



# Gather Us In

## Stewardship 2018

***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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October 8, 2017  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
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

### **8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel**

#### **Art @ 9**

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

#### **Digging Deeper**

Adult Bible Study  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

#### **Filling the Well**

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

#### **Sunday Morning Discussion Group**

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

### **10:00 Worship, Sanctuary**

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

#### **Organ Recital**

Joshua Stafford  
2:00 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.

**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.



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

Mary Easton Swift Spence ~ September 30, 2017

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

David B. Smith

## † 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

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to  
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to  
hear your 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

Kate Lautenbach

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

Kate Lautenbach

**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

## 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

### MINISTRY MOMENT

*Gather Us In*

Eric and Susan Swanson

† HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

† 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  
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.

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Kate Lautenbach

### **USHERING**

Elder Keith Brinks

### **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

New members received by Session today  
and recognized during this morning's 10 a.m. 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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bmpc.org) > calendar > open registrations > Mini Golf. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org). [MonicaDevane@bmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto: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

**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

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

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