



Our
STEWARDSHIP
Journey

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

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

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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

Nina K. Bertrand

Andrew James Beyer

David Matthew Blusiewicz

Addison Maya Chang

Delanie Grace Ciprich*

Jasper Conway

Maeve Daley-Gibson

Corinne Sanborn Davis

Chet Ebert

Eli Karl Engelman

Theodore Henry Engelman

Georgia Grace Gatta*

Read Potter Kitchel*

Ashley Elizabeth Kuntz

Brody Robert Ladda

Elisabeth Lee Maeulen

Maddie Meiler

Jane Newlin

Henry Koban Payne

Elijah Samuel Press

Jordan Lillian Smith*

Rafael Rhoads Snyder

* = *unable to attend today.*

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. 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.

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.

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.

Today

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY. 8:45 a.m. family breakfast, Congregational Hall; 10:00 a.m. Bible presentation, Sanctuary. 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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. 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,
call the church office, or contact 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

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