



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

May 21, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Sixth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Education Building, Rm. 102

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Art @ 9

age 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Education Building, Rm. 201

Morning Discussion Group

Adult Bible Study
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

Filling the Well

Women's Bible Study
8:45 a.m., Education Building, Rm. 104

10:00 Worship & Programs

Sunday School, Adult Education
See page 9 for a complete schedule

Youth End-of-Year Party

11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse

Choir Concert

3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available in the Narthex of the Chapel. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for "Lemonade on the Lawn" after the 10:00 a.m. worship service (inclement location: Ministries Center Court). Families with young children are invited to gather for a picnic on the Front Lawn after Sunday School.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register.
For additional information about today's schedule, see page 9 of this bulletin.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.

All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

One: All the earth bows down before you, and sings out your name."

All: Come and see how wonderful our God is toward all people.

One: Let us worship God with joyful songs of praise.

† HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy God, you created us in your image;
you breathed into us life and breath and gave us all things,
but we turn from you.

We do not love you as we should.

We worship shrines made from human hands – work, possessions, and success –
and we fail to follow your command to love our neighbor as ourselves.

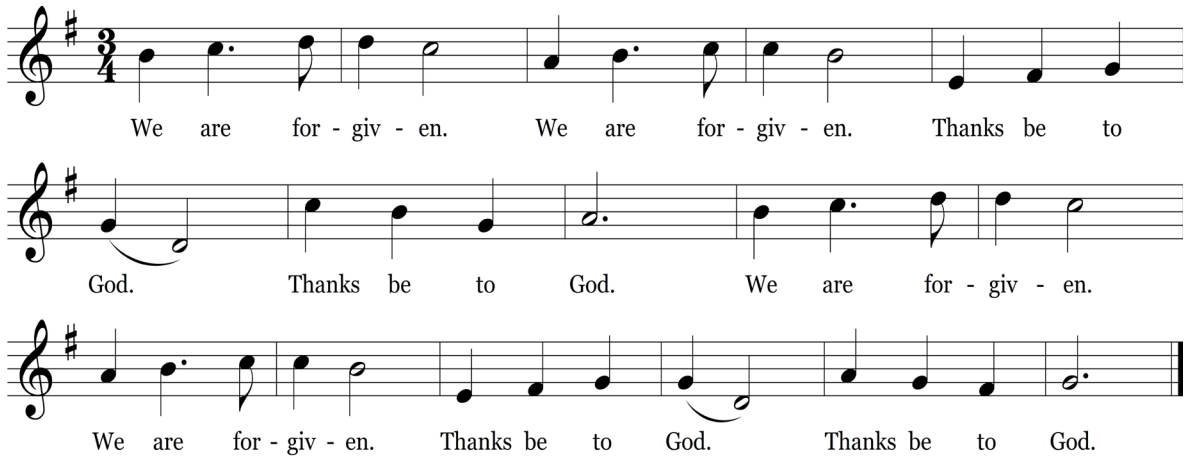
Hear us and forgive us.

Renew within us the Spirit of truth that we may abide in your love
and be your faithful children. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Becky Brinks

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 67 (*p. 529 in pew Bible*)

Becky Brinks

SECOND LESSON

Acts 17:16-34 (*p. 137 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The End of All Our Exploring

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 offering 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

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 301 Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the Gift of Music

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Becky Brinks

USHERING

Elder Keith Brinks

BULLETIN COVER

Journey with Jesus by He Qi

Announcements

REFLECTION GROUPS FOR MINISTRY CURRICULUM. Help us identify the most important stories, skills, and experiences children have in each grade. Your feedback will help shape education for the whole church. For dates per age group, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELPERS. Help welcome over 100 children to VBC. We need volunteers in a variety of roles. You can help before camp, one day during, or the whole week. Contact RachelPedersen@bmpc.org to sign up or for questions.

ART EXHIBIT: AFRICAN ART AND VOICES IN QUILTS. On display through May 28. The George Purvis collection from Harcum College highlights African sculpture in different materials: masks, fabrics, textiles and household items. The quilts of Ghana were conceived as the expressions of the women who crafted them under the direction of Christina Johnson, a fellowship recipient sent to teach and learn. Johnson speaks about the quilts today at 11:15 a.m. in our Conference Room. A reception for the exhibit follows the choir concert this afternoon; all are welcome.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. For information about our spring membership orientation or to join our church on our next New Member Sunday, June 11, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

BMPC LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Love books? Our library in Converse House next to the Ministries Center could use your help. Choose your own hours. Pat Burgess, 610-664-3518.

Today

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. Following an 8:30 a.m. breakfast in Congregational Hall with their families, Confirmands are recognized during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

CHRISTINA JOHNSON PRESENTATION. 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Christina Johnson traveled to Ghana to teach women to express themselves through quilting. Her work has been used to promote healing and offer comfort.

ZA CHIJERE PRESENTATION. 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Malawian Educator and Doctoral student in Organizational Leadership at Eastern University Za Chijere presents information about his school in Madisi, Malawi, that seeks to increase school attendance and safety for both boys and girls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC & TEACHER CELEBRATION. 11:15 a.m., BMPC Lawn. As we conclude our Sunday School year, come enjoy fellowship together and help make cards to thank your teachers.

HUNGER COMMITTEE LIAISON BRUNCH. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. All are welcome to join this informative event featuring leaders from hunger organizations in the greater Philadelphia area. This is our opportunity to find out why the white hunger envelopes are in the pews every week.

YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PARTY. 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. Backyard cookout for youth and their families.

CHOIR CONCERT WITH ANTON ARMSTRONG AND ANDRÉ THOMAS. 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the BMPC Sanctuary Choir and Youth Chorale, Singing City and the Singing City Children's Choir, with the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. Tickets: \$20 for preferred seating; \$15 for general admission; \$5 for students. Available for purchase from singingcity.org, 267-519-5321 or at the door.

This Week

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Tues., May 23, 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Featured guest Carole Latimer, soprano, serenades us in Perspective's "Year of the Singer" Season Finale. Luncheon includes appetizer, entree, dessert and beverages. Reservation forms may be found at the Reception Desk or PW kiosk in the Ministries Center or by contacting deannclancy@hotmail.com. Payments accepted at door.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., May 23, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. Marion Schindler leads discussion of "Conflict in the South China Sea"—Examine China's growing influence in this volatile region. Brenda Torres-Wells, 610-527-6500, ext. 233.

BRUCE FEILER LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING. Tues., May 23, 7:30 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood. Author of *The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us*, Feiler redeems history's first couple, explains the many ways we've scapegoated Eve, and elevates these founding figures to their rightful place as role models for unity and forgiveness. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org, ext. 8849.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., May 25, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. All are welcome to attend this class led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

Upcoming

TOUR CAIRNWOOD, GLENCAIRN MUSEUM AND BRYN ATHYN CATHEDRAL. Thurs., June 1. Bus departs from back parking lot at 9:00 a.m.; \$23 per person. Bring a bag lunch (and drink) to eat in the garden house. Return to BMPC by 5:00 p.m. Space is limited to 20. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Sponsored by the Senior Adult council. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., June 6, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. Marion Schindler leads discussion of “Saudi Arabia in Transition”—How will oil revenue declines, leadership shifts, continued lack of women’s and human rights, and promotion of conservative Islam affect U.S.-Saudi relations? Brenda Torres-Wells, 610-527-6500, ext. 233.

Save the Date

SUMMER CHOIR. Begins Sun., June 18. All singers who can read music are invited to come to church on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Caring & Sharing

MOTHER’S DAY INFANT FORMULA AND BABY FOOD COLLECTION.

Ends today. Help homeless women and children at Episcopal Community Services St. Barnabas Mission. Similac Advanced or other formula may be dropped off in collection bins around the Church and Education Building. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PENTECOST OFFERING. Invest in the faith formation of one of the church’s greatest resources – our youth – and join in ministries that address the needs of at-risk children. A portion of the Pentecost Offering is designated for our BMPC Tutoring Program. Envelopes will be in the pews beginning next Sun., May 28, or note “Pentecost Offering” on the memo line of your check. Carolschmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CANNED FOOD NEEDED. High protein canned goods (soups, peanut butter, stews, ravioli) are requested by area food cupboards. Hunger baskets are located in the Sanctuary Narthex. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER. Contribute to emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations by using the white Hunger envelopes in the pews or noting “Hunger” on the memo line of your check. 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.

NEED A RIDE? We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments call Lorie Benovic, ext. 8833. Volunteer drivers welcome.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, May 21

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:30 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast, Congregational Hall
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 Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Grades 6 - 12 in Worship, Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
11:15 a.m. Christina Johnson Presentation, Conference Room
Sunday School Picnic, Ed. Bldg. Lawn
Hunger Committee Liaison Brunch, Congregational Hall
Za Chijere Presentation, Witherspoon Parlor
11:30 a.m. Youth End-of-Year Cookout, Pastor Kellen's Manse
3:00 p.m. Choir Concert with Legendary Conductors, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Art Exhibit and Concert Reception, Conference Room

Monday, May 22

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
Children & Family Ministry Meeting, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, May 23

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
10:00 a.m. Reflection Groups for Ministry Curriculum: 3rd - 7th Grade, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
11:00 a.m. Perspectives in Music Finale and Luncheon, Congregational Hall
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
Children & Youth Program Planning Meeting, Gloucester Room
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball, Gymnasium

Wednesday, May 24

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
5:30 p.m. Last Wednesday Night Dinner until Sept. 13, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. High School Mission Trip Planning Session, Loft
Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, May 25

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Bible for Beginners, Gloucester Room

Friday, May 26

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, May 27

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

Sunday, May 28

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Kellen A. Smith will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 5
Worship Together for grades 6 - 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

Mary Steege, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults

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