



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

November 8, 2015
8:00 a.m., Sanctuary
24th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to BMPC

Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

NEW HERE? Visit the information alcove near the main Sanctuary entrance to learn more about us. We invite you to participate in any of our programs that interest you and hope you will return often. Questions? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare: infants - age 2; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.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 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. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

*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."

James Allen, Jr. ~ October 31, 2015

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and

**All: who executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.**

One: The Lord sets prisoners free
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**All: The Lord watches over the stranger
and upholds the orphan and the widow.
The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

† HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves
and clamor after privilege and honor.

Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze
because we do not believe we have anything to give.

You have given us the best gift of all:
freedom from all that harms us
and the way to abundant life.

Have mercy on our foolishness
and heal our lovesick hearts,
that we may live faithfully for you.

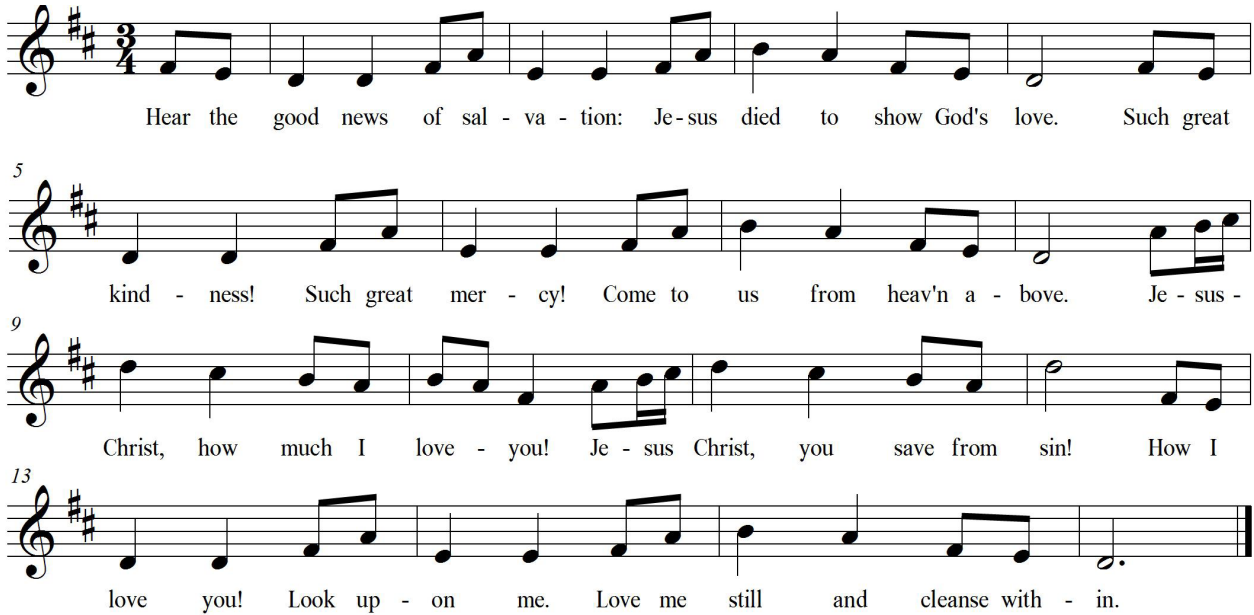
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

Kirstin Engelman

FIRST LESSON

Ruth 2:1-13 (*p. 242 in pew Bible*)

Kirstin Engelman

SECOND LESSON Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (*p. 243 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Wings of Refuge

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Esther M. and Herbert P. Stellwagen

RECEIVING HOLY BAPTISM AT 10:00 SERVICE

Hadley Claire Smith, daughter of Kellen and Sarah Smith
Elder Steve Udicious
and Alexandra Bachman, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of our Young Adult Ministry

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Kirstin Engelman

*The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet is in Atlanta today
preaching for the 60th anniversary of North Decatur Presbyterian Church
where she served as Pastor/Head of Staff from 1992-2005.*

Announcements

OUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY. Thanks to all who have made commitments toward our 2016 stewardship campaign — we are grateful for your financial support. We look forward to receiving remaining pledge commitments!

CASTING CALL FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. Calling all young actors and readers! Children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve family service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Email MaryRichards@bmpc.org with the ages of children and indicate if they would like to speak, read, or act. Deadline: Nov. 15.

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER. Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Our choir school program led by Edward Landin and the Rev. Rachel Pedersen is adjusting the time to 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Kindergarten - 5th grade children are invited for music, Bible lessons, and fun! For details and to register, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

OUTREACH GRANTS. Organizations that are in West Philadelphia and/or are Presbytery-related are encouraged to apply for BMPC's 2016 outreach grants. Search "grants" at www.bmpc.org; deadline is Nov. 15. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. If you are not a member, we invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Dec. 5, at a breakfast meeting of Session followed by reception in worship. Preceding membership, attend our "Gathering with the Pastors" on Sunday morning, Nov. 29, for an opportunity to meet our pastoral staff, learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

Today

SYRIAN CRISIS RESPONSE GATHERING. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads members of BMPC in a conversation about how we might respond to the Syrian refugee crisis. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE HEBREW PROPHETS. 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. As we continue on our journey to determine "Who is our neighbor?" Tim Horner of Villanova University leads us in a discussion about the Hebrew Prophets and how this defines our insider/outsider mentality when we self-identify as Christians. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

This Week

PARENT GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH TRANSGENDER CHILDREN.

Tues., Nov. 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Middleton Center. Confidential support group to meet other parents of transgender or questioning children. \$25/person - \$40/couple. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Nov. 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Susan Thorkelson. Spend the evening with BMPC women of all ages and enjoy sharing a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion led by the Rev. Margaret Anne Fohl. Topic: "What's Love Got to Do With It?: Perspectives on Relationships." Register and identify your potluck contribution: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

TEAM-UP TOURNAMENT. Sat., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Gym. First annual event of round robin basketball for children and youth with and without disabilities. Adult referees, coaches, greeters, and K-12 players needed! No basketball experience necessary; all welcome. \$10 registration fee, scholarships available. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations, or email upward@bmpc.org.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIVORCE. Sat., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Middleton Center. A "Second Saturday" workshop to offer financial, emotional and legal advice from qualified professionals. \$20/person. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

Upcoming

YOUNG ADULT DINNER GATHERING. Sun., Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m., El Limon in Ardmore. Anyone in their 20s or 30s is welcome for a time of fellowship with our young adult group. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

SENIOR HAPPENINGS LIVING LEGACY BRUNCH. Sun., Nov. 15, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Drs. William Arnold and Margaret Anne Fohl return as part of our "Living Legacy Series." Register with a check for \$15 by Nov. 11., attn.: Amy Bauer. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

10TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 10th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

4TH AND 5TH GRADE BOWLING. Sun., Nov. 15, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Wynnewood Lanes in Ardmore. Bowling, pizza and fun. Cost: \$5. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

LUNCHEON AND CONCERT FEATURING PIANIST MARJA KAISLA. Wed., Nov. 18, noon, Congregational Hall. Finnish-American pianist Marja Kaisla presents a concert commemorating the 150th anniversary of Jean Sibelius' birth. Sponsored by Senior Adult Council & Perspectives in Music; \$15 includes lunch. Register with check by Nov. 12 to AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this monthly study of the Bible. Newcomers welcome. Anita Ayengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY. Fri., Nov. 20, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A showing of *The Polar Express* with pizza dinner. Children are invited to wear pajamas and bring blankets! Gluten-free pizza available with advance request. Suggested donation: \$5 per person / \$20 cap per family. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Save the Date

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sun., Nov. 22, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gym. Opening day for our Advent Gift Market (AGM) where you may choose “gifts” representing donations that make a difference. New this year: on opening day only you may purchase tangible items to benefit some of the organizations. Online shopping also available: search “Advent Gift Market” at www.bmpc.org. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

ORGAN RECITAL. Sun., Nov. 22, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Organist Faythe Freese presents works from five different countries as she reflects on a year of playing organs throughout Europe. The program also includes the Pennsylvania premiere of a work she commissioned by American organist and composer Pamela Decker entitled *The Freese Collection*. Tickets may be purchased in advance on our website or at the door: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 26, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for “Pancakes for a Purpose” and enjoy fellowship and food at this annual event. All proceeds from the breakfast (\$5 per person) support our youth mission projects and trips. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND HAMS. Bring frozen turkeys and hams to the freezers in the Ministries Center. The Hunger Committee will donate them to needy families in our area during the holidays. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

SERVE DINNER TO TUTORED STUDENTS. The BMPC Tutoring Program needs 1-2 volunteers each Tuesday evening to help serve dinner to the students. Each week’s meal is prepared by caterer Ruth Johnson, but volunteers are needed to warm and dish out food in anticipation of the children’s arrival (time commitment is from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.). Marnie Bowen, marnieb1963@aol.com.

FEED THE HUNGRY. Come to a casserole blitz on Sat., Nov. 21, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in our main kitchen to prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contributions in the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide ingredients. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

This Week's Calendar

*For more information visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, November 8, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism and Choirs, Sanctuary
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.
- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 2, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 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. 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 (grades 6 - 12) in Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. Syrian Crisis Response Gathering, Congregational Hall
Prophets and Social Justice, Witherspoon Parlor
Prime Time Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Monday, November 9, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
11:30 a.m. Spiritual Directors' Circle, Congregational Hall
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet in main parking lot
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Mindful Meditation Class, Witherspoon Parlor
- 4:45 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
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve - High School Leadership Team, Loft
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, November 12, 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
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, November 13, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Infant/Toddler "Friday Morning Out," Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, home of Susan Thorkelson in Rosemont

Saturday, November 14, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Team-Up Tournament, Gymnasium
Divorce Support Group, Middleton Center
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Support Group, Converse House Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Janet Allan Memorial Service and Reception, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 15, 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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24/7 Answering Service for Pastoral Emergencies: 610-525-2821

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The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org

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