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in generosity*
Stewardship 2017

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

October 16, 2016
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to BMPC

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you have joined 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 our information alcove to the left of the main exit 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: 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102

Children age 2 to PreK: 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

Grades K- 5: 10:15 a.m., classes, Ed. Bldg.

(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ed. Bldg.

Grades 6 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym;

10:15 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

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 a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Suite du premier ton
i: Plein Jeu; ii: Dialogue; iii: Récit

Dénis Bedard

WELCOME

Kellen Smith

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come not simply to a sanctuary, but into the presence of God.

**All: We come in our need
and bring with us the needs of the world.**

One: We are carried by our faith and stand in the face of doubts.

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears,

One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come,

**All: and it is God who promises a holy welcome;
it is God who promises never to turn us away.**

† **HYMN 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Loving God, we offer our praise for your wonderful gifts to us:
for your love that sustains us and binds us together as your people;
for your power that fills the earth and brings new life;
for your peace that takes away fear and brings us to hope.

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust in your presence
and in your purpose for our own lives and for the world.

Help us to know where you are calling us with persistence
to witness and to serve with gladness and joy,
through Jesus 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.

† *Please stand, if able.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Agnes W. Norfleet
Elders Howard West and David Heaton
with Madison Smith

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

All: **We do.**

SENDING HYMN 188 Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1) JESUS LOVES ME
During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 (*p. 735 in Bible*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments Thomas Tallis
Sanctuary Choir

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever; even the spirit of truth.

SECOND LESSON Luke 18:1-8 (*p. 81 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON *With Persistence* Agnes W. Norfleet
Second in a Four-part Series, *Growing in Generosity*

† **HYMN** 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins NOEL

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

As in the early Christian community, so in the centuries since,
the Spirit has formed and identified the church.
We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ
wherever the work of the Spirit is evident:
in preaching and sacraments,
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,
in sharing of the spiritual gifts and material things,
in mission and service to the world.

~ A Declaration of Faith

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

Psalm 121

David Conte

Sanctuary Choir

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for ever more.

*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 712** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Grand Jeu from “Suite du premiere ton” Denis Bedard

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Jim and Adell Burdick
Matthew Joseph Hnatin
Daniel Mark Caesar

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Riley Kelley Casper, daughter of Kelley and David Casper
Brady Matthew Heaton, son of Alex and Matt Heaton
Addison Randall West Jr., son of Ashley and Addison West
Jonathan Shepherd Wilson, son of Diana and Garrett Wilson
Savannah Vaughan Young, daughter of Kim and Mike Young
Elders Howard West and David Heaton
and Madison Smith, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of the Hunger Committee

Today

WORLD FOOD DAY COLLECTION. 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Narthex. Our Hunger Committee collects canned and non-perishable food items to be delivered to area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Especially needed are cans of tuna fish, beans, stew, meats, and baby food or baby formula. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE: THE REV. DR. DAVID GRAFTON. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Dr. Grafton, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary, presents "The Variety of Pieties of Muslims." CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINIATURE GOLF. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Tee's Golf Center, Conshohocken. Youth in grades 6 - 8 are invited for an afternoon of fellowship, mini golf and pizza. Cost: \$15. KellenSmith@bmpc.org.

Announcements

2017 STEWARDSHIP. Dedication Sunday is two weeks away; let us Grow in Generosity! We are a congregation of generous people, so please, once again, show your gratitude by giving generously as you make your 2017 commitment to the church's ministry and mission on Sun., Oct. 30. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL: ENROLL NOW FOR 2017-18. BMPC members have priority in placement at our pre-school through Oct. 31, 2016. Kim Black, weekdayschool@bmpc.org or 610-520-8840.

FIBER OF OUR FAITH EXHIBIT. On view through Sun., Nov. 13. Liturgical textiles bring changing symbolism, color, and textures into our church every Sunday. This exhibit, which is on display in the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor, unravels the creation, history, and meaning of BMPC's paraments, bookmarkers, needlepoint cushions, communion cloths, and stoles. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

FAITH UNDER THREE. Small groups are being formed for parents with children three years of age and under to build community with other church families, have conversations about faith, and support one another. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

This Week

WOMAN, MAN AND GOD IN MODERN ISLAM. Wed., Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Dr. Theodore Friend shares his quest to understand the life situations of women in Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey. Join us after optional Wed. night dinner in Congregational Hall (\$8). CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Upcoming

BRUNCH WITH PROGRAM BY SINGER SUZANNE DUPLANTIS. Sun., Oct. 23, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Enjoy nostalgic songs performed by Suzanne and accompanied by Laura Ward. Sponsored by Perspectives in Music and Senior Adult Council. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations, or with your check for \$15 payable to BMPC by Wed., Oct. 19 for the brunch and program. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

WITHERSPOON FORUM: GRACE – ONE WORD, MANY MEANINGS. Sundays, Oct. 23 - Nov. 6, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. A whirlwind tour of grace through the ages and around the Christian world led by Paul Burgmayer. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT SEXUALITY. Sun., Oct. 23, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Parents are invited to learn about the stages of development, how to have meaningful conversations, and setting healthy boundaries. No charge. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

ANNUAL FAMILY HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE. Sun., Oct. 23, 5:15 - 7:30 p.m., Linvilla Orchards, 137 Knowlton Rd., Media. Sponsored by Y-Group; all families with children welcome. Cost: \$20 per person; \$75 per family includes hayride (leaves promptly at 5:30 p.m.), bonfire and dinner. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Oct. 25, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion about the United Nations and its efforts to eradicate poverty, hunger and discrimination and ensure justice and dignity for all. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Oct. 27, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Using the book *The Bible from Scratch*, survey the basics of the New Testament with the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. People of all experience levels are welcome. This month: the Gospel of Matthew. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

THE SEARCH FOR PEACE: IS ISRAELI-ARAB CO-EXISTENCE POSSIBLE? Thurs., Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Rabbi Ron Kronish of Rabbis for Human Rights and Mayor Issa Jabber of the Israel town of Abu Ghosh share their insights and experiences from 25 years of working in Israel. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART TRIP. Sat., Oct. 29. See the exhibition *Jerusalem 1000–1400: Every People Under Heaven* which illuminates the key role that the Holy City played in shaping the art of the period from 1000 to 1400. Bus departs from our back parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Register online at www.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.

HIGH SCHOOL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE. Sun., Oct. 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Sugartown Strawberries Farm, Malvern. Youth in grades 9 - 12 are invited for a night of fellowship, campfire songs, and s'mores. Cost: \$15. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

CAREGIVERS: THEIR PASSION, THEIR PAIN. Sat., Nov. 5, 9:00 a.m. - noon, Congregational Hall. Who are the professionals and public servants we call upon in a crisis? The screening of this locally-produced documentary about dealing with secondary trauma is hosted by our Peacemaking Committee. Free; reservations aren't required. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Save the Date

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. Sun., Nov. 6, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Our Sanctuary Choir performs Eleanor Daley's a cappella *Requiem* as part of the 10:00 a.m. worship service. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

PASTOR'S BOOK GROUP. Wed., Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet leads a discussion of Michael Sandel's book, *What Money Can't Buy*, where Sandel explores the question, "Is there something wrong with a world in which everything is for sale?" Books available for \$10. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Caring & Sharing

HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF EFFORT. 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 on the memo line of your check.

THEVILLAGE 5K CROSS-COUNTRY STYLE RUN. Sat., Oct. 22, 452 S. Roberts Rd., Rosemont. Support our mission partner theVillage and its work with children and families impacted by trauma by participating in a 5K (8:00 a.m.) or kids' 100-yard dash (10:00 a.m.). Register at www.theVillageRun.org.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. A family-friendly event to prepare nutritious casseroles for delivery to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE. Sat., Oct. 29, 10:15 a.m, meet at BMPC and car pool to this homeless shelter to serve lunch. Return by 2:00 p.m. Pam Haynes Walsh, Haynes-walsh@comcast.net, 610 667-0972.

LOCAL REFUGEE SUPPORT. Thurs., Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Our Refugee Action Committee for Refugee Support is working to help sponsor a refugee family moving into our community. Volunteers are needed to provide hospitality, transportation, educational support, employment advocacy, medical assistance and other tasks. Judy Sherry, judysherry1@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, willbaway5@comcast.net.

OUTREACH GRANTS. Do you work with a non-profits in West Philadelphia or a Presbyterian-related organization? Tell them about our outreach grants at BMPC. Applications available www.bmpc.org > Outreach > Grants. Deadline: Nov. 1. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

This Week’s Calendar

For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org, call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.

Today, October 16, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well for women, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
Youth Grade Groups and Confirmation, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg.
11:15 a.m. Theologian in Residence, Congregational Hall
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
11:30 a.m. Grades 9 & 10 Brunch, Pastor Kellen’s Manse
4:00 p.m. Middle School Mini Golf, Tee’s Golf Center

Monday, October 17, 2016

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson’s Disease, Gymnasium
1:30 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
2:00 p.m. Parkinson’s Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

- 5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 6:45 p.m. Communications Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet at Main Parking Lot
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Fullerton Room
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall (served until 6:45 p.m.)
Upward Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Woman, Man and God in Modern Islam, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, October 20, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

Friday, October 21, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, October 22, 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. Upward Basketball, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, October 23, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 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

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