



Our
STEWARDSHIP
Journey

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

October 11, 2015
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Twentieth 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 and join us for refreshments in the Ministries Center Court following worship. We invite you to participate according to your interests and hope you will return often. Questions? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

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 a.m. - 12:30 p.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.

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 in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

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



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Fugue in C
Prelude on "We Now Implore the Holy Ghost"

Dieterich Buxtehude

* WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, enlarge our hearts

All: So we can become more compassionate.

One: God, broaden our minds

**All: So that we may see the needs of the world
and respond according to our gifts.**

One: God, deepen our souls

All: So the depth of your grace may well up within us.

One: God, fill us with your love

**All: So that we may overflow in generosity
to share your good and perfect gifts.**

† HYMN 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

CALL TO CONFESSION AND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of all good, you fill the earth with living beauty and entrust it to our care; and yet we fail to be good stewards of your creation. You have made us in your own image and likeness; and yet we fail to love ourselves fully and deny the image of God in others. You have blessed us with a rich inheritance of faith, hope and love; and yet we have not wisely invested these greatest gifts of life. Forgive us, O God, and call us anew to live as your children, as heirs of your promises, and as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rachel Pedersen
Lilly Press and Elder Gene Chang

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

All: **We do.**

SENDING HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

During the Sending Hymn, kindergarten through 5th grade children depart for their Sunday School classes.

LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9, 15-20 (p. 198 in *pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Offerings Pleasing to God

Agnes W. Norfleet

Third of *Our Stewardship Journey* series from Philippians

† HYMN 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Agnes W. Norfleet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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.

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

OFFERING AND

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lord Thou Hast Been our Refuge Ralph Vaughan Williams

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction; again Thou sayest come again ye children of men for a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home. As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as asleep and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered. For we consume away in Thy displeasure, and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation. For when Thou art angry all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end as a tale that is told, the years of our age are three score years and ten, and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength but labour and sorrow. So passeth it away and we are gone. Turn Thee again O Lord at the last. Be gracious unto Thy servants. O satisfy us with Thy mercy and that soon. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from our one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end. And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us. O prosper Thou the work of our hands. O prosper Thou our handy work.

† **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**

† **HYMN 821** **My Life Flows On** **HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING**

The first verse will be sung by soloist Jeff Wilber.

The congregation may join in singing the refrain and remaining verses.

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

POSTLUDE Praeludium in A minor Dieterich Buxtehude

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
W. Henry Cordray, Jr.
Shirley Ann Staples

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Elizabeth Martin Bates

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ryan Andrew Kuntz, son of Kristin and Andy Kuntz
Rhys Michael Groff, son of Allyson and Steve Groff
Joseph Faulkner McMahan and John Pruden McMahan,
sons of Lainey and Trip McMahan
Ryder Andrew Hulton, son of Brooke and Tim Hulton
Assisting are Lilly Press, representing the children
of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and Elder Gene Chang

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

New members received at a breakfast meeting of Session
today and being recognized during worship:
Elisha Gillette
Natalie McGann
Jennifer Reynolds
Brett and Melissa Thomas

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of Session

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE

Buxtehude's Fugue in C, also known as his "Gigue Fugue", is a simple, yet effective demonstration of Buxtehude's ability to take a sequence of notes and create a jolly dance out of them. The chorale prelude on "We Now Implore the Holy Ghost" is an elegant setting of a popular hymn during Buxtehude's life. Known as an ornamented chorale, its melody weaves in and out of cascading flourishes and scales. Praeludium in A minor is one of the most performed of Buxtehude's preludia and includes two fugues surrounded by improvisatory passages and pedal solos.

Announcements

PEACEMAKING & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. This special offering supports ministries devoted to peacemaking and reconciliation in communities of conflict around the world. It also funds the work of BMPC's Peacemaking Committee in its efforts to address gun violence and offer educational programs such as an upcoming Income Inequality Seminar on Oct. 25th. Envelopes are in the pews.

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](mailto:KatMacMurray), KatRMac2@gmail.com.

OUTREACH GRANTS. Organizations that are in West Philadelphia and/or are Presbytery-related are encouraged to apply for BMPC's 2016 outreach grants. Applications may be found by searching "grants" at www.bmpc.org; deadline is Nov. 15. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

REGISTER FOR THE WEEKDAY SCHOOL. Registrations for the 2016-17 school year are underway; BMPC members have priority in placement through Oct. 30th. For more information contact Kim Black, weekdayschool@bmpc.org, 610-520-8840.

Today

WORLD FOOD DAY COLLECTION. 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Narthex. Bring non-perishable food items to donate; especially needed are proteins such as canned tuna fish, beans, stew, meats, baby food and baby formula. You also may contribute via the white hunger envelopes in the pews. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP REPORT. 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. 4:00 p.m., front lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. An offering of food and supplies for local animal shelters will be received. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

This Week

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.

Upcoming

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINIATURE GOLF. Sun., Oct. 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tee’s Golf Center, Conshohocken. Middle schoolers are invited for an afternoon of fellowship, mini golf and pizza. Cost: \$15. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m.. Fullerton Room. Eric Johnson leads a discussion of *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie, which has an innovative twist ending. A PDF file of the work is available on the Internet. EricThorJohnson@gmail.com.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiechie. Sherry.archer19@yahoo.com.

9TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Oct. 25, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen’s Manse. All 9th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Y-GROUP HAYRIDE & BONFIRE. Sun., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m., Linvilla Orchards. Presbyterian Women of BMPC invite you for an evening of fall fun for the whole family. Hayride followed by a bonfire with hot-dogs and marshmallows; \$20 per person/ \$75 per family. Payments to BMPC att: Mary Richards by Oct. 22, MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

HIGH SCHOOL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE. Sun., Oct. 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Sugartown Strawberries Farm, Malvern. Youth in grades 9-12 are invited for an evening of fellowship, campfire songs, and s’mores. Cost: \$15. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Oct. 26, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Philadelphia Orchestra member, violinist and Assistant Concert Master Marc Rovetti shares his violin artistry. DeAnnClancy@hotmail.com, 610-525-8347.

VIOLA AND PIANO RECITAL. Sun., Oct. 25, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring Sarah Sutton, viola, and Edward Landin, piano. The program includes works by J. S. Bach (*Sonata in D major*), Arvo Pärt (*Spiegel im Spiegel*), Benjamin Britten (*Lachrymae*), Howard Ferguson (*Four Short Pieces*), and Rebecca Clarke (*Passacaglia on an Old English Tune*). Free-will offering. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Caring & Sharing

SERVE LUNCH. Sat., Oct. 31, 10:15 a.m.; meet in the Ministries Center to carpool and help prepare and serve lunch at Our Brother's Place homeless shelter. Return by 2:00 p.m. Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net.

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, a sacred space serving the families of Southwest Philadelphia, receives support from our Eugene C. Bay Fund through our Outreach Council. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

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.

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.

SUPPORTING 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, October 11, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism 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. 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
- 9:00 a.m. Session Meeting to Receive New Members, Gloucester Room
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. Cafe in the Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Mission Trip Presentation, Congregational Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, front lawn

Monday, October 12, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room
Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet in main parking lot
- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Mindful Meditation Class, Witherspoon Parlor
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve - High School Leadership Team, Loft
Sanctuary Choir: Men's Sectional Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Thursday, October 15, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Property Vision Team meeting, Pastors' Conference Room
- 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
Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, October 16, 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
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, October 17, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Theologian-in-Residence: Brian Blount Lecture, Congregational Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir: Soprano Sectional Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir: Alto Sectional Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Sunday, October 18, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
Our seminary intern, David Smith will preach.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Brian Blount will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12.
- 11:15 a.m. Theologian-in-Residence Luncheon and Lecture, Congregational Hall

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

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