



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

September 10, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
23rd 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

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Age 2 - PreK Classes

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Education Building

Grades K - 5 Classes

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Education Building

Grades 6 -12

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

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we gather in worship this day! We would love the chance to say hello, so please fill out a visitor card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

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 coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for our Rally Day festivities on the lawn after the 10:00 a.m. worship service (rain location: Ministries Center).

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

David B. Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

All: Teach us and lead us to your ways, O God.

One: Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

All: With our whole heart, we will turn to God and live!

† HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, in love you have called the community of the church into being.

You have blessed us with the spiritual gifts to be the hands and feet,

the heart and voice of the body of Christ.

We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us.

We do not always speak the good news of your love,

or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.

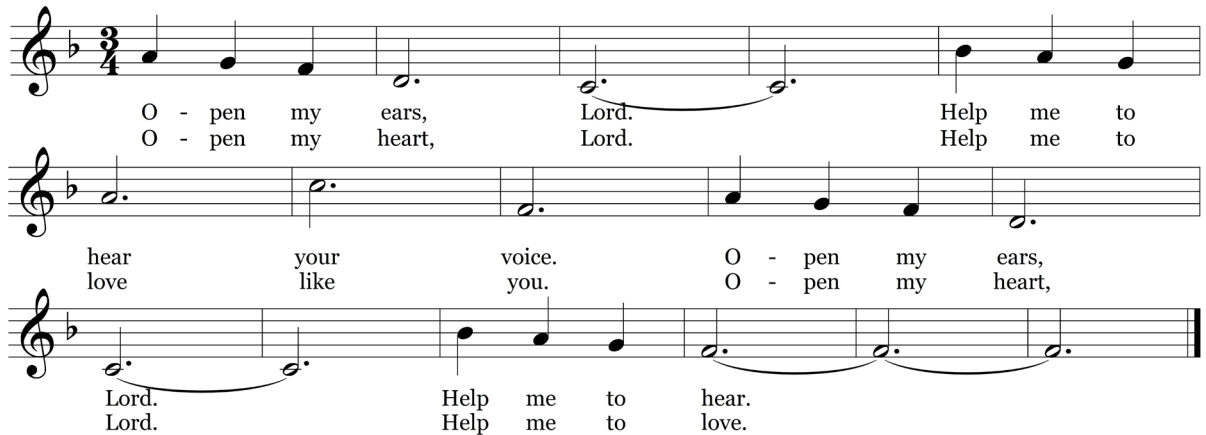
Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong

our common witness to the Lord of heaven and earth, 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,
O - pen my heart,
Lord. Lord. Help me to hear.
Lord. Help me to love.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Whiteside

FIRST LESSON Romans 13:8-14 (*p. 162 in pew Bible*)

Cathy Whiteside

SECOND LESSON Matthew 18:15-20 (*p. 20 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Gathered in Love and Forbearance
First in a three-part series on Life in Community

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

† 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
Charles Iredell Tenney

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Cathy Whiteside

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

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

USHERING

Brian Kerr

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 stewardship campaign. Bonnie Callahan, bbcallahan@comcast.net.

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

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.

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, their 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

YOUTH GATHERING AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGIN. Sun., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m. For information about children's ministry, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org. For youth ministry information, contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

- 2 years - Pre-K: Meet in Ed. Building. Pick up in classes at 11:15 a.m.
- Kindergarten - Grade 5: Begin in worship. Pick up in classes at 11:15 a.m.
- Grades 6 - 12: Gather in gymnasium. Released to Rally Day at 11:15 a.m.

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 10, 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center). Join us as we begin a new season in ministry! Enjoy picnic food, entertainment, fall program information from our ministry areas, and fellowship for all ages. All welcome!

CARILLON TOURS. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

This Week

Y-GROUP FALL KICKOFF BRUNCH. Tues., Sept. 12, 9:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Y-Group is our interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages with a focus on family, faith, fellowship and service. Author Laura Vanderkam discusses “Time Management for Busy Women.” AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

TAI CHI. Tues., Sept. 12, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Gymnasium. This moving meditation complements all styles of exercise. Benefits include stress reduction, arthritis management, and balance and coordination enhancement. First class is free, then \$20 per class or \$150 for 10 classes. Rich McKenzie is our experienced instructor. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Sept. 12, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Jerry Young leads discussion of U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum. What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? Jerry Young, 610-525-7280, Marilyn Irwin, 484-380-3685.

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 13, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our discussion of the Acts of the Apostles. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

MEN’S STUDY GROUP BEGINS. Wed., Sept. 13, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor and Library. Join Joshua Yoder in a discussion of The Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) using a book by Aaron Milavec. Books available for purchase for \$12 in the Ministries Center. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS. Thurs., Sept. 14, 11:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Forty-five-minute exercise program designed for older adults. Participants use weights, bands and balls for strength training along with aerobic and flexibility exercises. Bring water bottle and small hand weights. First class is free, \$10 for every four classes. The class is adapted for individual fitness levels and abilities. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

“LOVING WELL” RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP. Sat., Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Congregational Hall. The Middleton Center hosts this workshop with guest speaker the Rev. Melanie Hammond Clark. She draws on the insights of author/counselor Gary Chapman’s *The Five Love Languages* to help you improve relationships with partners, parents, children, friends and co-workers. Register: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

FILLING THE WELL. Sun., Sept. 17, 8:45 a.m., Children’s Library, Ed. Bldg. A weekly class for women and 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.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sun., Sept. 17, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. Discussion of *Why I Left, Why I Stayed* by Tony Campolo and Bart Campolo – a combined memoir. Father and son share their differing perspectives on faith, religion and the church. Discussion led by Paul MacMurray. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

YOUTH & PARENT KICKOFF MEETING. Sun., Sept. 17, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Congregational Hall. Kick off the program year for grades 6 - 12 with an update on this year's activities, summer 2018 trips and an introduction to the worship, service and fellowship opportunities that youth will have this year. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

PARTNERING WITH BROAD STREET MINISTRY. Sun., Sept. 17, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. BSM 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. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTORS. Sun., Sept. 17, 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.

Upcoming

REPOSE YOGA. Begins Tues., Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Donations accepted to help the BMPC Hunger Fund. Karen Gagnier is our experienced instructor.

TUTORING SIGN-UPS. Tues., Sept. 19, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m., Education Building Lobby for high school volunteers. Adult Training, 6:45-8:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg., second floor. Adult volunteers needed. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

KICKOFF FOR BROAD STREET MINISTRY. 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.

DOING GOOD TOGETHER. Thurs., Sept. 21, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Spend a day off from school in service! Students work with a number of BMPC mission partners to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and care for creation. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION. Sun., Sept. 24, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Families are invited to attend a third grade Bible breakfast from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in Congregational Hall. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, 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 for the breakfast.

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.

Save the Date

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP BEGINS. Tues., Sept. 26, 10:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join the Rev. Mary Steege to discuss 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. Books available in Ministries Center for \$12. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

CONGREGATION-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE: HABITAT BUILD. Sat., Sept. 29, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Front Lawn. Choose a shift or work all day. www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, PHILADELPHIA. Thurs., Oct. 5. Cost: \$30 per person includes boxed lunch at the church and all tours. Meet at 11:15 a.m. for lunch and fellowship in Gloucester Room. Following lunch, participants board the bus in the back parking lot at noon, and return to BMPC no later than 5:00 p.m. Space is limited. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

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.

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 10

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Rally Day, Front Lawn
- 11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft

Monday, September 11

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee, Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. BMPC Tech Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Usher Dinner, Congregational Hall

Tuesday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
10:30 a.m. Monthly Labyrinth Walk, Gymnasium
Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Congregational Hall
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, September 13

- 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
6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, September 14

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
9:00 p.m. Auditions for Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. Loving Well Workshop on The Five Languages of Love, Congregational Hall
9:00 a.m. Organ Improvisation Class, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 17

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for kindergarten - grade 12.
11:00 a.m. Reception Honoring Donna Barrickman, Ministries Center
4:00 p.m. **Installation Worship Service for the Rev. Mary Steege
and the Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff, 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

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

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