



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 10, 2017
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
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 worship God this morning. We invite you to stop at our information alcove to the left of the main entrance. You are welcome 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 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. 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 the bulletin. **Grades K-3** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed. 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.

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GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Cantabile

César Franck

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **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

Rachel Pedersen

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

† **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 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 13:8-14 (p. 162 in pew Bible) Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM Psalm 150 César Franck Sanctuary Choir

Hallelujah. O praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary; praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power; praise ye Him for His mighty acts; praise ye Him according to His majesty. Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet, with the psaltery and harp, with the timbrel, with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye Him with the loud cymbals, upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

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 Agnes W. Norfleet *First in a three-part series on Life in Community*

† HYMN 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Mary Steege

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

Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord
Sanctuary Choir

René Clausen

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, and raise a loud shout unto God with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all Gods. In God's hands are the deep places, and the heights of the hills also

are his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Let us come before the Lord our maker. Let us come before the Lord on bended knee. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever. Amen.

*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 826** Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet
- POSTLUDE** “Carillon du Longpont,” from *24 Free Pieces, Op. 31* Louis Vierne

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Charles Iredell Tenney

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

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

GREETING AND HOSTING

Congregational Life Council

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

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. Book 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 enjoy 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

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