



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

August 21, 2016
8:00 a.m., Sanctuary
21st 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 and ministries are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests. Questions? Please introduce yourself to a pastor after the service 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 stay 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/heat 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.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Robert S. Woodcock – August 15, 2016



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 136)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

One: who alone does great wonders,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

One: who by understanding made the heavens,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

One: who spread out the earth on the waters,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

One: who made the great lights,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

One: The sun to rule over the day,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

One: the moon and stars to rule over the night,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever;

One: O give thanks to the God of heaven,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

† HYMN 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Beth Pratt

FIRST LESSON Esther 2:5-11; 15-18 (*p. 445 in pew Bible*)

Mary Beth Pratt

SECOND LESSON Esther 4:1-17 (*p. 446 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

For Such A Time As This

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† HYMN 370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kellen A. Smith

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into 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 offering plates 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 14 For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Ruth and Frank Bowen

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Edward A. Flood, Jr.

RECEIVING HOLY BAPTISM AT 10:00 AM

Ainsley Marie Bilski, daughter of Whitney and Steve Bilski
and
Margaret Morrow Hashagen, daughter of Elizabeth and Jesse Hashagen
Elder Lauren Meyer, and
Eli and Theodore Engelman, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

GREETING AND HOSTING

Summer Sunday School

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

BULLETIN COVER

“Esther”

Esther, a Jewish orphan raised by her cousin Mordecai, became the queen of Persia. When her people were in trouble she could have ignored their pleas. Instead, with Mordecai's help, Esther spoke out to keep God's people safe. For children it is a key story of agency. God works with us and through us to help others, and in the lives of others we are helped.

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

LESS PAPER SUNDAY. As part of our efforts to be certified as an Earth Care Congregation, we are limiting the amount of paper we use today. During the service, you will be directed to the elements of worship, which may be found in our hymnal.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION. 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor. Our Environmental Justice Committee hosts a conversation on climate change. We begin by watching a TED Talk by climate scientist James Hansen. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will moderate our conversation.

Announcements

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. Training is required for all who volunteer with children through grade 12 at BMPC. Sessions are scheduled in August and September. If you have not completed training in the last year, register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS OUT. For infants - age 3. Drop off children at 9:00 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg. nursery and pick them up at 11:15 a.m. We begin in September and we are excited this is now a two-morning program! Register (space is limited): MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. Ends today, 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. Sunday School begins Sun., Sept. 11 at 10:00 a.m. Watch for our fall mailing or contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

VOLUNTEER FOR 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 today 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.

THE BOOK CENTER. Now available: *Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace* by John Philip Newell (\$15). The Book Center is located 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.

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.

Upcoming

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.

INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP FOR KINDERGARTENERS. Wed., Sept. 7, 4:45 p.m., Sanctuary. An opportunity to explore what happens on a typical Sunday morning now that our 5-6 year olds begin in worship. We’ll even be creating special worship bags! MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Save the Date

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 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; no reservations are needed. Adults \$8, children/students \$5. Menus available via a link on our homepage under "Announcements." DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. First session of season, Wed., Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m., Converse House. Led by Paul MacMurray, the group will discuss the book of Mark. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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 beginning Sept. 18, 8:45 a.m.: 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.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART. Sat., Oct. 29, 8:45 a.m., bus departs from Main Parking Lot. *Jerusalem 1000-1400: Every People Under Heaven.* This exhibition will illuminate the key role that the Holy City played in shaping the art of the period from 1000 to 1400. Register online bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations \$63 per person, includes: guided tour, bus, and snacks. Lunch on your own at the Met. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, or ext. 8821.

SENIOR ADULT COUNCIL BRUNCH. Sun., Nov. 13, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Bay, BMPC Pastor Emeritus, returns as part of our Living Legacy series. Register online bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$15 by Nov. 10., attn: Amy Bauer. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

BE A “SECRET SAINT.” Sponsor one of our many students who are away from home. Secret Saints let them know BMPC cares through packages, cards, and most importantly, prayers. Jane Wilber, Parent Coordinator, wilbaway5@comcast.net.

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 as 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 21, 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 Baptism and 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/heat location: Ministries Center)
Sanctuary Choir Open Auditions, Sanctuary Choir Loft
Environmental Justice Discussion, Witherspoon Parlor

Monday, August 22, 2016

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

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

10:15 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

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. Mission Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, August 25, 2016

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

Friday, August 26, 2016

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Saturday, August 27, 2016

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

Sunday, August 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.
Children & Youth in Worship for grades 4 - 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

Edward L. Landin, Assistant Director of Music

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