



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

September 4, 2016
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
23rd 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 5; 7:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102

Kindergarten - grade 12 in Worship, Sanctuary

*We look forward to welcoming all children and youth
back to Sunday School next Sun., Sept. 11.*

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/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."

Edith A. Powell – August 28, 2016



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Cathedrals” from
Twenty four Fantasy Pieces

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, Lord God, to receive our worship.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, to receive our praise.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, to receive our thanks.

All: Come, eternal three-in-one God.

One: Come where we are gathered to celebrate our unity as your body,
the church.

† **HYMN 394**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God, our fears and prejudices run deep.

Sometimes we only see our own point of view.

We stick with those who are like us,

rarely venturing outside our comfort zones.

We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace.

We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those
who are different from us.

Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people,
and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

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 return to their seats.



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 5 (*p. 490 in pew Bible*) Richard Wohlschlaeger

SECOND LESSON Joshua 6:1-7, 15-20 (*p. 197 in pew Bible*) Kellen A. Smith

SERMON *Joshua Leads* Kellen A. Smith

† **HYMN 435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

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, 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

Joshua Fit de Battle
Summer Choir

William H. Kendrick

Joshua fit de battle of Jericho an de walls come a-tumblin' down. You may talk about your men of Gideon, you may talk about your men of Saul; Dere's none like good ol' Joshua an de battle of Jericho. Up to the walls of Jericho, he marched with spear in hand; "Go blow dem ram's horns," Joshua cried, "for de battle am in my hand."

*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 353** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Kellen A. Smith
- POSTLUDE** Improvisation Jeffrey Brillhart

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Anne M. and Bradford D. Smith

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Barrie and Ted Wentz

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

BULLETIN COVER

“Joshua Leads”

Joshua was called to be the leader after Moses died. When Joshua goes to Jericho with his army, we anticipate that there will be a great battle. Instead, they listen to God and walk around the city playing trumpets. This story is filled with drama and the unexpected. It helps children see that sometimes God accomplishes things in an unexpected way. Children are quick to see that it's not the army's strength, but rather the Spirit of God that gives them victory.

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

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Open auditions will be held today in the choir loft from 11:00 a.m. - noon. No appointment necessary. This 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 on Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Sept. – May, beginning on Sept. 8. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit your recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2016-17 via the nominating forms found near the Sanctuary or Ministries Center entrances or online at www.bmpc.org/nominatingform. Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church budget. Bill Adelhelm, AdelhelmW@comcast.net.

FALL CHOIR REGISTRATION. Opportunities for all ages from kindergarten through adults! Intergenerational handbell choir begins next Sun., Sept. 11, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (ability to read music required). “Wednesdays Together” program for grades K-5 begins on 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 on Thurs., Sept. 15, 9:30-10:45 a.m. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. We invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Oct. 9, when we welcome new members at a breakfast meeting of Session. Our “Gathering with the Pastors” before and after 10:00 a.m. worship on Sun., Oct. 2, is an opportunity to meet our pastoral staff, learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. Training is required for all who volunteer with children through grade 12 at BMPC. If you have not completed training in the last year, please register for a September session: 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 are excited that this is now a two-morning program! Register (space is limited): MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

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 Ministries Center Court. The key is available 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, at the Reception Desk. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

This Week

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 and 6-year-olds begin in worship at the 10:00 a.m. service. We'll even be creating special worship bags! MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP. Saturdays beginning Sept. 10, 7:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Men of all ages are invited for fellowship and lively discussions. Lee Comer, 484-524-8271.

BRYN MAWR DAY. Sat., Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., parking lot across from Ludington Library. Taste the restaurants, shop at the farmers market, ride the fire trucks, visit the petting zoo, take a bus ride for a history tour, enjoy the music...and help us represent BMPC at our tent. DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

Next Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF. Sun., Sept. 11. Classes in the Ed. Bldg. for ages 2 - 4 at 10:00 a.m. and for Kdg - Grade 5 at 10:15 a.m. after the Children's Moment during worship. Youth Gathering in the Gym for grades 6-12 at 10:00 a.m. followed by grade level classes including Confirmation in the Ministries Center. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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.

Upcoming

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

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 needed. Adults \$8, children/students \$5. Menus available via a link on our homepage under "Announcements." DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays beginning Sept. 18, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Library. This weekly class for women discusses Lauren Winner's book *Mudhouse Sabbath: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline*, which explores the connections between Jewish and Christian practices of faith. PeggyHermann@hotmail.com.

MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Begins Sept. 18, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads an exploration of the Gospel of Mark. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

KICK-OFF MEETING FOR YOUTH & PARENTS. Sun., Sept. 18, 11:15 a.m., Sept. 18, 11:15 a.m., Gym. Youth (grades 6-12) and their families gather with Pastor Kellen and Youth Ministry Council to hear about the exciting events for the upcoming year and the locations of 2017 mission trips. 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.

NEW! WITHERSPOON FORUM. Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Topic: Mission@BMPC. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick tells us about BMPC's mission efforts and key mission partners. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Sept. 22, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and using the book *The Bible from Scratch*, we survey the basics of the New Testament. Anita Iyengar, aiyengar@gmail.com.

Save the Date

CONGREGATION WIDE SERVICE DAY. Sat., Oct. 1, 8:30 a.m., Front Lawn. Build the framing of a house for Habitat for Humanity's Diamond Street Project. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 2, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART TRIP. Sat., Oct. 29, 8:45 a.m., bus departs from our Main Parking Lot. *Jerusalem 1000–1400: Every People Under Heaven.* Exhibition illuminates 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. Send check to Amy Bauer at BMPC. 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

PARTICIPATE IN A CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 10, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Family-friendly event to prepare nutritious casseroles for delivery to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

HELP FLOOD VICTIMS IN LOUISIANA. BMPC is accepting donations on behalf of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Checks payable to BMPC may be placed in the collection plate with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance noted in the memo line of your check.

EXPERIENCE THE REWARDS OF TUTORING. Sign up to be a tutor or trainer on Tues., Sept. 20, 6:15 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Be a part of this program that matches students from the William C. Dick School in Philadelphia with Bryn Mawr tutors. Tuesdays from Sept. 20 through April. Adult Leaders are urgently needed. Jackie Henisee j.henisee@gmail.com.

BE A “SECRET SAINT.” Sponsor one of our many students who are attending school 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. Practice buddies, referees, coaches, and general volunteers (ages 12+) are needed; no basketball or special needs experience required. Sarah Smith, upward@bmpc.org.

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.

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, September 4, 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**
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn (rain/heat location: Ministries Center)
Sanctuary Choir Open Auditions, Sanctuary Choir Loft

Monday, September 5, 2016

Campus Closed: For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Coordinating Team Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Teacher Training, Loft
- 6:30 p.m. Ushers' Dinner Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Fullerton Room
Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, September 8, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Tour of the Philadelphia Mormon Temple, meet in Main BMPC Parking Lot
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 9, 2016

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

Saturday, September 10, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Bryn Mawr Day, Parking lot across from Ludington Library
Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, September 11, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Youth Chorale and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School Kick-Off for age 2 - grade 12
- 11:00 a.m. Rally Day Festivities, Front Lawn

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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