



# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

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September 17, 2017  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
24th 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

### **10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary**

#### **Age 2 - PreK Classes**

10:00 a.m., Education Building

#### **Grades K - 5 Classes**

10:15 a.m., Education Building

#### **Grades 6 -12**

Youth Gathering  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Gymnasium  
Connection Groups  
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

#### **Youth Ministry Kickoff**

Meeting for Youth & Parents  
11:15 a.m., Gymnasium

#### **Adult Education Class**

Broad Street Ministry  
11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

#### **Installation Service**

for the Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff  
and the Rev. Mary Steege  
4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**NEW HERE?** We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello after the service at our information alcove to the left of the main entrance. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

**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.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed in this bulletin. **Grades K-5** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to Sunday School. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Education Building.

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** Movements from *Suite du Deuxième Ton* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

**WELCOME**

Mary Steege

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come not simply to a sanctuary, but into the presence of God.

**All: We come in our need and bring with us the needs of the world.**

One: We are carried by our faith and stand in the face of doubts.

**All: We come with our hopes and with our fears,**

One: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

**All: And it is God who promises a holy welcome  
and will never turn us away.**

† **HYMN 664**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Loving God, you call us to be a community of love and forgiveness,  
sharing with others the gifts we have received:  
grace, mercy and compassion.

You love us but we struggle to love ourselves and our neighbors.

You forgive us but we are slow to forgive.

You reach out to us offering peace and justice,

but we turn away from the challenge of making peace and working for justice.

Forgive us, O God, and teach us how to live as people of faith and faithfulness,  
through 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 AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Franklyn C. Pottorff  
Elder Cynthia Pierce  
with Campbell McCormack

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?

**All: We do.**

**SENDING HYMN** 188      Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)      JESUS LOVES ME

*During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.*

**FIRST LESSON**      Romans 14:7-12 (*p. 163 in pew Bible*)      Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**ANTHEM**      Kiddush      Kurt Weill  
Sanctuary Choir

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, who createst the fruit of the vine. Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us with thy commandments and hast been pleased with us; thou hast graciously given us thy holy Sabbath as a heritage, in remembrance of the creation. The Sabbath is the first among the holy festivals which recall the exodus from Egypt. Indeed, thou hast chosen us and hallowed us above all nations, and hast graciously given us thy holy Sabbath as a heritage. Blessed art thou, O Lord, who hallowest the Sabbath.

**SECOND LESSON**      Matthew 18:21-35 (*p. 20 in pew Bible*)      Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      *Blessed to Forgive*      Agnes W. Norfleet  
*Second in a three-part series on Life in Community*

† **HYMN** 351      All Who Love and Serve Your City      CHARLESTOWN

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of people long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" ~ from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

## 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

Beautiful Savior (Fairest Lord Jesus) F. Melius Christiansen  
Sanctuary Choir

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

*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** Rebecca Kirkpatrick
- † **HYMN 65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet
- POSTLUDE** Carillon de Westminster, opus 54, no. 6 Louis Vierne

## *Worship Notes*

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Anne Garrett Buck  
James Mahlon Buck Jr.

### **RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Smyth Patrick Gallagher, son of Kim and Brian Gallagher  
Eliza Annabelle Pierce, daughter of Jessica and Scott Pierce  
Peyton Sophia Haynes Walsh, daughter of Liz Walsh  
Lucas Allen Wolf, son of Amaya and John Wolf

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Nominating Committee

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

### **BULLETIN COVER**

*Journey with Jesus*  
by He Qi

## Announcements

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS.** Submit your recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2017-18 via the nominating forms found near the Sanctuary or Ministries Center entrances or online at [www.bmpc.org/nominatingform](http://www.bmpc.org/nominatingform). Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church budget. Bonnie Callahan, [bbcallahan@comcast.net](mailto:bbcallahan@comcast.net).

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** For information about our fall membership orientation (available on either Oct. 2 or 7) or to join our church on New Member Sunday, Oct. 8, contact [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**ART EXHIBIT: PHOTOS OF BMPC MISSION TRIPS.** On view through Sun., Oct. 1. Learn about church representatives' visit to Lebanon and Syria in February to support Presbyterian education programs and congregations, what the middle school youth did at Philadelphia's Broad Street Ministry this summer, and how high school students helped Native Americans at the Navajo Reservation in Crownpoint, NM.

**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, prayers. Jane Wilber, Parent Coordinator, [wilbaway5@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org).

## Today

**SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP.** 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. Paul MacMurray leads a discussion of *Why I Left, Why I Stayed* by Tony Campolo and Bart Campolo, a combined memoir in which father and son share their differing perspectives on faith, religion and the church. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).

**FILLING THE WELL.** 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Education Building. This weekly class for women is an opportunity for fellowship, study and conversation. Discussion of *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* by N.T. Wright and Marcus Borg. [peggyhermann@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyhermann@hotmail.com).

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION.** 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center Court. In recognition of Donna Barrickman's 27 years of service to BMPC as Membership and Communications Manager, you are invited to celebrate Donna's retirement during a reception following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**KICKOFF MEETING FOR YOUTH & PARENTS.** 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Youth (grades 6-12) and their families gather with Interim Youth Ministry Director David Smith and the Youth Ministry Council to hear about the exciting events for the upcoming year.

**PARTNERING WITH BROAD STREET MINISTRY.** 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. BSM has initiated the new Center for Social Engagement to heighten its ability to engage and educate our community in the mission of radical hospitality. Come hear about this exciting new initiative and how you might participate.

**INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTORS.** 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The Rev. Franklyn 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.

## ***This Week***

**TUTORING SIGN-UPS.** Tues., Sept. 19, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m., Education Building Lobby. Adult Training, 6:45-8:00 p.m., Education Building, 2nd Floor. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**KICKOFF CONVERSATION FOR BROAD STREET.** Wed., Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m., Gymnasium. A kickoff conversation to build community, set practical goals, and establish a framework for this yearlong collaboration. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

## ***Next Sunday***

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION.** Sun., Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Families are invited to join us for a third grade Bible Breakfast from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in Congregational Hall and attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service when third graders are presented with their new Bibles. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org with the full name of your child (as it should be printed on the bookplate), and to register with the number of attendees for the breakfast.

**LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE REFUGEE CRISIS.** Sun., Sept. 24, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Watch two short films from Presbyterian Disaster Relief Assistance on our long-standing Presbyterian connections and advocacy as well as an update from our own Refugee Support Team. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**LEARN TO DRUM WITH KULU MELE.** Sun., Sept. 24, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. African drumming ensemble Kulu Mele will teach drumming techniques, and participants in the class will have the opportunity to drum during the 10:00 worship service on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1. Open to all ages; class is limited to 30 participants. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

## ***Upcoming***

**PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC.** Mon., Sept. 25, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Edward Landin, Assistant Director of Music at BMPC, presents an organ recital. Meet for fellowship and refreshments in the FAC kitchen at 1:30 and attend the recital in the Sanctuary at 2:00. DeAnn Clancy, 610-525-8347, deannclancy@hotmail.com.



**SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP BEGINS.** Tues., Sept. 26, 10 – 11:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join the Rev. Mary Steege in a discussion of Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward; A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* as we explore the dimensions of spirituality that unfold as we age. Book available in the Ministries Center for \$12. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**THEOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS.** Meets monthly beginning Thurs., Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads the discussion using *Theology for Presbyterians* by Donald K. McKim. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

**CONGREGATION-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE: HABITAT BUILD.** Sat., Sept. 30, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Front Lawn. Choose a shift or work all day. Must be 16 years or older. Family-friendly shift 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Activities for children. Please add age after first name when registering. BMPC.org >Calendar>Open Registrations. 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.

## *Save the Date*

**GO BOWLING TO BENEFIT MAIN LINE ADULT DAY CENTER.** Sat. Oct. 14, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Devon Lanes. Second annual MLADC Bowling Event to raise funds for member activities and Center renovations. Family fun, food and contests round out this event. Pam Barton, 610-527-4220.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL: THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE.** Sun., Oct. 22, 4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join Interim Youth Ministry Director David Smith and a panel of mental health professionals at this interactive event for parents and youth. We meet in Congregational Hall for an opening session and then participate in age-specific discussions. DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

## *Caring & Sharing*

**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING.** This offering supports every level of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to work for peace and respond to injustice around the globe. Envelopes available in the pew holders on Sundays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 1. You also may donate by marking "Peace & Global Witness Offering" on the memo line of your check. Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com.

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

**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.

## ***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 17**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
Grades K - 5 begin worship in Sanctuary  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.  
10:30 a.m. Middle School Connections Group, Loft  
Confirmation Connections Group, Gloucester Room  
Grades 9 - 10 Connections Groups, Converse House Parlor  
Grades 11 - 12 Connections Groups, Fullerton Room  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Retirement Reception Honoring Donna Barrickman, Ministries Center Court  
11:15 a.m. Youth & Parent Kickoff Meeting, Gymnasium  
Broad Street Ministry: Center For Social Engagement, Witherspoon Parlor  
4:00 p.m. **Installation Service for New Associate Pastors, Sanctuary**  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

### **Monday, September 18**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Fullerton Room  
3:30 p.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Fullerton Room  
5:30 p.m. Laurel House Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Tuesday, September 19**

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102  
RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Congregational Hall  
6:15 p.m. Tutoring Sign Ups, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

### **Wednesday, September 20**

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Kickoff for Special Events at Broad Street Ministry, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft  
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

### **Thursday, September 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Doing Good Together, Congregational Hall
- 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  
Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 p.m. Auditions for Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, September 22**

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102

### **Saturday, September 23**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room
- 12:00 p.m. Robert Merin Memorial Service & Interment, Chapel

### **Sunday, September 24**

- 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 kindergarten - grade 12.

## ***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

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