



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

November 15, 2015
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
25th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to BMPC

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

NEW HERE? Visit the information alcove near the main Sanctuary entrance to learn more about us, 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 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 for refreshments 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.*



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Margaret "Jean" Africa ~ November 11, 2015



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* **PRELUDE** "Lied" from *Douze Pièces* Gaston Litaize

* **WELCOME** Kellen A. Smith

*† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us come together in the presence of God,

All: One in faith and one in spirit.

One: For it is good to give thanks to the Lord,

All: To sing praises to God's name, Most High.

One: We come seeking new life,

All: Trusting in God's goodness and grace.

One: For we are made glad by God's works

All: And respond with gratitude and thanksgiving.

† **HYMN 275** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Loving God, you promise to write your law upon our hearts,
that we would be your faithful people,
even as you are our faithful God.

You have confirmed your promise to us
in your gift of grace through Jesus Christ.

Still, we stray from your ways.

Forgive us, and renew us in our knowledge of you
and our love for you.

Grant us strength and courage to live with integrity,
according to the deepest longings of your holy word.

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

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing



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.

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

FIRST LESSON Psalm 119:33-40 (*p. 567 in pew Bible*) Rachel Pedersen

ANTHEM Lobe den Herren Hugo Distler
Praise the good Lord, the all-powerful King of All Glory, O dear soul, that is my wish, my desire, my story. Come join the crowd, play harp and psaltery loud! Let music be telling this Glory. Praise the good Lord who rules all creation so grandly, who has taken you high up on eagle's wings, leading you safely, who has kept you from harm and happy you felt no alarm. Haven't you felt this already?

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 10:11-25 (*p. 224 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON *Hearts Sprinkled Clean* Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 445** God, How Can We Forgive LEONI

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) Rachel Pedersen

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

~ from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

MINISTRY MOMENT

Marshall Bassett on behalf of Advent Gift Market

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rachel Pedersen

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**

The Great Commission Robert Lehman
Sanctuary Choir with Galeano Salas, tenor soloist

Jesus came and said to them, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded of you; And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

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

† **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** 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! MARION

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

POSTLUDE "Allegro Moderato" from *Symphonie VI* Charles Marie Widor

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God
and in honor of our veterans

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of Worldwide Ministries Council

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Dianne Heard

PREACHING FROM THE LECTIONARY

Today's sermon is based on the Epistle reading appointed for this day by the Revised Common Lectionary. The lectionary is a list of readings from the Bible for use in Christian worship, making provision for the liturgical year with its pattern of observances of festivals and seasons. Each Sunday four readings are suggested from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a Gospel and one of the Epistles. The lectionary follows a three-year cycle based on readings from Matthew, Mark and Luke (the synoptic gospels with parallel narratives of the life of Jesus), with readings from John interspersed in all three years. Appointing particular readings for certain days grew out of Judaism and was later adopted by Catholic and Protestant churches. BMPC pastors typically use the Revised Common Lectionary most weeks, but deviate from it for topical series or to address current global, community or pastoral concerns before the congregation.

Announcements

OUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY. We are thankful for your generosity. It is rewarding to be a part of such a committed congregation, who give willingly and with great heart. Currently we have reached 53% participation of our active members and have received 36 new pledges. If you have not pledged, please complete a pledge card, or pledge online at www.bmpc.org.

FINAL CASTING CALL FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. Calling all young actors and readers to participate in the Christmas Eve family service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Email MaryRichards@bmpc.org with the ages of children and indicate if they would like to speak, read, or act. Deadline: today.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS. Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacon’s flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Nov. 29.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. If you are not a member, we invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Dec. 5. Attend our “Gathering with the Pastors” on Sunday morning, Nov. 29, to meet our pastoral staff, learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT. On view in the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor through Sunday, Nov. 29. Reception, Sun., Nov. 22, following Faythe Freese’s organ recital. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Today

SENIOR HAPPENINGS: LIVING LEGACY BRUNCH. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Drs. William Arnold and Margaret Anne Fohl return as part of our “Living Legacy Series.” Limited number of walk-ins welcome; \$15. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE HEBREW PROPHETS. 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Tim Horner of Villanova University leads us in a discussion about the Hebrew Prophets and how they define our insider/outsider mentality when we self-identify as Christians. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

10TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen’s Manse. All 10th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

4TH AND 5TH GRADE BOWLING. 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Wynnewood Lanes in Ardmore. Bowling, pizza and fun. Cost: \$5. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

YOUNG ADULT DINNER GATHERING. 6:00 p.m., El Limon in Ardmore. Those in their 20s or 30s are welcome for a time of fellowship with our young adult group. KellenSmith@bmpc.org.

This Week

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Nov. 17, 1:30 p.m. Fullerton Room. Phoebe Sheftel leads a discussion of *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. ericthorjohnson@gmail.com.

LUNCHEON AND CONCERT FEATURING PIANIST MARJA KAISLA. Wed., Nov. 18, noon, Congregational Hall. Finnish-American pianist Marja Kaisla presents a concert commemorating the 150th anniversary of Jean Sibelius' birth. Limited number of walk-ins welcome; \$15. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this monthly study of the Bible. Newcomers welcome. Anita Ayengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY. Fri., Nov. 20, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A showing of *The Polar Express* with pizza dinner. Children are invited to wear pajamas and bring blankets! Gluten-free pizza available with advance request. Suggested donation: \$5 per person / \$20 cap per family. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Upcoming

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sun., Nov. 22, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gymnasium. Opening day for our Advent Gift Market (AGM) where you may choose "gifts" representing donations that make a difference. New this year: on opening day only you may purchase tangible items to benefit some of the organizations. Online shopping also available: search "Advent Gift Market" at www.bmpc.org. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

11TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Nov. 22, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 11th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

ORGAN RECITAL. Sun., Nov. 22, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Organist Faythe Freese presents works from five different countries as she reflects on a year of playing organs throughout Europe. The program also includes the Pennsylvania premiere of a work she commissioned by American organist and composer Pamela Decker entitled *The Freese Collection*. Tickets may be purchased in advance on our website or at the door: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 26, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for “Pancakes for a Purpose” and enjoy fellowship and food at this annual event. All proceeds from the breakfast (\$5 per person) support our youth mission projects and trips. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN: LEADING THE WAY TO LOVING THE NEIGHBOR. Nov. 29 – Dec. 20, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Jon Pahl returns to lead this class on those sisters-in-the-spirit who have led the way toward loving our neighbor over the past three centuries. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Jan. 16-18. Early Bird Registration of \$199 due Nov. 30 (\$299 after). A winter getaway in the Pocono’s with snow games, tubing, great meals, worship, and a service opportunity on MLK Jr. Day. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

12TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen’s Manse. All 12th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+). Sun., Dec. 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne (directions will be mailed). \$15/person includes heavy hors d’oeuvres and beverages. RSVP with your check payable to BMPC by Mon., Nov. 30. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

SOCK TOSS FOR BROAD STREET. Sun., Nov. 22, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gymnasium. Purchase a pair of warm socks for \$3, then test your aim at tossing socks at a target. Win prizes when you hit the target! All socks will be donated to Broad Street Ministry. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

DECK THE HALLS. Help our Flower Committee decorate the church with boughs of holly, wreaths, poinsettias and greens on Wednesdays, Dec. 2 & 9; Thurs., Dec. 17 (9:30 a.m. - noon); and Saturdays, Dec. 12 (1 - 3 p.m.) & 19 (9:30 a.m. - noon). Patti Hallowell, augustehallowell@mac.com.

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND HAMS. Bring frozen turkeys and hams to the freezers in the Ministries Center and our Hunger Committee will donate them to needy families in our area during the holidays. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

FEED THE HUNGRY. Come to a casserole blitz on Sat., Nov. 21, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in our main kitchen to prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contributions in the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide ingredients. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

This Week's Calendar

*For more information visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, November 15, 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.
- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 2, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 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
- 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 and Confirmation, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. Prophets and Social Justice, Witherspoon Parlor
Living Legacy Brunch, Congregational Hall
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
- 11:30 a.m. 10th Grade Luncheon, Pastor Kellen's Manse
4:30 p.m. 4th - 5th Grade Bowling, Wynnewood Lanes
6:00 p.m. Young Adults Dinner Gathering, El Limon in Ardmore

Monday, November 16, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Pathways to Clergy Renewal, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
1:30 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Meeting, Gymnasium

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet in main parking lot
9:00 a.m. Weekday School Home and School Association Meeting, Ed. Bldg.
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Concert featuring Marja Kaisla, Congregational Hall
1:30 p.m. Mindful Meditation Class, Witherspoon Parlor
4:45 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 - High School Leadership Team, Loft
Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, November 19, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. Domestic Violence Event, Ministries Center
9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Bible for Beginners, Gloucester Room
Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room
Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, November 20, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Infant/Toddler "Friday Morning Out," Ed. Bldg.
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
11:00 a.m. Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Family Fun Friday, Congregational Hall

Saturday, November 21, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, main kitchen
10:00 a.m. Margaret Jean Africa Memorial Service and Reception, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 22, 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 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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