



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

July 23, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

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

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Grades 4 - 12

Attend Worship
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Grades K - 3 Classes

10:15 a.m., Education Building

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. 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 weather location: Ministries Center Court).

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 the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Mary Steege

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Who are you?

All: I am a child of God.

One: Who are we?

All: We are children of God, the family of faith.

One: What does it mean to be children of God?

All: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.

In life and death we belong to God.

† HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God,

We confess that we have too often acted as if we can earn your love
and have forgotten your free gift of grace.

We want to impress you and others,
but we have lost our way.

Forgive us when we forget that we are your children
and find our identity in the messages of our culture
rather than your Word.

Help us to live as your heirs, children who belong to you,
who love us more than we can understand.

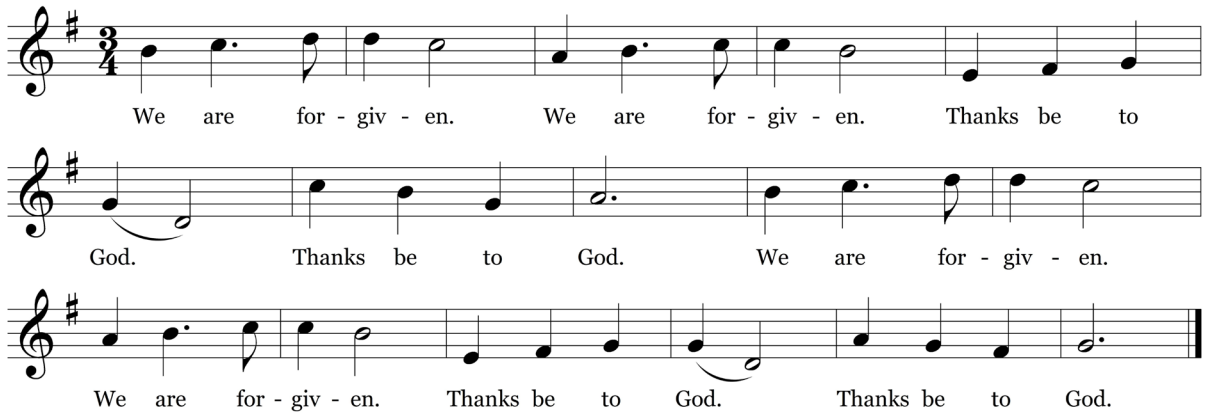
Show us how to love and trust you with all our hearts.

In Christ our brother and our Lord.

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

Tod Guernsey

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12 (*p. 4 in pew Bible*)

Tod Guernsey

SECOND LESSON Matthew 18:1-5; 19:13-15 (*p. 19 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Let the Little Children Come

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 188**

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mary Steege

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 546** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

† **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 loving memory of
The Rais Family

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Tod Guernsey

USHERING

Elder Keith Brinks

BULLETIN COVER

Jesus Blesses the Children

Our summer sermon series is based upon the gospel stories of Jesus that we teach to our youngest children, in hopes that children in worship recognize them and the child in each of us recalls the foundational biblical witness for the life of faith.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Jeffrey Alden Tucker ~ July 5, 2017

Today

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP. Twenty-four youth and adults begin their journey today to Crownpoint, New Mexico, to support the work of the people of the Navajo Nation. Team efforts include working on an individual or family's home, connecting, sharing stories and learning about a new culture, and sharing the love of Christ. Please keep this group in your prayers. Blog: bmpcnewmexico2017.blogspot.com

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. Through Aug. 20, Ed. Bldg., 10:15 a.m. Our rising kindergartners – third graders help mission partners and learn about worship. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Education Building.

SUMMER CHOIR. Through Sept. 3. 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.

Announcements

INSTALLATION OF NEW CHANCEL LIGHTING IN SANCTUARY BEGINS JULY 24. With a generous financial contribution from anonymous donors, the six-light incandescent fixtures in the balconies and on the edge of the stained-glass windows in the chancel area in the front of the Sanctuary are to be replaced with 24 new energy-efficient LED fixtures. Six of the new fixtures will provide colored light for theatrical productions. The project also includes installation of new lighting controls.

The donors wanted to provide better illumination in front of the church during worship and limited theatrical lighting when the Sanctuary is used for musical and theatrical productions. Work is expected to be finished by Fri., Aug. 11. The project will not affect worship services on Sundays.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA 300TH ANNIVERSARY OFFERING. As we join with the Presbytery of Philadelphia in celebrating our 300th anniversary, you are invited to participate in an offering to support eight longtime partners in the Presbytery who are working to aid children in Philadelphia and to disrupt the “school-to-prison pipeline.” A goal has been set by the Presbytery to raise \$300,000 to be distributed equally among Broad Street Ministry, West Kensington Ministry, The Common Place, Camp Kirkwood, Chester Eastside, John Gloucester House, Restorative Justice and Mural Arts, and Rhawnhurst Turning Point. Donations should be marked “300th Anniversary” and placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

JOIN SANCTUARY CHOIR. If you love to sing, we invite you to join Sanctuary Choir, a vibrant group of adults who worship God through music while serving as leaders in the church. To schedule an informal interview with Jeff Brillhart, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

ARTISTS' GATHERING EXHIBITION. The walls of the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor are covered with artworks by a community of local artists who gather every Thursday in Gloucester Room and turn it into a studio. They are pleased to share their creations with the congregation during the summer months for pleasure and for purchase. Join us Sun., July 30 at 11:15 a.m. for a reception to meet the artists and view their works. Light refreshments will be served. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION. Extend your summer fun from Aug. 6 – 12 at Camp Kirkwood 2017 in the Poconos for sixth to rising 12th graders. New lower price of \$499. Search “Summer Camps” at www.bmpc.org to register. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Upcoming

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., July 31, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Register to donate blood by visiting redcrossblood.org. Enter the sponsor keyphrase “Bryn Mawr Pres Church” on the Red Cross website to find our drive.

Caring & Sharing

MISSION PROJECT AT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY. Aug. 7 - 11, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Volunteer for any increment of time or the entire time! We'll be scraping, sanding and painting the manse to make space for mission residents. Chad Pilling, pillingcb@gmail.com, 267 566-0206.

CHECK OUT OUR MISSION PARTNERS. Both the Worldwide Ministries Committee and Outreach Committee support a number of organizations. Visit www.BMPC.org and click on an organization's name on either the Worldwide Ministries page or Outreach page to be directed to their websites to learn more about the work of these organizations.

HELP WITH SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. Through Aug. 20, our rising kindergarteners - third graders help mission partners and learn about worship. Sign up to lead or help on one (or more!) Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

WEEKEND GROCERY COLLECTION. Did you know that 10% of students in Lower Merion School District receive free or reduced-price lunch during the school year, indicating real need? Help us partner with Main Line Reform Temple to prepare weekend grocery bags given to local families this summer. Please bring the following donations to BMPC and place in the collection bins: instant oatmeal packs, shelf-stable milk boxes, macaroni and cheese, tuna pouches, granola bars, fruit cups, cereal. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

VOLUNTEER FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES/RECEPTIONS. Serve as an usher or help with receptions at occasional memorial services held at our church. We will include you on emails sent whenever help is needed; volunteer when you are able. Send your contact information to AmyBauer@BMPC.org, ext. 8821.

CANNED FOOD NEEDED. During the summer, food pantries receive fewer donations. Drop off high-protein canned goods (soups, peanut butter, stews, ravioli) in the Hunger Baskets near the Sanctuary entrance to be delivered to the pantries. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

VOLUNTEER IN OUR BMPC LIBRARY. Love books? Our library in Converse House in the Ministries Center could use your help; choose your own hours and know you are helping, while in a cool, quiet setting. Pat Burgess, 610-664-3518.

PASTORAL CARE REQUESTS. In accordance with HIPAA requirements, hospitals no longer provide churches with patient information. If you would like a call or visit from a pastor, please call the church office at 610-525-2821 or request someone to contact us on your behalf.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, July 23

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - 5 years old, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102)
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
High School Mission Trip Departs
9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Choir Loft
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**
Grades K - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in grades 4 - 12
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn (inclement weather location: Ministries Center)

Monday, July 24

No scheduled activities.

Tuesday, July 25

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball (Grades K - 6), Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. Upward Basketball (Grades 7 - 12), Gymnasium

Wednesday, July 26

- 7:30 p.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, July 27

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Main Line Adult Day Center Board Meeting, Conference Room

Friday, July 28

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, July 29


No scheduled activities.

Sunday, July 30

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Summer Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.
Sunday School for kindergarten - grade 3.




Elevate the education of children, disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline, and promote restorative justice.

The Philadelphia City School District reports a graduation rate of 68% and the Chester-Upland School District reports a graduation rate of 59%. The national average graduation rate is 83%.



Philadelphia's prison population exceeds 7,500, more than twice the national average. Young people of color and/or with disabilities are at an increased risk for in-school discipline that creates a pipeline from school to prison.



The return to prison rate in Philadelphia is reported as high as 60% in the three years after being released. Individuals often lack access to employment, social services, and necessary support to become productive citizens.

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