



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

August 14, 2016
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
20th 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. - 11:15 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

Six Short Preludes

Bedřich Smetana

WELCOME

Richard Wohlschlaeger

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let the sound of our praise echo the songs of angels.

All: Let all of creation join this joyful work.

One: Do not hold back, for we praise the God who brought us close.

All: We worship the one who guides our ways.

One: We sing to the one whose steadfast love abides.

All: Let us worship the living Lord.

† **HYMN 327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of compassion, we are preoccupied with ourselves.

We overlook your image in one another;

We fail to see your work in the world.

We speak when we should listen;

We act when we should reflect.

Forgive our shortsightedness and turn our focus toward you again.

Help us to live as faithful followers of your Son.

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

SONGS FROM CAMP

BMPC Youth

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing



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 u-pon you, and may
God be gracious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

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

FIRST LESSON Psalm 139:1-18 (*p. 577 in pew Bible*) Richard Wohlschlaeger

SECOND LESSON 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (*p. 259 in pew Bible*) Rachel Pedersen

SERMON *Seeing as God Sees* Rachel Pedersen

† **HYMN 302** When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace O WALY WALY

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

King of Glory, King of Peace
Summer Choir

Mark Schweizer

King of glory, king of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, and thou hast spared me wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

*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 32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Rachel Pedersen
- POSTLUDE** Toccata on “How Firm a Foundation” Craig Phillips

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Richard and Sarah Furniss

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
John J. Stetzer, Jr.

DURING CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Our youth have returned from Camp Kirkwood and will
share a few of the worship songs they sang during the week.

GREETING AND HOSTING

Bill McKee and new members, the Gesacion family

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Dianne Heard

BULLETIN COVER

"David"

For this image, we used the objects that help tell the story of the Good Shepherd. The image of the good shepherd is used throughout our Sunday School curriculum. Beginning with our youngest children, we learn the parable of the good shepherd who seeks the lost sheep. The image evolves as we learn that the good shepherd leads his sheep to safe places and through dangerous ones, and that the good shepherd is even willing to lay down his life to protect his sheep. That rich imagery acts as a backdrop when we begin the story of David.

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

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.

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@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

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, beginning Sept. 8. Open auditions will be held in the choir loft from 11:00 a.m. - noon on Aug. 21 and Sept. 4. No appointment necessary. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

FALL CHOIR REGISTRATION. Opportunities for all ages from kindergarten through adults! Intergenerational handbell choir begins Sun., Sept. 11, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (ability to read music required). “Wednesdays Together” program for grades K-5 begins Sept. 14, 4:45-5:45 p.m., followed by Youth Chorale for grades 6-12, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Singing for Life for senior adults begins Thurs., Sept. 15, 9:30-10:45 a.m. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.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@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 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.

Upcoming

LESS PAPER SUNDAY. Sun., Aug. 21. As part of our efforts to be certified as an Earth Care Congregation, we will be limiting the amount of paper we use next Sunday. We invite you to help in that process with this one-time opportunity. While there will be printed bulletins (regular and large print) available, we welcome you to download a copy of the bulletin before worship (www.bmpc.org/news-media/worship-bulletins) or try participating in worship without a bulletin. All the elements of worship may be found in the new hymnal.

BACK TO SCHOOL KICK-OFF. Tues., Aug. 30, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Front 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.

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 11, 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn. Don't miss our festive celebration for all ages as we kick off a new program year and Sunday School for age 2-grade 12. Enjoy picnic food, entertainment, and fellowship for all ages and learn about our fall opportunities.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME. Beginning Wed., Sept. 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall (food served until 6:45 p.m.) Fresh ingredient meals catered by Chef Ruth; reservations aren't needed. Adults \$8, children/students \$5. Menus available via a link on our homepage under "Announcements." DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

NEW! FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY. Sundays beginning Sept. 18, 11:15 a.m. Fullerton Room. The Acts of the Apostles led by Dr. Joshua Yoder (Sept. 18, 25 & Oct. 2); Genesis led by Dr. Tim Horner (Oct. 23, 30 & Nov. 6); The Gospel of Mark led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray (Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18). CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

RETURNING CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER. Sundays 8:45 a.m., beginning Sept. 18: Sunday Morning Discussion Group; Morning Bible Study; Filling the Well for women. Weekday groups meeting monthly: Horizons Bible Study; Bible for Beginners, Men's Study Group and Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

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. To help children enrolled in summer programs have healthy weekend lunches, we are partnering with Main Line Reform Temple to collect tuna pouches, macaroni and cheese boxes, granola bars, fruit cups, pasta, instant oatmeal packs, shelf-stable milk boxes and cereal. These items may be deposited in the collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building. 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 14, 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)

Monday, August 15, 2016

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

Wednesday, August 17, 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
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, August 18, 2016

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

Friday, August 19, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Saturday, August 20, 2016

No scheduled activities.

Sunday, August 21, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism and Summer Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick 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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