

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

July 24, 2016 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary 17th 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 p.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, 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.

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Kyleen B. Conly – July 18, 2016



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Adagio" from *Symphonie V* Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME Kellen A. Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to worship God. Let us come with humility.

All: We offer all that we are, knowing that we need

God's Spirit to be what we ought to be.

One: We have come to worship God. Let us come with expectation.

All: In the Divine Presence there is light for our darkness and

purpose in our striving. Praise be to God!

† **HYMN** 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, you have spoken to men and women of old through dreams and visions,

yet we confess that we seek to rely on reason and tradition alone.

Fill us with vision, lead us into the future,

and enable us to grow toward a deeper understanding of your nature, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 AND COMMISSIONING OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TEAM

Kellen A. Smith Agnes W. Norfleet

SENDING HYMN

Go now, Children, with our Blessing

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



FIRST LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3, 29-34 (p. 225 in pew Bible) Agnes W. Norfleet

SECOND LESSON Judges 4:1-16 (p. 220 in pew Bible) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

SERMON Deborah Leads Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN** 730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God GRAND ISLE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

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, 1991

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

O For a Closer Walk Summer Choir

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest! I hate the sins that made Thee mourn and drove Thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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

† Please stand, if able. Page 4

† **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** 719 Come, Labor On ORA LABORA

† BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE Improvisation Jeffrey Brillhart

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TEAM

Miles Bertrand Mitchell Huffman Olivia Blusiewicz Thomas Lautenbach Kathryn Chang Will Lautenbach Leo Cieri Katie McGuirl Lily Durant Ashley Navarro Mark Dzwonczyk Jack Stevens Benjamin Fisher Luke Vaughan

MISSION TRIP LEADERS

The Reverend Kellen A. Smith
Colleen Bertrand
Susan Roan Chang
Dominic Maguire
Kathy Stevens

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of The Rais Family

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Melville Talbot Kennedy Jr. and Luella Kennedy Nicholas Nieh

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY

The Navarro family for Membership Council and new members Mike and Peggy Ballinger

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

"Deborah Leads"

Last fall, our fourth and fifth grade students learned about the Judges. Deborah was a leader, a prophet and a judge—a unique role for a woman. As one class explained, "Deborah and Barak are a team. Deborah brings wisdom and Barak brings his army." Including Deborah, along with Samson and Gideon, we let our daughters and our sons know that God can call us all as leaders.

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

Today

RECLAIMING EVANGELISM. Last class today, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. In this summer's education series, we looked at the tradition of evangelism and why it makes so many of us uncomfortable. We also shared 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. Today the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads a discussion about the future of evangelism at BMPC. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

Announcements

MIDDLE SCHOOL URBAN PLUNGE, JULY 24-29. Today 19 youth and adults are journeying to New York City for the Urban Plunge mission trip, where they will be serving at a variety of locations including soup kitchens and community gardens. Please keep this group in your prayers. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

CAMP KIRKWOOD REGISTRATION. Camp runs from August 7-13 and is for rising 6th - 12th graders. It's a week full of fun, friends, and faith in the Poconos! There are opportunities for archery, arts and crafts, high ropes, and free time with friends. With worship and small groups, camp is an unforgettable week. Cost: \$599. To sign up, search "Summer Camps and Mission Trips" at www.bmpc.org. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. Sundays through Aug. 21, Ed. Bldg. during 10:00 a.m. worship. Rising kindergartners - 3rd graders help mission partners and learn more about worship; special activities available for our 2- and 3-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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. We have an opening for Sanctuary flowers on Sunday, July 31. Interested donors should contact Ruth Miller Cox, 610-446-1595.

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 on view in the Conference Room as well as Witherspoon Parlor through the summer. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

THE BOOK CENTER. Select a book for your vacation at The Book Center in the Court of the Ministries Center. The key is available 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the Reception Desk. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

Caring & Sharing

SERVE AT OUR BROTHER'S PLACE. Sat., July 30, 10:15 a.m. Meet at BMPC to carpool to prepare and serve lunch at this homeless shelter for men in Philadelphia. Return by 2:00 p.m. Pam Haynes Walsh, Haynes-walsh@comcast.net.

PROVIDE BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN AT THEVILLAGE. Donate school supplies or pack a complete backpack to give children in foster care a great start to the school year. Shopping lists are available in the back of the church (Narthex) or at https://amzn.com/w/2KOGGAR5YTIPF. Items should be placed in the collection bins in the Ministries Center by Aug. 5. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

VOLUNTEER FOR UPWARD BASKETBALL. Our successful K - 12 special needs basketball ministry is back for another season! We are recruiting volunteers to serve for Fall 2016 and need practice buddies, referees, coaches, and general volunteers. All are welcome (ages 12+); no basketball or special needs experience required. If you can volunteer for the entire eight-week season or you'd like to help out for a day, contact league director Sarah Smith, upward@bmpc.org.

CLIP AND SAVE FOR THEVILLAGE. Clip and save the 10¢ Box Tops coupons from hundreds of General Mills products and partnering brands and place them in the collection box on the bookcase next to the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. You also may register your Giant Food Store Bonus Card to have a portion of your purchase donated to the Village at www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus/index.html. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PROVIDE HEALTHY LUNCHES FOR CHILDREN. Ten percent of students in Lower Merion schools participate in the Reduced Lunch Program. During the summer months, these families struggle to provide healthy lunch options for their children. Help us partner with Main Line Reform Temple in collecting Weekend Lunch Boxes that go home with children from summer programs in Ardmore and Haverford. The items may be deposited throughout the summer in our collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building: tuna pouches, macaroni and cheese boxes, granola bars, fruit cups, pasta, instant oatmeal packs, shelf-stable milk boxes and cereal. CarolSchmidt@bmpc. org, ext. 8819.

SHARE 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.

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, call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.

Today, July 24, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants age 5, 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
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for age 4 grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center)

Middle School Urban Plunge to NYC, meet at the Bryn Mawr train station

11:15 a.m. Reclaiming Evangelism, Witherspoon Parlor

Monday, July 25, 2016

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

5:30 p.m. Summer Upward Basketball, Gymnasium

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!; meet in main parking lot

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Thursday, July 28, 2016

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

2:30 p.m. Main Line Adult Day Center Board Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, July 29, 2016

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Saturday, July 30, 2016

10:15 a.m. Serving Lunch at Our Brother's Place, meet in main parking lot

Sunday, July 31, 2016

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

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion and Summer Choir, Sanctuary The Rev. Kellen A. Smith will preach.

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

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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