



*growing
in generosity*
Stewardship 2017

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

October 23, 2016
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
30th 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

O God, Thou art a Faithful God;
Adorn Thyself, Dear Soul

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

Kellen Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, enlarge our hearts

All: So we can become more compassionate.

One: God, broaden our minds

**All: So that we may see the needs of the world
and respond according to our gifts.**

One: God, deepen our souls

All: So the depth of your grace may well up within us.

One: God, fill us with your love

All: So that we may overflow in generosity.

† HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, you have provided for us life in all its goodness.

You have called us into a journey of discipleship which reorders our priorities.

And yet, we have not always trusted you to provide what we need,
and we have not always walked in your path.

We look for security in the wrong places, and fail to lean on your
mighty, outstretched arm.

We are distracted by many worries,

and we do not see the favor of your grace surrounding us.

Reawaken us to your goodness and forgive us,

that we may be restored by your abundant love.

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

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, With Our Blessing

During the Sending Hymn, children depart for 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 65 (p. 527 in Bible)

Richard Wohlschlaeger

ANTHEM

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out unto the living God. Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!

SECOND LESSON

Luke 18:15-30 (p. 81 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Impossible Possibilities

Agnes W. Norfleet

Third in a Four-part Series, *Growing in Generosity*

† **HYMN 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Craig Johnson on *Growing in Generosity*

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

Hallelujah
Sanctuary Choir

Ludwig von Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

*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 697**

Take My Life

HENDON

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Alberto Ginastera

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Ruth Miller Cox

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of our Stewardship Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Dianne Heard

Today

BRUNCH WITH PROGRAM BY SINGER SUZANNE DUPLANTIS. 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Songs performed by Suzanne, accompanied by Laura Ward. Limited walk-ins for brunch.

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.

FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY: GENESIS. Sundays, Oct. 23 - Nov. 6, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Dr. Tim Horner, Villanova, discusses the Book of Genesis - earlier origin stories and their significance for the communities who wrote them and for us as people of faith. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

6TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All youth and their families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship.

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

ANNUAL FAMILY HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE. 5:15 - 7:30 p.m., meet at Linvilla Orchards. Sponsored by Y-Group; all families and children welcome. Cost: \$20 per person; \$75 per family includes hayride, which departs promptly at 5:30 p.m., bonfire and dinner.

Announcements

2017 STEWARDSHIP. By pledge card in your pew, by mail or online, we are grateful for however you wish to share your financial commitment with our congregation. Your gifts are critical to the continued success and strength of our church. 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.

PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. Calling all actors and readers! Children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve family service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Email MaryRichards@bmpc.org with ages of children and if they would like to speak, read, or act. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 7.

FIBER OF OUR FAITH EXHIBIT. This exhibit, on display in the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor through Sun., Nov. 13, unravels the creation, history, and meaning of BMPC's paraments, bookmarkers, needlepoint cushions, communion cloths, and stoles. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP. BMPC and the Middleton Center are starting a new confidential Divorce Support Group for women with children. Contact the Middleton Center, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766 for information.

FAITH IN-BETWEEN. Sun., Nov. 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Parents of children grades 3 - 7 share dinner and discuss best practices regarding social media and technology. Homework room for children available. Register by Nov. 4: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

This Week

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

COMMUNITY FORUM DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES. Tues., Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary. Sister Mary Scullion, co-founder and executive director of Project H.O.M.E., presents "Working to End Homelessness: Be Part of the Solution!" Free and open to the public. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org, ext. 8849.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Oct. 27, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. This monthly bible study uses *The Bible from Scratch*, to survey the New Testament with the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Oct.: 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 Israeli town of Abu Ghosh share their insights and experiences from 25 years of working in Israel. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE. Fri., Oct. 28, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Ministries Center. Bring your little ones to trick-or-treat through the church offices; costumes are optional and hot cider will be served. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART TRIP. Sat., Oct. 29. *Jerusalem 1000-1400: Every People Under Heaven.* Bus departs from our back parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations; \$63 per person includes guided tour, bus, and snacks. Lunch on your own. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Upcoming

7TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All youth and their families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger leads our study of *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, Chapter 3. Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com, 610-525-4469.

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? Locally-produced documentary that deals with secondary trauma; free screening hosted by our Peacemaking Committee. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

76'ERS GAME. Sat., Nov. 5, 7:00 p.m. Meet Pastor Kellen at the Wells Fargo Center as the Sixers take on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Limited tickets. Register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$35. [Amy Bauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

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.

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.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Nov. 11, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb. Share a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion led by Dr. Debra Sutton. Topic: Daughters Prophecy! Register: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

ANNUAL TEAM-UP TOURNAMENT. Sat., Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m. - noon, Gym. An event for children and youth with or without disabilities in grades K - 12. Round-robin basketball; no experience necessary. Register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. upward@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF EFFORT. Donate on behalf of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Checks payable to BMPC with "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance" noted on the memo line may be placed in the collection plate.

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

OUTREACH GRANTS. BMPC outreach grants are available for non-profits in West Philadelphia or Presbyterian-related organizations. Deadline: Nov. 1. Applications available at www.bmpc.org > Outreach > Grants. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

LOCAL REFUGEE SUPPORT. Thurs., Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Our Refugee Action Committee plans to sponsor a refugee family moving into our community. Volunteers needed to provide transportation, educational support, employment advocacy, medical assistance and other tasks. Judy Sherry, judysherry1@gmail.com.

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 23, 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 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.
Brunch featuring Suzanne DuPlantis, Congregational Hall
11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Fullerton Bible Study: Genesis, Fullerton Room
Grace - One Word, Many Meanings, Witherspoon
11:30 a.m. Grade 6 Brunch, Pastor Kellen's Manse
4:00 p.m. Parenting Program, Congregational Hall
5:30 p.m. Y-Group Annual Hayride and Bonfire, Linvilla Orchards

Monday, October 24, 2016

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

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Auditorium
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Practice, Gymnasium

- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:30 p.m. Community Forum with Sister Mary Scullion, Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee 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
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
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
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Outreach Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, October 27, 2016

- 8:30 a.m. Council for Relationships Program, Congregational Hall
9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Main Line Adult Day Center Board Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
Bible for Beginners, Gloucester Room
7:30 p.m. Presentation by Rabbis for Human Rights, Congregational Hall

Friday, October 28, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
10:15 a.m. Halloween Parade, Gym
3:00 p.m. Halloween Open House, Ministries Center Offices
4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, October 29, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:45 a.m. Metropolitan Museum of Art Trip, meet at Main Parking Lot
9:00 a.m. Upward Basketball, Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Serving at Our Brother's Place, meet at Main Parking Lot

Sunday, October 30, 2016 - Stewardship Sunday

- 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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Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

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