



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

August 7, 2016
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
19th 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.



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Two Settings of “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word” J.S. Bach

WELCOME Kellen A. Smith

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God called Noah and Abraham; Deborah and Hannah:

All: God calls men and women to lead and to serve.

One: God called James and Lydia; Samuel and Eli,

All: God calls us by name for we are God's own.

One: God calls us from work and from rest, from our questions
and our certainty:

All: Let us worship the Living Word.

† **HYMN 299** You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Lord, you speak and we do not listen.

Sometimes we are distracted, sometimes we are afraid,
and sometimes we feel unworthy of your call.

Forgive us and give us ears to hear your word.

Give us minds to discern your will.

Give us strength to follow.

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

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.

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 Psalm 19 (*p. 498 in pew Bible*)

Kellen A. Smith

SECOND LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a (*p. 247 in pew Bible*)

Rachel Pedersen

SERMON

Here I Am

Rachel Pedersen

† **HYMN** 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Kellen A. Smith

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

Hymn of Promise
Summer Choir

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree. In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be. Unrevealed until its season. Something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody. There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery. Unrevealed until its season; something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time,

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infinity. In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory. Unrevealed until its season; something God alone can see. Unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown which God alone can see.

*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 722** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak CANONBURY

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE Toccata (1981) Dagmar Holtz Koptein

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Charlotte and James Rittenhouse

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY

Holly Stafford for Membership Council and new members, the Whamond family

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Dianne Heard

BULLETIN COVER

“Samuel Listens”

Samuel is a little boy and he can listen for God’s voice. It’s not Eli, the wise priest, who hears God in the story, it is a child. There are few stories in scripture that show children experiencing faith as a child. If Samuel can listen as a little boy, can’t you listen as well?

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.

Announcements

CAMP KIRKWOOD BEGINS TODAY. Please keep in your prayers our 50 youth and adults who are journeying to Camp Kirkwood today for a week full of fun, friends and faith. KellenSmith@bmipc.org, ext. 8822.

JOIN OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR. This vibrant community of singers performs a repertoire that spans three centuries, several languages, and a variety of styles ranging from Baroque to Spirituals and Gospel. Ability to read music and some choral experience is helpful. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Sept. – May. Open auditions will be held in the choir loft from 11:00 a.m. to noon on Aug. 21 and Sept. 4. no appointment necessary. StephanieSpeakman@bmipc.org, ext. 8836.

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@bmipc.org, ext. 8811.

VOLUNTEER 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@bmipc.org, ext. 8836.

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 possible candidate, email APNC@bmipc.org.

SUPPER CLUB MINISTRY. Interested in sharing fellowship and a potluck dinner several times a year in members' homes? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmipc.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@bmipc.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.

Upcoming

PAPERLESS SUNDAY. Sun., Aug. 21. Because our church uses more than 2,000 pieces of paper for each Sunday worship bulletin, our Environmental Justice Committee invites us to experience a “paperless” Sunday. On Aug. 21, our worship will be led with resources from the hymnal and the Bible, and not from a bulletin. Bulletins will be available to view online at www.bmpc.org/news-media/worship-bulletins that you may download at home; large print copies of the bulletin will still be available in the narthex.

BACK TO SCHOOL KICK-OFF. Tues., Aug. 30, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., BMPC Lawn. Mark your calendars for a Vacation Bible Camp reunion and Back-to-School Kick-off! See old and new friends, play games, and get ready for an exciting year ahead. Friends are welcome! MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Caring & Sharing

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. Whether 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.

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 anyone 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, August 7, 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)
1:00 p.m. Camp Kirkwood departs, meet in Main Parking Lot

Monday, August 8, 2016

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

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

- 10:15 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

Wednesday, August 10, 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, August 11, 2016

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

Friday, August 12, 2016

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Saturday, August 13, 2016

9:00 a.m. Second Saturday Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor

10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, August 14, 2016

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

10:00 a.m. Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen 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

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24/7 Answering Service for Pastoral Emergencies: 610-525-2821

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