on view through Sun., Oct. 25. A show of photography by BMPC members is planned for November; submit photos in printed format by Oct. 26. [jeankwolf@gmail.com](mailto:jeankwolf@gmail.com).

**WE HAVE BOOKS!** Our Book Center has selections for purchase and 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. Kat MacMurray, [KatRMac2@gmail.com](mailto:KatRMac2@gmail.com).

## Today

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY.** 8:45 a.m. family breakfast, Congregational Hall; 10:00 a.m. Bible presentation, Sanctuary. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL CLASS.** 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts introduces our new hymnal. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**6TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 6th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. [KellenSmith@bmpc.org](mailto:KellenSmith@bmpc.org), ext. 8822.

## This Week

**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](mailto: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. For details about cost and registration: [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**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. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto: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.

## **Upcoming**

**ISLAM'S PERSPECTIVE ON BEING A NEIGHBOR.** Sunday, Oct. 4, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Led by Hibba Abugideiri, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Villanova. Dr. Abugideiri returns to BMPC after her well-received lecture from last year to share perceptions of being a neighbor according to Islam. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**7TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** Sun., Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 7th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. Register: 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 will discuss lessons he's learned about belief and the topic of his new book, *How's Your Faith? An Unlikely Spiritual Journey*. 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, sponsored by our Senior Adult Council. 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.

**SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF.** Sat., Oct. 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. On-going support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one. All welcome. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

## **Save the Date**

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP REPORT.** Sunday, Oct. 11, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Dominican Republic Mission Team reports on its life-changing experiences by sharing photos, videos, and testimonies. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**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.

**INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SERIES.** Wednesdays, Oct. 14 – Nov. 18, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Discover the benefits of meditation with the Rev. John Hill, therapist with the Middleton Center. \$15 per session payable in class. Register: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766.



## **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., Congregational Hall. 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***

**WORLD FOOD DAY COLLECTION.** Sun., Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Narthex. Hunger Committee members will collect canned and nonperishable food items to be delivered to area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Especially needed: protein sources such as canned tuna fish, beans, stew, meats, baby food and baby formula. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**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 is a sacred space serving the families of Southwest Philadelphia that receives support from our Eugene C. Bay Fund through our Outreach Council. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**DINE OUT TO BENEFIT MAIN LINE ADULT DAY CENTER.** Last chance on Tues., Sept. 29, to enjoy a meal at Not Your Average Joe’s restaurant in Suburban Square and have 15% of the proceeds benefit the Main Line Adult Day Center on our campus. Vouchers required; available at our Reception Desk. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**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, wilbaway5@comcast.net.

**PASTORAL CARE.** If you or someone you know in our community are going through a difficult time, our Care Team is available for home and hospital visits and prayer. You may submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit [www.bmpc.org/prayer](http://www.bmpc.org/prayer). LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

**FEED THE HUNGRY.** Contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

**NEED A RIDE?** We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments call Lorie Benovic, ext. 8833. Volunteer drivers welcome.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS.** Please pray for all who remain in harm’s way. If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces, contact Janney Ryan, JanneyRyan610@gmail.com.

# ***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 27, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship with 3rd Grade Bible Presentation 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. Grade 3 Family Breakfast, Congregational Hall  
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
- 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 (weather permitting)  
11:15 a.m. Glory to God Hymnal Class, Congregational Hall  
11:30 a.m. 6th Grade Youth and Parent Brunch, Pastor Kellen's Manse

## **Monday, September 28, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
1:30 p.m. Perspectives in Music, Fine Arts Center  
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board, Pastors' Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Conference Room

## **Tuesday, September 29, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Pathways to Clergy Renewal, Witherspoon Parlor  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
6:15 p.m. Tutoring Program Student Training, Ed. Bldg.

### **Wednesday, September 30, 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
- 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
- Sanctuary Choir - Men, Fine Arts Center

### **Thursday, October 1, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, October 2, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. Infant/Toddler "Friday Morning Out," Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

### **Saturday, October 3, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. "Fall Asleep; Stay Asleep," Congregational Hall

### **Sunday, October 4, 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 3.
- Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 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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