



Gather Us In

Stewardship 2018

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

October 8, 2017
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
27th 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., Gym
Connection Groups

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.,
Ministries Center

Farm Church

11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

Organ Recital

Joshua Stafford
2:00 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 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.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Mary Easton Swift Spence ~ September 30, 2017

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Bless the Lord, O My Soul, BWV 654

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O people of God, come and hear,

All: For the Lord, our God, speaks a truth that will set you free.

One: Brothers and sisters, lift your voice and worship,

For in Jesus Christ, the grace of God has come near.

**All: Let every tongue confess, and every heart declare, and
Every life reveal that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

† **HYMN 401**

Here in this Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you invited us to find our life in you alone,
and you have created us for life together.

You have called us to be the church, a beacon of light to the world,
and yet we are overwhelmed with the needs of the world
and slow to practice our faith.

You command us to love, knowing that in love we are fully alive.

But love can be risky and frightening, and we sometimes fail to love ourselves
and our neighbors near and far.

Forgive us, we pray; and grant us the fresh winds of your Spirit
that we might be the community of faith you call us to be.

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 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 Psalm 103:1-11 (*p. 554 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM Lo a Voice to Heaven Sounding Dimitri Stepanovitch Bortniansky Sanctuary Choir

Lo, a voice to heaven sounding, Praising everlastingly, As the voice of many waters,
God the Father, Praising ever joyfully. We, too, sing exultingly; We, too, sing now
who love Thee; We sing to Thee this holy day.

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10 (*p. 192 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Grace Alone

Agnes W. Norfleet

First in a five-part series on the Reformation

† HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Mary Steege

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

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Franklyn C. Pottorff

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mary Steege

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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Gather Us In

Eric and Susan Swanson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Franklyn C. Pottorff

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

*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	Franklyn C. Pottorff
†	HYMN 32	I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE
†	BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE	Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Toccata John Weaver

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Robert Scott Woodcock

SERMON SERIES

on the five Solas of the Reformation

Observing the 500th anniversary of when Martin Luther is said to have posted his 95 Theses of Reform on October 31, 1517, this series will consider the five theological affirmations of the Reformation: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone, and To God Alone Be Glory.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

New members received by Session today
and recognized during this morning's worship service:

Lauren Bujaky

Sarah Gunther

Lauren and James Alex High

Julia and Stephen Kalis

Tait Lamb

Annie and Harrison Lee

Jane Malloy

Steven Sanders

Tina Soumahoro

Lydia Sulyok

GREETING AND HOSTING

Adult Education Council

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

BULLETIN COVER

Gather Us In

is the Stewardship theme for 2018

Announcements

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019. Through Oct. 27 BMPC members have priority in placement for preschool children for the 2018 - 2019 school year. For admissions information, contact Kim Black at weekdayschool@bmpc.org.

INTRODUCING THE CARING CORNER. All are welcome to meet our new parish nurse and social worker on Sun., Oct. 15. Carol and Renee will be in the Ministries Center Court before and after the 10:00 a.m. service. Look for the Caring Ministries banner and bring your questions. We look forward to meeting everyone!

Today

FARM CHURCH. 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 entire mission is to leverage the resources of a farm to address food insecurity in their community.

CONFIRMAND AND PARENT BRUNCH. 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.

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

ART EXHIBIT: VISUALS OF WWI SONGS AND LONGWOOD GARDENS PHOTOS. Opens today. Part One features visuals of America's nationalist music that developed mainly as songs of WWI. Part Two exhibits photos of Longwood Gardens, developed by American ammunition industrialist and philanthropist Pierre S. DuPont from 1915 to 1950. See the newly restored water fountains and learn about the Aeolian organ through its International Longwood Garden Organ Competition. Joshua Stafford, 2016 competition winner, performs at BMPC to open the show at 2:00 p.m. followed by an Artists' Reception in the Ministries Center Court.

This Week

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Wed., Oct. 11, 3:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. View the film, *The Wizard of Oz*. Eric Johnson, erichorjohnson@gmail.com.

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.

INTERFAITH MORAL CLIMATE ADVOCACY WORKSHOP. Sat., Oct. 14, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Our Environmental Justice Committee and the PA Interfaith Power and Light host this workshop to help prepare people of all faiths learn to speak with moral authority on the issue of climate change in Pennsylvania. To register, visit <http://paipl.us/home> or send an email to: info@paipl.org.

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.

Next Sunday

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

FALL FESTIVAL. Sun., Oct. 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Sandy Hill Farm, 1918 Sandy Hill Rd., Plymouth Meeting. Join us for this fall family event enjoying a petting zoo, hayride, and food! Cost: \$40 per family. Please write a check to BMPC and submit to Mary Richards. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINI-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 > calendar > open registrations > Mini Golf. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Barbara Bradley Hagerty, author and former religion reporter for National Public Radio, discusses her latest book, *Life Reimagined*, and how to renegotiate one's purpose, refocus relationships, and transform the way one thinks about self and the world. Book signing follows in Ministries Center. Childcare available with three days' notice: childcare@bmpc.org. MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Oct. 17, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Eric Johnson leads discussion of L. Frank Baum's book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. For Word and PDF book information, contact: Eric Johnson, erichorjohnson@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Oct. 17, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discussion of Latin America's Political Pendulum: How Can U.S. Policy Adjust to Socioeconomic and Political Swings in Latin America? Jerry Young, 610-525-7280.

YOUTH MINISTRY VISIONING SUMMIT. Oct. 20, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. and Sat., Oct. 21, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join the Youth Ministry Council and staff as we seek to define a new vision for the future of our thriving youth ministry. All are welcome. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

6TH & 7TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m., David Smith's Manse. All sixth and seventh graders and their families are invited to join David for a time of fellowship after worship. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE SERIES. Sundays, Oct. 22 and 29, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Beth Hessel, executive director of the Presbyterian Historical Society, presents a two-part series, "Challenges to Christian Unity: The Tensions in a Key Tenet of the Protestant Reformation." On Oct. 22, Dr. Hessel shares her research on the Presbyterian response to the Japanese Internment during World War II and tells stories of the Presbyterian missionaries who fought for justice for Japanese Americans. On Oct. 29, she helps us make historical connections between our theological traditions and the current events of the times in which our theology was shaped. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE. Sun., Oct. 22, 4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join David Smith and a panel of mental health professionals at this interactive event for parents and youth hosted by the BMPC Youth Ministry and the Middleton Center. Parents learn creative ways of helping their youth navigate the transitions through middle school; youth grapple with what the transitions through middle school mean for their overall development, learn how to view change through the lens of faith, and celebrate new beginnings. All are welcome; free of charge. DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Oct. 23, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Performer and program TBA. DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com, 610-525-8347.

Save the Date

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE. Fri., Oct. 27, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Ministries Center. Bring your little ones to trick-or-treat through the church offices; costumes are optional and hot cider will be served! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

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.

CONTRIBUTE TO DISASTER RELIEF. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is accepting donations to help people affected by recent natural disasters. 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, call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.

Today, October 8

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Session Meeting to Receive New Members, Gloucester Room
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the 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, Ministries Center
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft
11:15 a.m. Farm Church, Witherspoon Parlor
Child & Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room
11:30 a.m. Confirmation Brunch, Pastor David's Manse
2:00 p.m. Organ Recital: Joshua Stafford, Sanctuary
3:30 p.m. Art Exhibit Reception, Ministries Center Court

Monday, October 9

- 5:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
5:30 p.m. Environmental Justice & Peacemaking Committees' Dinner, Gloucester Room
6:30 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, October 10

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
10:00 a.m. Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, Fullerton 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 & Witherspoon Parlor
5:00 p.m. Session and Trustee Dinner, Congregational Hall
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, October 11

10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
3:00 p.m. Dimension in Literature: Film, Fullerton 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
Property Committee Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Youth New Mexico Mission Trip Presentation, Congregational Hall

Thursday, October 12

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
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
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 13

9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, at the home of Barbara Cobb

Saturday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. Interfaith Moral Climate Advocacy Workshop, Congregational Hall
10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room

Sunday, October 15

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 age 2 - grade 12.
2:00 p.m. Organ Recital: Dexter Kennedy, Sanctuary

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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