



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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September 24, 2017  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
25th 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.

#### **Learning About the Refugee Crisis**

11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

#### **Learn to Drum with Kulu Mele**

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

**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 at our information alcove to the left of the main entrance after the service. 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.

[www.BMPC.org](http://www.BMPC.org)

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

J.S. Bach

**WELCOME**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O God, we praise you, for we are wonderfully made.

**All: Wonderful are your works, O God.**

One: You call us to be your community of faith.

**All: We are the Body of Christ, the Church.**

One: You equip us with spiritual gifts and tangible resources

**All: To share your good news and show forth your love for the world.**

† **HYMN 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in perfect harmony.

We do not love as fully as you call us to love.

We do not demonstrate tolerance of those who are different from us.

We are slow to accept your forgiveness and to forgive others.

We are not as generous with our time, talent and treasure as we could be.

Forgive us for not being the church you would have us be.

Help us to rest in your love and dwell in your peace.

Help us to be charitable in sharing your good gifts with others,

that we might be more faithful disciples of 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**

*Bible Presentation*

Rachel Pedersen

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

*During the Sending Hymn, children K - Grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.*



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**

Romans 15:1-7 (*p. 163 in pew Bible*)

Mary Steege

**ANTHEM**

Pilgrims' Hymn  
Sanctuary Choir

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer; O unceasing love, surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You; O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.

**SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 20:1-16 (*p. 21 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Called to Generosity*  
Third in a three-part series on Life in Community

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 only 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 Statment 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

Zion's Walls  
Sanctuary Choir

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion. We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

*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** Mary Steege
- † **HYMN 71** Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me FIRST SONG  
 \*The congregation is invited to sing the refrain
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet
- POSTLUDE** Toccatà Eugene Gigout

## *Worship Notes*

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Grafton D. Chase  
 Richard W. Knecht  
 Emilie M. Pyle

### SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Celebrates the church as Life in Community:  
 Gathered in Love and Forbearance, Blessed to Forgive, and Called to Generosity.

### BIBLES PRESENTED

to 3rd grade children during the 10:00 a.m. service are provided by  
 the Catherine C. Miller Fund of The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Foundation:

William Henry Armstrong	Nathaniel Fisher Kullen
Bridget August Bowers	Cameron Reed Liggett
James Phaon Clymer-Blizzard	Theodore Wetherill Linz
Madeline Corcoran	Lucas Daioan Romano
Finnegan Walker Gatta	Thomas Alden Springer
Margaret Elizabeth Gord	Arwen Rachel Tucker

### GREETING AND HOSTING

Peacemaking 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 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).

**JOIN SINGING FOR LIFE.** BMPC's choir for adults age 55+ is inviting new members! Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m., beginning Oct. 5. \$75 registration fee per semester; scholarships available. To register, contact [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org).

**PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** Our congregation is invited to attend the Presbytery of Philadelphia's 300th anniversary celebration at Enon Tabernacle East, 2800 West Cheltenham Ave. in Philadelphia on Sat., Oct. 7 at 10:00 a.m. The service features sermons by the Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Rev. Denise Anderson, Co-Moderator of the 22nd General Assembly. Reception follows.

**WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19.** BMPC members have priority in placement for the 2018 - 2019 school year through Oct. 27. For admissions information, contact Kim Black at [weekdayschool@bmpc.org](mailto:weekdayschool@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, [janehwilber@gmail.com](mailto:janehwilber@gmail.com).

## 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, Ed. Bldg. 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.

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION.** 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Families are invited to a third grade Bible Breakfast from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in Gloucester Room and to attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service when third graders are presented with their new Bibles.

**LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE REFUGEE CRISIS.** 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Watch two short films from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance describing our long-standing Presbyterian connections and advocacy and hear an update from our Refugee Support Team.

**LEARN TO DRUM WITH KULU MELE.** 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. African drumming ensemble Kulu Mele teaches drumming techniques; 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.

## *This Week*

**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 Fine Arts kitchen at 1:30 and attend the recital in the Sanctuary at 2:00. DeAnn Clancy, 610-525-8347, deannclancy@hotmail.com.

**BOOK GROUP BEGINS.** Meets weekly on Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 26, from 10:00 – 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. For those 50 years and better. Book available in the Ministries Center for \$12. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**TUTORING TRAINING SESSIONS.** Tues., Sept. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg.; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. All tutors and adult leaders must attend these required trainings. 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.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BLITZ.** 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.



## Upcoming

**DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY.** Sundays, Oct. 1-29 & Nov. 5, 8:45 a.m., Room 201, Ed. Bldg. This six-week class meets to explore the Acts of the Apostles, combining the study of scripture and our own personal experiences of faith and the Bible. Barbara Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

**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@bmpe.org.

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Mary Steege leads our study of *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, Chapter 2. For information and books, contact Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@gmail.com.

**FARM CHURCH.** Sun., Oct. 8, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Farm Church is the 2017 Shaull Mission Grant Recipient. The Revs. Ben Johnson-Krase and Allen Brimer, pastors of a new church development in Durham, NC, present information about their unique church whose mission is to leverage the resources of a farm to address food insecurity in their community. CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org.

**CONFIRMAND AND PARENT BRUNCH.** Sun., Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m., David Smith's Manse. All Confirmands and their families are invited to join David for a time of fellowship after worship. Register: AmyBauer@bmpe.org.

**GENERATION NEXT: A MINI-SERIES FEATURING TWO RISING STARS OF THE ORGAN WORLD.** Joshua Stafford, winner of the 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition, Sun., Oct. 8, 2:00 p.m., and Dexter Kennedy, winner of the prestigious Grand Prix de Chartres d'Interprétation in 2014, Sun., Oct. 15, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Suggested offering: \$10.00. StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org.

## Save the Date

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Oct.13, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb. Share a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion of "Relationships with Spirit" led by the Rev. Debra Sutton. Register: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

**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.

**HOW TO TALK ABOUT HOT TOPICS WITHOUT ARGUING.** Sun., Oct. 15, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. BMPC Peacemaking Committee presents Jenny Beer, a teacher, mediator and anthropologist who guides organizations and communities in negotiating conflict. Phoebe Sheftel pasheftel@gmail.com.

**Y-GROUP ANNUAL HAYRIDE.** Sun., Oct. 15, 4:00 p.m., Linvilla Orchards, 137 Knowlton Rd., Media. Y-Group is our interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages with a focus on family, faith, fellowship and service. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MINIATURE GOLF.** Sun., Oct. 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tee's Golf Center, Conshohocken. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited for an afternoon of fellowship, mini golf and pizza. Cost: \$15. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > calendar > open registrations > Mini Golf. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**OUR BROTHERS' PLACE.** Sat., Oct. 7. Meet in Ministries Center Court at 10:15 a.m. to carpool to homeless shelter and return to BMPC around 2:00 p.m. Help prepare and serve lunch at the shelter. Pam Haynes Walsh 610-667-0972, Haynes-walsh@comcast.net.

**HUNGER COMMITTEE REQUESTS.** Canned goods (high protein items: soups, peanut butter, stews, ravioli). Place in Hunger baskets in the Narthex. Next Casserole Blitz, Sat., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. Sandie Nicholson Sandiekev@verizon.net.

**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 today 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 DISASTER RELIEF.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is accepting donations to help people affected by recent natural disasters. In addition to praying, you may make an online donation through our website or by placing a check in the offering plate, noting "Disaster Relief" on the memo line.

## ***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 24**

7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. 3rd Grade Bible Breakfast, Gloucester Room  
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 3rd Grade Bible Presentation  
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  
Cafe in the Court
- 11:15 a.m. Learn to Drum with Kulu Mele, Congregational Hall  
Learning More About the Refugee Crisis Today, Witherspoon Parlor

**Monday, September 25**

- 1:30 p.m. Perspectives in Music, Fine Arts Center

**Tuesday, September 26**

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102  
RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, Conference Room
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring Student Training & Child Abuse Clearance Training, Congregational Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Communications Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

**Wednesday, September 27**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft  
Outreach Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

**Thursday, September 28**

- 9:00 a.m. WePAC Volunteer Kickoff, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room  
Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19 Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center  
Theology for Beginners, Gloucester Room  
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

## **Friday, September 29**

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

1:00 p.m. A. Carter & Ruth “Dudy” Fergusson Memorial Service, Sanctuary

## **Saturday, September 30**

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men’s Group, Converse House Parlor

8:00 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Blitz, Front Lawn

## **Sunday, October 1**

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Choirs, Sanctuary**

The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

Sunday School for kindergarten - grade 3.

Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 12.

4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn

## **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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