



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

September 17, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
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

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Art @ 9

age 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

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

Filling the Well

Women's Bible Study
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

10:00 Worship & Programs

Sunday School, Adult Education
See calendar for a complete schedule.

Installation Service

for the Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff
and the Rev. Mary Steege
4:00 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 near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

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 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. 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† 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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to
hear love your like voice. O - pen my ears,
love like you. O - pen my heart,
Lord. Help me to hear.
Lord. Help me to love.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Courtenay Willcox

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

Courtenay Willcox

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
Second in a three-part series on Life in Community

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 351**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

† 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
Anne Garrett Buck
James Mahlon Buck Jr.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT 10:00AM

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

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Courtenay Willcox

USHERING

Michelle LaFarge

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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,
call the church office, or contact 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

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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