



*Our*  
**STEWARDSHIP**  
*Journey*

***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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September 27, 2015  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome to BMPC

*Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**NEW HERE?** Stop by the information alcove near the main entrance to learn more about us or ask questions. We'd be glad to provide a tour and tell you about our programs and ministries. You are invited to participate according to your interests and we hope you will return often.

**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.

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

**Childcare:** infants - age 2; 7:45 - 12:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

**Children age 2 to PreK:** 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

**Grades K - 5:** 10:15 a.m., classes, Ed. Bldg.

(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

*If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ed. Bldg.*

**Grades 6- 12:** 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym;

10:30 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

**GETTING CONNECTED.** Please fill out the Fellowship Register as indicated during worship to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you may greet each other after worship.

**NOT A BMPC MEMBER?** We invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Oct. 11, at a breakfast meeting of Session followed by reception in worship. Our "Gathering with the Pastors" before and after 10:00 a.m. worship on Sun., Oct. 4, is an opportunity to meet our pastoral staff, learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

*As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone  
and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.*



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

Emily Elizabeth Fletcher ~ September 16, 2015



# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** Chorale preludes on “Dundee” and “Rockingham” C. Hubert H. Parry

\* **WELCOME** Richard Wohlschlaeger

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come not simply to a sanctuary, but into the presence of God.

**All: We come in our need and bring with us the needs of the world.**

One: We are carried by our faith and stand in the face of doubts.

**All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.**

One: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

**All: and it is God who promises a holy welcome;  
it is God who promises never to turn us away.**

† **HYMN 385** All People That on Earth Do Dwell OLD HUNDREDTH

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND

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

Loving God, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have heard your summons to follow and we have failed to be faithful to your calling. We have heard how you bless the church with the power of your Spirit and a spirit of unity, and yet we look for the things that divide us one from another. Forgive us, O God, and free us to be a community of blessing, spreading the gospel in word and deed. Empower us anew to be good stewards of the mysteries of your grace. Amen.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*† **GLORIA PATRI** *(in unison)* *(Hymnal 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*

† Please stand, if able. \* Ushers may seat latecomers.

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Rachel Pedersen

### SENDING HYMN     Go Now, Children With Our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God  
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u-pon you, and may  
God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the  
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

*During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.*

### FIRST LESSON     Psalm 145:1-10 (*p. 581 in pew Bible*)     Richard Wohlschlaeger

### ANTHEM     I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me     C. Hubert H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

### SECOND LESSON     Philippians 1:1-11 (*p. 196 in pew Bible*)     Agnes W. Norfleet

### SERMON     *As Partners in the Gospel*     Agnes W. Norfleet 1st of *Our Stewardship Journey* series from Philippians

### † HYMN 396     Brethren, We Have Met to Worship     HOLY MANNA

† Please stand, if able. \* Ushers may seat latecomers.

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Declaration of Faith*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

As in the early Christian community, so in the centuries since,  
the Spirit has formed and identified the church.

We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ  
wherever the work of the Spirit is evident:  
in preaching and sacraments,  
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,  
in sharing of the spiritual gifts and material things,  
in mission and service to the world.

**MINISTRY MOMENT** Susie Valerio on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

## 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

*Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew;  
pass it down your row and back again.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Psalm 61 (from *The End of the Earth*) Alan Hovhaness

Hear my cry, O God, from the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For Thou hast been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy. I will trust in the covert of Thy wings. Alleluia.

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 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** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 301** Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

† **POSTLUDE** Toccata Eugène Gigout

† *Please stand, if able.*

# Worship Notes

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Grafton D. Chase  
Elizabeth C. Erb and Harry C. Erb  
Richard W. Knecht  
Emilie M. Pyle  
Louella & Melville Kennedy

## **BIBLES PRESENTED**

to these 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:

Andrew Bachman	Corinne Sanborn Davis	Elisabeth Lee Maeulen
Nina K. Bertrand	Chet Ebert	Maddie Meiler
Andrew James Beyer	Eli Karl Engelman	Jane Newlin
David Matthew Blusiewicz	Theodore Henry Engelman	Henry Koban Payne
Addison Maya Chang	Georgia Grace Gatta*	Elijah Samuel Press
Delanie Grace Ciprich*	Read Potter Kitchel*	Jordan Lillian Smith*
Jasper Conway	Ashley Elizabeth Kuntz	Rafael Rhoads Snyder
Maeve Daley-Gibson	Brody Robert Ladda	* = <i>unable to attend today.</i>

## **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Representatives of Peacemaking Committee and Interfaith Hospitality Network

## **THE PRELUDE AND THE ANTHEM**

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry played an important role in that second Renaissance of English music known as the “Anglican Revival.” For some 100 years after Handel, Britain had seen a steady decline in the whole of its music scene. Parry used his strengths as a composer, scholar and educator to reverse the trend, paving the way for the Elgars, Stanfords, Vaughan Williamses, and other legends of the revival. With virtually simultaneous “hits” in 1880, at the famed Crystal Palace (*Piano Concerto in F-sharp*) and at the Gloucester Festival (*Scenes from Prometheus Unbound*), Parry catapulted himself to prominence - a position he enjoyed until his death. In 1902, he was called upon to set the anthem “I Was Glad” for the coronation of Edward VII - creating a vital and enduring work that has rightfully taken its place in both the coronation and cathedral repertoires.

## **Announcements**

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS DUE.** Submit recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2016-2017 by Sept. 30 via the forms at building entrances or at [www.bmpc.org/nominatingform](http://www.bmpc.org/nominatingform). Candidates must be church members for at least two years, participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church budget. Susan Bravo, [b41793@aol.com](mailto:b41793@aol.com).

**MINISTRIES CENTER ART EXHIBIT.** An exhibit of BMPC's permanent art collection is on view through Sun., Oct. 25. A show of photography by BMPC members is planned for November; submit photos in printed format by Oct. 26. [jeankwolf@gmail.com](mailto:jeankwolf@gmail.com).

**WE HAVE BOOKS!** Our Book Center has selections for purchase and is accessible on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; the key is available at the Reception Desk. You also may borrow books from Converse House Library. Kat MacMurray, [KatRMac2@gmail.com](mailto:KatRMac2@gmail.com).

## **Today**

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY.** 8:45 a.m. family breakfast, Congregational Hall; 10:00 a.m. Bible presentation, Sanctuary. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL CLASS.** 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts introduces our new hymnal. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**6TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 6th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. [KellenSmith@bmpc.org](mailto:KellenSmith@bmpc.org), ext. 8822.

## **This Week**

**PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC.** Mon., Sept. 28, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Our season opener features soprano soloist Elizabeth Weigle, accompanied by pianist Elizabeth Morgan. [DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com](mailto:DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com), 610-525-8347.

**INFANT/TODDLER "FRIDAY MORNING OUT."** Fridays beginning Oct. 2, 9:00 - 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 101. Parents and caregivers drop off children (infants - age 3) to learn and play. For details about cost and registration: [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**MATTER OF BALANCE.** Fridays beginning Oct. 2, 11:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. Eight-week course co-sponsored with Main Line Health. Bring a brown bag lunch and improve your endurance, strength, and balance while having fun and reducing the risk of an injury due to a fall. Manual included. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**FALL ASLEEP; STAY ASLEEP.** Sat. Oct. 3, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. National sleep expert Karl Doghramji, MD discusses sleep wellness in adulthood. Cost: \$10. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

## Upcoming

**ISLAM'S PERSPECTIVE ON BEING A NEIGHBOR.** Sunday, Oct. 4, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Led by Hibba Abugideiri, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Villanova. Dr. Abugideiri returns to BMPC after her well-received lecture from last year to share perceptions of being a neighbor according to Islam. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**7TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** Sun., Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 7th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. Register: [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**COMMUNITY FORUM WITH DAVID GREGORY.** Mon., Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. A former NBC newsman and moderator of *Meet the Press*, Gregory will discuss lessons he's learned about belief and the topic of his new book, *How's Your Faith? An Unlikely Spiritual Journey*. Free and open to the public; no reservations needed. Childcare available with three days notice. [PamLloyd@bmpc.org](mailto:PamLloyd@bmpc.org), ext. 8806.

**RE-IMAGINED SACRED SPACES PROGRAM WITH LUNCH.** Wed., Oct. 7, noon - 2:00 p.m., Congregational Hall, sponsored by our Senior Adult Council. Robert Jaeger discusses Philadelphia's Partners for Sacred Places, which helps to utilize older religious properties as civic assets. Catered meal, \$10. Guided tour of four churches on Sat., Oct. 10. Register: [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF.** Sat., Oct. 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. On-going support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one. All welcome. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

## Save the Date

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP REPORT.** Sunday, Oct. 11, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Dominican Republic Mission Team reports on its life-changing experiences by sharing photos, videos, and testimonies. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.** Sun., Oct. 11, 4:00 p.m., front lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SERIES.** Wednesdays, Oct. 14 – Nov. 18, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Discover the benefits of meditation with the Rev. John Hill, therapist with the Middleton Center. \$15 per session payable in class. Register: [JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org](mailto:JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org), 610-525-0766.



## **THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE: THE REV. DR. BRIAN BLOUNT**

President and Professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Dr. Blount will join us for the weekend:

- Sat., Oct. 17, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Lecture: “God is on the Loose.”
- Sun., Oct. 18: Dr. Blount preaches at 10:00 a.m. worship; light brunch and lecture “Jesus as a Teacher” follows.

CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**WORLD FOOD DAY COLLECTION.** Sun., Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Narthex. Hunger Committee members will collect canned and nonperishable food items to be delivered to area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Especially needed: protein sources such as canned tuna fish, beans, stew, meats, baby food and baby formula. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR THE COMMON PLACE.** Place candy (no nuts, please) for their Halloween party in the collection bins in the Ministries Center or Education Building. The Common Place is a sacred space serving the families of Southwest Philadelphia that receives support from our Eugene C. Bay Fund through our Outreach Council. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**DINE OUT TO BENEFIT MAIN LINE ADULT DAY CENTER.** Last chance on Tues., Sept. 29, to enjoy a meal at Not Your Average Joe’s restaurant in Suburban Square and have 15% of the proceeds benefit the Main Line Adult Day Center on our campus. Vouchers required; available at our Reception Desk. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**BE A “SECRET SAINT.”** Sponsor one of our many students who are away from home. Secret Saints let them know BMPC cares through packages, cards, and most importantly, prayers. Jane Wilber, Parent Coordinator, wilbaway5@comcast.net.

**PASTORAL CARE.** If you or someone you know in our community are going through a difficult time, our Care Team is available for home and hospital visits and prayer. You may submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit [www.bmpc.org/prayer](http://www.bmpc.org/prayer). LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

**FEED THE HUNGRY.** Contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

**NEED A RIDE?** We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments call Lorie Benovic, ext. 8833. Volunteer drivers welcome.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS.** Please pray for all who remain in harm’s way. If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces, contact Janney Ryan, JanneyRyan610@gmail.com.

# ***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 27, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship with 3rd Grade Bible Presentation and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 2, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (through 12:30 p.m.)  
8:45 a.m. Grade 3 Family Breakfast, Congregational Hall  
Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205  
"Filling the Well" Women's Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, 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. Youth Grade Groups, Ministries Center  
Confirmation, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn (weather permitting)  
11:15 a.m. Glory to God Hymnal Class, Congregational Hall  
11:30 a.m. 6th Grade Youth and Parent Brunch, Pastor Kellen's Manse

## **Monday, September 28, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
1:30 p.m. Perspectives in Music, Fine Arts Center  
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board, Pastors' Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Conference Room

## **Tuesday, September 29, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Pathways to Clergy Renewal, Witherspoon Parlor  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
6:15 p.m. Tutoring Program Student Training, Ed. Bldg.

### **Wednesday, September 30, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet at main parking lot
- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Children's Choir), 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
- Discerning God's Call, Witherspoon Parlor
- Sanctuary Choir - Men, Fine Arts Center

### **Thursday, October 1, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, October 2, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. Infant/Toddler "Friday Morning Out," Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

### **Saturday, October 3, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. "Fall Asleep; Stay Asleep," Congregational Hall

### **Sunday, October 4, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
- The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- Sunday School for age 2 - grade 3.
- Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 12.

## ***Worship Staff***

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

**Kellen A. Smith**, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

**Richard Wohlschlaeger**, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music and Fine Arts

**Edward L. Landin**, Assistant Director of Music

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Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • [JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org](mailto:JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org)

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840