



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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June 26, 2016  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# *Welcome to BMPC*

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

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased to have you with us as we gather to worship God. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate according to your interests. Questions? Stop at the information alcove near the main Sanctuary entrance or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809, during the week.

**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 3; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102

**Sunday School** for age 4 - grade 3: 10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201  
*(Children begin worship with their families and depart after the Children's Moment)*

**Grades 4 - 12 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. To keep informed about our activities, subscribe to BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the fellowship register. Visit our homepage, [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org), for links to ministry specific newsletters and our Facebook and Instagram pages.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP.** Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10:00 a.m. worship service (rain location: Ministries Center Court).

*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**

Grand Dialogue in C

Louis Marchand

**WELCOME**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O Holy One, you are our God.

**All: We will exalt you; we will praise your name.**

One: For you have done wonderful things:

**All: Plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

One: You have been a stronghold for your people,

**All: Promising a future of blessing and peace.**

One: O Holy One, you are our God.

**All: We exalt and praise your loving name.**

† **HYMN 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God of Abraham and Sarah,

you are a God who acts in human history.

God of our fathers and mothers,

you are a God who calls us into a family of faith.

Yet we confess that we are too preoccupied with our own lives

to look for your unfolding purposes in our time.

We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world,

as if you had little role to play.

Forgive our lack of faith, and help us to join you

as you labor to build up your kingdom and bring new life to the earth,

in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **GLORIA PATRI** *(in unison)*

*(Hymnal 581)*

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.*

† *Please stand, if able.*

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

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

*During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.*



Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God  
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and may  
God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the  
presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

**FIRST LESSON**      Genesis 18:1-15 (*p. 14 in pew Bible*)      Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**SECOND LESSON**      Genesis 21:1-7 (*p. 16 in pew Bible*)      Agnes W. Norfleet

**SERMON**      *Abraham and Sarah: God's Gift of Laughter*      Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 74**      When God Restored Our Common Life      RESIGNATION

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)      Richard Wohlschlaeger

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.

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  
 AND 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 AND  
 OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

How Can I Keep from Singing                      Jeffrey Honore  
 Summer Choir

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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

† **DOXOLOGY** *(in unison)* *(Hymnal 606)*

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.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN 39**                                      Great Is Thy Faithfulness                                      FAITHFULNESS

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**                                      Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE**                                      Improvisation on “Leoni”                                      Jeffrey Brillhart

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of  
Clara Lemon

### **CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS**

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of  
Lawrence R. Brown Jr.

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Participants in our Supper Club Ministry

## TODAY'S PRELUDE

Today's prelude, "Grand Dialogue in C" opens with a long, low pedal tone. The sonorities that follow are beautiful: uncluttered, majestic, at times dramatic. A feature of the Dialogue is alternation between two different registrations of the organ: the cromorne family of reeds and the trompette family of reeds. Born in Lyons in 1669, the composer Louis Marchand was a virtuoso organist and harpsichordist. At 14, he became organist at Nevers Cathedral. He went to other positions in French churches throughout his life and spent four years on a concert tour in Germany, allegedly dodging personal and financial problems. Marchand served for a time as a court organist for Louis XIV, whose patronage furthered the development of French organ music and the instruments on which they were played.

The text of our opening hymn, "The God of Abraham Praise," has a long and complex history, beginning with a set of 13 articles of Jewish faith, known as the Yigdal, based on the imagery of Daniel 7 as written down by Moses Maimonides in the 12th century and versified around 1400 by Daniel ben Judah. In its sung form, this text continues to play a significant role in synagogue and domestic worship in numerous Jewish traditions. The version sung by Christians was written by Thomas Olivers after he heard cantor Meyer Lyon sing it in Hebrew in the Great Synagogue in London. Oliviers' adaptation into English deployed 12 stanzas. The present first and third stanzas are derived from his first and sixth. The melody, "Leoni" first appeared in the 18th century and is based one of the traditional melodies for the Hebrew *Yigdal* which cantor Meyer Lyon transcribed for Thomas Olivers. "Leoni" has found its way into several pieces of classical music, such as Rossini's oratorio *Moses in Egypt* and Smetna's *The Moldau*.

## BULLETIN COVER

Our four-year-olds learn about God's ongoing story through the unique curriculum, "Young Children and Worship," adapted from Maria Montessori's teaching methods. The curriculum's wooden figures and objects shown on this summer's bulletin covers are used repeatedly to help children identify a pattern. Today's story is set in the desert, a place where many important things happen. You'll notice Abraham and Sarah have built an altar in the desert sand. Our desert sand is in our "desert box" and we explain to our young children that because the desert is a unique place where God and people meet, we need to have a small piece of it in our room.

*Our summer sermon series is based upon the Old Testament stories we teach to our youngest children, hoping that children in worship will recognize them and the child in each of us will recall the foundational biblical witness for the life of faith.*

## **Announcements**

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Children age 4 – grade 3 are invited to Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201 after the Children’s Moment in 10:00 a.m. worship. In this summer class they will help mission partners and learn more about worship. Special activities are also available for our two- and three-year-olds in the nursery. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

**SUMMER CHOIR.** Through Sept. 4. All singers (age 12 to adults) are invited to come to church on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then to stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns) and informal (no robes). Come when you can; no need to sign up in advance. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION.** To sign up for our Middle School Urban Plunge in NYC or Camp Kirkwood 2016 for rising 6th - 12th graders, search “Summer Camps and Mission Trips” at www.bmpc.org. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The APNC is continuing its work to identify a candidate to serve as our Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults, and a candidate for Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Stewardship. The committee welcomes your input. To refer a potential candidate, email APNC@bmpc.org.

**SUPPER CLUB MINISTRY.** Interested in sharing fellowship and a potluck dinner several times a year in members’ homes? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

**CONGREGATIONAL MIXED-MEDIA ART SHOW.** This annual show welcomes works from artists who are members of the church and their friends, especially the Artists’ Gathering group who transform Gloucester Room into a studio every Thursday. Works will be on view in the Conference Room as well as Witherspoon Parlor through the summer. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**SHARE IDEAS FOR CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We’re starting to plan for Fall 2016. Any thoughts about ways our children’s Sunday school classes can build community and enjoy fellowship together? RachelPedersen@bmpc.org, ext. 8810.

**COLLECTION BINS.** Please do not leave items (of any type) at the church as donations unless there is specific request posted in the bulletin. Collection bins will have signs if there is a collection in process. Eyeglasses may be taken to Lenscrafters, or check with your local Lions Club.



## Today

**RECLAIMING EVANGELISM.** Classes through Sunday, July 24, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. In this summer's education series, we look at the tradition of evangelism and why it makes so many of us uncomfortable. We also share time with pastors from three of our mission partner ministries here in Philadelphia who consider evangelism to be a vital part of their work: Beacon Church, Broad Street Ministry, and West Kensington Ministries. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

## This Week

**ORGAN RECITAL.** Wed., June 29, 2:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Jeffrey Brillhart performs in conjunction with the Organ Historical Society Convention. All welcome, free of charge. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**NEW! CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP.** First meeting: Thurs., June 30, 1:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

## Caring & Sharing

**HUNGER FACT.** With an overall poverty rate of 25%, Philadelphia is the poorest big city (population over one million) in the county: 30% of food-insecure households skip meals, cut portions or otherwise forego food; 70% choose cheaper, less nutritious options. Help fight hunger by donating in the white hunger envelope in the pew rack or by bringing cans of food to the baskets near the main entrance of the Sanctuary.

**HOSPITAL INFORMATION.** Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

**SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS.** Please pray for Staff Sgt. Christian Craig, Valerie and Peter Craig's son, on his third deployment to the Middle East, and also for Frieda Kaniuka's grandson in the Armed Forces. If you have a loved one who is serving in the Armed Forces, contact Janney Ryan, janneyryan610@gmail.com.

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

**SERVE WITH OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM.** Provide rides for older adults, meals to those recuperating, prayer shawls for those in need of prayer, or visits to the homebound. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org or ext. 8833.

# ***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, June 26, 2016**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**  
Children and Youth in Worship (grades 4 - 12), Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:15 a.m. Reclaiming Evangelism, Witherspoon Parlor

## **Monday, June 27, 2016**

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Property Vision Team, Pastors' Conference Room

## **Tuesday, June 28, 2016**

*No scheduled activities.*

## **Wednesday, June 29, 2016**

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!; Meet in Main parking lot
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch for Organ Historical Society Convention, Ministries Center
- 2:15 p.m. Jeff Brillhart Recital and Masterclass for Organ Historical Society Convention, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

**Thursday, June 30, 2016**

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

1:00 p.m. Chronic Pain Support Group, Fullerton Room

**Friday, July 1, 2016**

*No activities scheduled.*

**Saturday, July 2, 2016**

*No activities scheduled.*

**Sunday, July 3, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach

Youth in Worship for grades 4 - 12

10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201

## ***Worship Staff***

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