



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

November 13, 2016
8:00 a.m., Chapel
33rd 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 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: 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 AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

Please fill out the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world belongs to God – the earth and all its people.

All: How good and wonderful it is to live together in unity.

One: Love and faith come together; justice and peace join hands.

**All: Open our lips, O God, and our mouths shall
proclaim your praise.**

† HYMN 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy God, we come before you carrying burdens of concern:
for ourselves and those we love, for sadness in our community,
for brokenness in our world.

We confess that in the midst of trouble
we forget the assurance of your presence.

Rather than first recalling your mighty and faithful acts,
we call upon you in desperation.

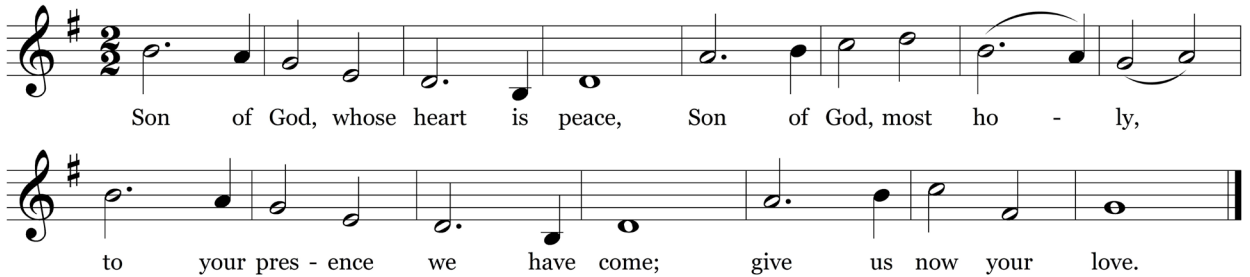
Forgive us when we fail to trust you and your promises.

Restore us to the hope you have given us,
that we may live our lives in ceaseless praise.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Sing Twice)*



Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most ho - ly,
to your pres - ence we have come; give us now your love.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Beth Pratt

FIRST LESSON 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 *(p. 206 in Bible)*

Mary Beth Pratt

SECOND LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25 *(p. 696 in pew Bible)*

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Hope for the Question "Why?"

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 371

New Songs of Celebration Render

RENDEZ A DIEU

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rosa Strait Huffman

Kellen A. Smith
Elder Mary Beth Pratt

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Rosa Strait by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

All: **We do.**

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

† HYMN 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

† Please stand, if able.

Worship Notes

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rosa Strait Huffman

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Mary Beth Pratt

USHERING

Tom Hays

10:00 a.m. Service

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Esther M. and Herbert P. Stellwagen

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Nicholas Garlepp, son of Sharon and Lucas Garlepp
Caleb John Vengels, son of Kellen and Dave Vengels

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Advent Gift Market Committee

Today

LIVING LEGACY SERIES. 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall for those with reservations. The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Bay, BMPC Pastor Emeritus, speaks for a brunch program sponsored by Senior Adult Council.

CARILLON TOUR. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and bids you Godspeed. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

VOLUNTEER FOR A REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM. A member of the Refugee Action Committee will be available today during the Café in the Court to help you choose the best team for your interests and skills. Teams include: housing, furnishings, food/shopping, medical, transportation, employment, education, finance, clothing, and friendship. Sign up today or e-mail florence.zeller@gmail.com.

Announcements

2017 STEWARDSHIP. Thank you to all who have made a commitment toward our stewardship campaign. We are grateful for your financial support and look forward to receiving any remaining pledge commitments. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS. Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or via the link on our homepage at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Nov. 27.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. If you are not a member, we invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Dec. 11. Attend our “Gathering with the Pastors” on Sunday morning, Dec. 4, to learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

FIBER OF OUR FAITH EXHIBIT. Today is the last day to view this exhibit, which unravels the mysteries in 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 offer a new confidential Divorce Support Group for women with children. Contact the Middleton Center, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766.

THE BOOK CENTER. One of our selections, *The Hero with a Thousand Faces* by Joseph Campbell (\$17), reveals Campbell’s revolutionary insights on psychology and mythology. The Book Center is located in the Ministries Center. [Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com](mailto:KatMacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com).

This Week

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Nov. 15, 9:15 - 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Mothers and caregivers of young children gather to preview Advent crafts and plan for the year ahead. Amy Barrickman, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE: PART II. Tues., Nov. 15, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Eric Johnson leads a discussion of the play *Inherit the Wind* by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Edwin Lee. Eric Johnson, erichorjohnson@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Nov. 15, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion about climate change: What can the next president do to resolve the environmental crisis? Is it too late for these efforts to be effective? Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church Chapel. Discussion of *The Underground Girls of Kabul* by Jenny Nordberg. Edelen Carroll, carrollvirgo@verizon.net.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org, ext. 8819.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY. Fri., Nov. 18, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Families are invited to a showing of *The Polar Express* and a pizza dinner; children are encouraged to wear pajamas and bring blankets. If you require gluten-free pizza, let us know in your registration. Suggested donation: \$5 per person/\$20 per family. Register: MaryRichards@bmpe.org, ext. 8811.

Upcoming

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sun., Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. In addition to shopping our AGM catalog on opening day, you may purchase tangible items to benefit some of the committees' chosen charities. Come prepared to do your Christmas shopping. Marian Chitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net.

11TH & 12TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 11th & 12th grade youth and their families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. KellenSmith@bmpe.org.

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY. Mondays, Nov. 21 & 28, 7:30 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood. Join Rabbi David Strauss and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick on two evenings to explore biblical texts that we share as Christians and Jews. CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org, ext. 8819.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 24, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. "Pancakes for a Purpose" is a time for fellowship and food while supporting youth mission projects and trips. Cost: \$5 per person. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Nov. 28, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Soprano soloist, Elizabeth Weigle, accompanied by pianist Elizabeth Morgan, presents a classical and contemporary repertoire. DeAnn Clancy, deannclancy@hotmail.com.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (FOR AGE 50+). Sun., Dec. 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne. Register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$15/person (includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages), attn: Amy Bauer. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Save the Date

SWEET SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS. Sun., Dec. 11, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This concert celebrates the joys of the Advent and Christmas seasons and will feature the entire family of BMPC choirs with one of the great brass ensembles in America, the Philadelphia Brass. Free-will offering. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Caring & Sharing

OUR BROTHERS' PLACE. Sat., Nov. 19, 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Volunteers needed to serve lunch at this homeless shelter. Meet at BMPC to car pool. Pam Haynes Walsh, Haynes-walsh@comcast.net, or 610 667-0972.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS COLLECTION. Share the spirit of Christmas with children of theVillage by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (5 - 8 gifts per child). Sign up online (<http://bit.ly/2ePhUBF>) and bring gifts to collection bins between Nov. 14 - Dec. 11. Betty Wu, efwu01@gmail.com, 610-449-8059.

FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION. Bring frozen turkeys and hams for the holiday season to the freezers in the Ministries Center, and our Hunger Committee will deliver them to families in need. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

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 any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITH OUR PASTORAL CARE OFFICE. 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, November 13, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and 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
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Choirs, 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. Lobby
Living Legacy Brunch with Gene Bay, Congregational Hall
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tour, Sanctuary Choir Loft

Monday, November 14, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
9:15 a.m. Y-Group Meeting, Congregational Hall
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
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 & Witherspoon Parlor
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Upward Basketball Awards Night, Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room
Urban Suburban Book Group, Overbrook Presbyterian Church Chapel

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet at BMPC's Back Parking Lot
Weekday School Home and School Association Meeting, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
- 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.)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Men's Sectional Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
Student Serve, Loft
Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, November 17, 2016

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
Bible for Beginners, Gloucester Room
Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, November 18, 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.
- 6:00 p.m. Family Fun Friday, Congregational Hall

Saturday, November 19, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, November 20, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen 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

Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

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Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

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

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840