



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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September 3, 2017  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
22nd 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 K - 12**

Attend Worship  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased that you are joining us as we gather in worship this day! We invite you to stop by our 'welcome center' alcove on the left of the main entrance. We would love to say hello!

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending one of our 'Discover BMPC' classes offered in October. Contact the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff, FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

**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.** Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

**WELCOME**

Mary Steege

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name;  
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**All: Glory to God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

One: Sing to God; sing praises; tell of God's wondrous works.

**All: Glory to God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

One: Seek the Lord; seek God's presence continually.

**All: Glory to God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

One: Praise the Lord!

† **HYMN 394**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

God of the mountaintop, Lord of the valley,  
You know us better than we know ourselves.  
You know our deepest hopes and greatest failures.

In this moment of confession,  
we meet you at the intersection of doubt and faith,  
of real life and hopeful confidence.

In this act of surrender,  
we remind you of your promise:  
to save and deliver us.

In this assembly of sinners,  
we unite our hearts in true repentance,  
trusting in the free gift of grace.

In this body of believers,  
we turn back to you, reaching for your embrace,  
living as a people redeemed in Jesus Christ.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

Hymn 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.*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rachel Pedersen

**SENDING HYMN** Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

*During the Sending Hymn, children return to their pews.*

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** Matthew 16:21-28 (*p. 23 in pew Bible*)

Mary Steege

**SECOND LESSON** Jeremiah 15:15-21 (*p. 717 in pew Bible*)

David B. Smith

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Hope and Failed Waters*

David B. Smith

† **HYMN 833**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Rachel Pedersen

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

## 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

Sing Praises Unto the Lord  
Summer Choir

Henry Ruthven

Sing praises to the Lord O ye saints of God: and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness. For God's wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life. Heaviness may endure for a night: yet joy cometh in the morning.

*Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew;  
pass it down your row and back again.*

## † DOXOLOGY

Hymn 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

† *Please stand, if able.*

† **HYMN 203**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREONI

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

David B. Smith

**POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on  
"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Jeffrey Brillhart

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Anne M. and Bradford D. Smith

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Mike and Carol Ann Blair, Margaret Satell, and Rich Schonwald

### **BULLETIN COVER**

*Jeremiah Preaching*



*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

Robert Merin ~ August 27, 2017



## **Announcements**

**AWAY-FROM-HOME STUDENT MINISTRY.** Sponsor one of our many students who are away during the school year. Secret Saints let our students know that BMPC cares about them through packages, cards, and most importantly, their prayers. Jane Wilber, Parent Coordinator, wilbaway5@comcast.net.

**FALL CHOIR REGISTRATION.** We have opportunities for all ages (kindergarten and up) to become involved in music at BMPC. For registration details, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

**JOIN SANCTUARY CHOIR.** If you love to sing, we invite you to join Sanctuary Choir. Open auditions today from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Choir Loft. To schedule an informal interview with Jeff Brillhart during the week, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

## **This Week**

**CONFIRMATION MEET & GREET.** Wed., Sept. 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Confirmands, their families and confirmation mentors are invited to an informal dinner to receive an overview of this year's confirmation schedule, requirements and opportunities. DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

**BRYN MAWR DAY.** Sat., Sept. 9, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., parking lot across from Ludington Library. Taste food from local restaurants, shop at the Farmers Market, ride the fire trucks, visit the Petting Zoo, take a bus ride for a history tour, enjoy the music... and help us represent BMPC at our tent. JaneWilber@bmpc.org.

## **Next Sunday**

**YOUTH GATHERING AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS.** Sun., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m. For information about children's ministry, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org. For youth ministry information, contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

- 2 years - Pre-K: Meet in classrooms
- Kindergarten - Grade 5: Begin in worship
- Grades 6 - 12: Gather in gymnasium

**RALLY DAY.** Sun., Sept. 10, 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center). Join us as we begin a new season in ministry! Enjoy picnic food, entertainment, fall program information from our ministry areas, and fellowship for all ages. All welcome; bring a friend!

## **Upcoming**

**MEN'S STUDY GROUP BEGINS.** Wed., Sept. 13, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor and Library. Join Joshua Yoder in a discussion of The Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) using a book by Aaron Milavec. Available for purchase for \$12 in the Ministries Center. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**LOVING WELL RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP.** Sat., Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Congregational Hall. The Middleton Center hosts this workshop with guest speaker the Rev. Melanie Hammond Clark. She draws on the insights of author/counselor Gary Chapman's *The Five Love Languages* to help you improve relationships with partners, parents, children, friends and co-workers. Register: KikiMckendrick@bmpc.org.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN.** Sun., Sept. 17, 8:45 a.m. classes: Filling the Well, a discussion group for women, and Sunday Morning Discussion Group led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Books available in the Ministries Center. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**YOUTH & PARENT KICKOFF MEETING.** Sun., Sept. 17, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Congregational Hall. Kick off the program year for grade 6 - 12 with an update on upcoming activities, summer 2018 trips and an introduction to the worship, service and fellowship opportunities that youth will have this year. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**TUTORING SIGN-UPS.** Tues., Sept. 19, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m., Education Building Lobby for high school volunteers. Adult Training, 6:45-8:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg., second floor. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

## **Save the Date**

**CONGREGATION-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE: HABITAT BUILD.** Sat., Sept. 29, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., BMPC Front Lawn. Choose a shift or work all day. [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, PHILADELPHIA.** Thurs., Oct. 5. Cost: \$30 per person includes boxed lunch at the church and all tours. Meet at 11:15 a.m. for lunch and fellowship in Gloucester Room. Following lunch, participants board the bus in the back parking lot at noon, and return to BMPC no later than 5:00 p.m. Space is limited to 20. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

## **Caring & Sharing**

**CONTRIBUTE TO HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is accepting donations to help people affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana. In addition to praying, you may make an online donation — <http://bit.ly/2vwxASH> — or put a check in the collection plate, noting “Hurricane Harvey Relief” on the memo line.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PHILADELPHIA.** Join the Habitat Philadelphia Global Village team working alongside Habitat Nicaragua to help with housing projects and also enjoy sightseeing opportunities. The 2018 build is in Esteli, Nicaragua. Plans are for a late February or early March 2018 departure. Cost: \$1,570 plus airfare. Deidra Duncan, Director of Engagement at Habitat Philadelphia, [deidrad@habitatphiladelphia.org](mailto:deidrad@habitatphiladelphia.org), 215-765-6000, ext. 34.



**HELP HARVEST AT CAROUSEL HOUSE FARM.** Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., 4300 Avenue of the Republic at Belmont Avenue, West Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. Harvested food is served at Broad Street Ministry meals and donated to local food pantries. Volunteers of all ages welcome Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net.

**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.

## **Upcoming Special Events**

### **Rally Day**

***Sun., Sept. 10, 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center)***

Join us as we begin a new season in ministry! Our celebration includes picnic food, entertainment, fall program information from our ministry areas, and fellowship for all ages. All welcome; bring a friend!

### **Installation of our new Associate Pastors**

***Sun., Sept. 17, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary***

The Rev. Franklin C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Stewardship, and the Rev. Mary Steege, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults, are to be installed in a special worship service. Reception follows.

### **Service Day: Framing Blitz with Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia**

***Sat., Sept. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Front Lawn***

Choose one or more shifts to help build frame of a new home. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

***Sun., Oct. 1, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn***

Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

### **Community Forum Distinguished Speaker Series**

***Mon., Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary***

Barbara Bradley Hagerty, former religion reporter for National Public Radio, discusses her book, *Life Reimagined* and the science of thriving in the second half of life. Book signing follows. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

### **2017 Rev. Dr. and Mrs. David B. Watermulder Theologian-in-Residence Series: The Rev. Dr. Beth Hessel, Speaker**

***Sundays, Oct. 22 and 29, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall***

In Dr. Hessel's first lecture, she shares her research into the Presbyterian response to the Japanese-American Internment during World War II, telling stories of Presbyterian missionaries who fought for justice for Japanese Americans. In her second lecture, she helps us make more historical connections between our theological traditions and the current events of the times in which our theology was shaped.

# **This Week's Calendar**

*For more information, visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org), call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, September 3**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - 5 years old), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Choir Loft  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**  
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Kindergarten - Grade 12  
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn (inclement weather location: Ministries Center)

## **Monday, September 4**

### **Church Office Closed for Labor Day:**

*For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

## **Tuesday, September 5**

- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Gloucester Room

## **Wednesday, September 6**

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meet & Greet with Dinner, Congregational Hall  
7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room  
Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room

## **Thursday, September 7**

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room  
6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall  
Child & Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room  
6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Party, Fine Arts Center  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

## **Friday, September 8**

*No scheduled activities.*

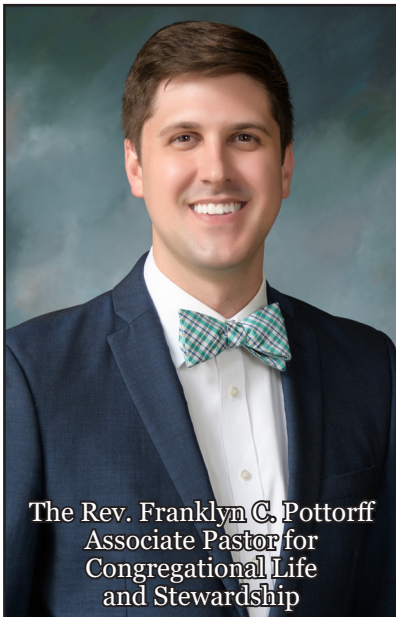
## **Saturday, September 9**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor  
9:00 a.m. Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room

## **Sunday, September 10**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.  
Sunday School for Kindergarten - Grade 12.  
11:00 a.m. Rally Day, Front Lawn
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# **Welcome to our Newest Pastoral Staff Members**



**The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff**  
Associate Pastor for  
Congregational Life  
and Stewardship

Frank oversees the following ministry areas: evangelism, member engagement, young adults, hospitality and community building, stewardship, and special events such as Rally Day.



**The Rev. Mary Steege**  
Associate Pastor for  
Pastoral Care  
and Senior Adults

Mary is responsible for Caring Ministries within the congregation, including oversight of the Parish Nurse and Social Worker ministries. In addition, she is the staff resource for the Deacons, Senior Adult Ministries, Men's Ministries, the Middleton Center, and the Main Line Adult Day Center.



**David B. Smith**  
Interim Director,  
Youth Ministry

David is responsible for youth ministry programs, including Sunday morning youth gatherings, confirmation, StudentServe (high school leadership team), summer trips, special events and service opportunities.

## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

**Franklyn C. Pottorff**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Stewardship

**David B. Smith**, Interim Director, Youth Ministry

**Mary Steege**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music and Fine Arts

**Edward L. Landin**, Assistant Director of Music

## ***Contact Information***

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