



*Our*  
**STEWARDSHIP**  
*Journey*

***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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October 25, 2015  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Twenty-second 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 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 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."*

Martha Jean Menz ~ October 10, 2015



# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**

Praeludium (2015)  
American Premiere

Pamela Decker

\* **WELCOME**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God, enlarge our hearts

**All: So that 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 that 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.**

† **HYMN 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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

You have promised, O Lord, to forget your anger  
and remember our sins no more.

We confess that we have not always walked in your paths  
or trusted your promises.

We look for security in the wrong places,  
and fail to lean on your mighty, outstretched arm.

We are distracted by worries  
and we do not see the favor of your grace surrounding us.

We desire the things that will not last  
and neglect the abundant gifts of your Spirit.

Wake us up to your goodness and mercy,  
and forgive us so that we may be restored by your abundant love.

*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

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, 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, kindergarten through 5th grade children  
depart for their Sunday School classes.*

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 24 (p. 502 in pew Bible)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

O Taste and See  
Sanctuary Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest are they who trust in him.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:17-31 (p. 46 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*A Love Story*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

## 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.

**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** Come Down, O Love Divine      Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Sanctuary Choir

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passion turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

† **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 697**      Take My Life      HENDON

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

**POSTLUDE**      Toccata in F Major      Dietrich Buxtehude

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Frances O. and Edwin M. Ross

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Representatives of Session

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Alan Willoughby

### **PRELUDE**

Today's prelude is the American premiere of a work Edward Landin commissioned by American organist and composer Pamela Decker. The world premiere took place this past August during a recital he gave at the Evangelische Saalkirchengemeinde in Ingelheim am Rhein, Germany. Please enjoy the following notes the composer has written about her new piece:

Praeludium was commissioned by the American concert organist Edward Landin as a tribute to the north German Baroque composer and organist Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707). The north German *stylus phantasticus*—with its many influences and references, including the toccata tradition, the prevalence of improvisation, rhetoric, Italian elements, French opera, 16th-century polyphony, fugal procedures, and the German concept of *Affekt*—was exemplified in brilliant and glorious fashion by the organ preludia of Buxtehude. Improvisatory and theatrical opening passages (the *exordium*) led to fugues that would dissolve into dramatic silences (the *aposiopesis* described by music theorist Joachim Burmeister), followed by newly-arriving fugues alternating with toccata-like flourishes. Fugal segments were considered to be a “confirmation” (the *confirmatio*) of established material within the work, while some of the more adventurous passages were seen as presenting argument (the *confutatio*). Finally, these preludia conclude with the *peroratio*, which comprises a brilliant summary and conclusion. This commissioned Praeludium of our own time pays homage to the many influences that resulted in the *stylus phantasticus*; at the same time, the harmonic and melodic materials belong to a 21st-century language based on synthetic modes and multicultural elements that range across many musical categories (South American rhythms, flamenco modal patterns, German contrapuntal devices, etc.). The rhetorical elements of *exordium*, *confirmatio*, *confutatio*, and *peroratio* are very much alive and present in the work. The boundaries of these segments might be drawn in various ways depending upon an individual performer's view, but the rhetorical “anatomy” is in evidence. The intention is to celebrate Buxtehude's drama, color, and vitality while speaking in a modern language.

## **Announcements**

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY.** By pledge card in your pew, by mail or online, we are grateful for however you wish to share your financial commitment to our congregation. Your gifts are critical to the continued success and strength of our church. Thank you!

**INSTALLATION SERVICE.** Nov. 1, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. You are invited to join with the Presbytery of Philadelphia in a service of Installation for the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission at BMPC. We will be led in worship by the Rev. Carol McDonald, retired Executive for the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and other members of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. Reception to follow.

**VISUAL ARTS.** Photographers: we invite your participation in a Congregational Photography Show opening Sun., Nov. 1. Submit up to five photos by Mon., Oct. 26; search “visual arts” on our website or see the Music and Fine Arts kiosk in the Ministries Center Court for guidelines. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**OUTREACH GRANTS.** Organizations that are in West Philadelphia and/or are Presbytery-related are encouraged to apply for BMPC’s 2016 outreach grants. Search “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. 30. For more information contact Kim Black, weekdayschool@bmpc.org, 610-520-8840.

## **Today**

**MIND THE GAP: UNDERSTANDING ECONOMIC INEQUALITY.** 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Explore the Christian response to income disparity with panel members Jon Pahl, Jana Nestlerode and Jondhi Harrell. Light lunch provided. Presented by our Peacemaking Committee and Adult Education Council. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

**SENIOR HAPPENINGS: CHATAUQUA 2016.** 11:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Meeting for anyone interested in going to Chatauqua Institution this summer. Janet White, JanetW298@verizon.net.

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

**VIOLA AND PIANO RECITAL.** 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Sarah Sutton, viola, and Edward Landin, piano, perform works by J. S. Bach, Arvo Pärt, Benjamin Britten, Howard Ferguson, and Rebecca Clarke. Free-will offering. Reception to follow in celebration of the performers and the artists represented in the BMPC Permanent Art Exhibition hung throughout the Ministries Center. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**Y-GROUP HAYRIDE & BONFIRE.** 5:30 p.m., Linvilla Orchards. Hayride for the whole family followed by a bonfire with hotdogs and marshmallows for those registered. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

**HIGH SCHOOL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE.** 6:00-8:00 p.m., Sugartown Strawberries Farm, Malvern. Youth in grades 9-12 share an evening of fellowship, campfire songs, and s'mores. Cost: \$15. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

## *This Week*

**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.

**HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE AT BMPC.** Fri., Oct. 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Ministries Center. Celebrate fall and bring your little ones to trick-or-treat through the church offices! Costumes are optional and hot cider will be served. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

## *Upcoming*

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY MUSIC IN WORSHIP.** Sun., Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Our Sanctuary Choir performs Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* as part of the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Edward Landin, organist; Jeffrey Brillhart, conductor. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE HEBREW PROPHETS.** Sundays, Nov. 1 – 15, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. As we continue on our journey to determine "Who is our neighbor?" Tim Horner of Villanova University leads us in a discussion about the Hebrew Prophets and how this defines our insider/outsider mentality when we self-identify as Christians. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**8TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** Sun., Nov. 1, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 8th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER.** Tues., Nov. 3, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Experience this ancient symbol and prayer form. Last walk of the evening begins at 7:15 p.m. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

## *Save the Date*

**SYRIAN CRISIS RESPONSE GATHERING.** Sun., Nov. 8, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads members of BMPC in a conversation about how we might respond to the Syrian Refugee Crisis. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.



**TEAM UP TOURNAMENT.** Sat., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Gym. First annual event for children and youth with and without disabilities. Sign up for an exciting morning of round robin basketball. Adult referees, coaches, greeters, and K-12 players needed! No basketball experience necessary; all welcome. \$10 registration fee, scholarships available. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations, or email [upward@bmpc.org](mailto:upward@bmpc.org).

**SENIOR HAPPENINGS LIVING LEGACY BRUNCH.** Sun., Nov. 15, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Drs. William Arnold and Margaret Anne Fohl return as part of our “Living Legacy Series.” Register with a check for \$15 by Nov. 11., attn: Amy Bauer. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**SERVE LUNCH.** Sat., Oct. 31, 10:15 a.m. Meet in the Ministries Center to carpool to prepare and serve lunch at Our Brother’s Place homeless shelter; return by 2:00 p.m. Pam Haynes Walsh, [haynes-walsh@comcast.net](mailto:haynes-walsh@comcast.net).

**DONATE HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR THE COMMON PLACE.** Last chance to 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](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**SERVE DINNER TO TUTORING STUDENTS.** The BMPC Tutoring Program needs 1-2 volunteers each Tuesday evening to help serve dinner to the students. Dinner each week is prepared by Ruth Johnson, but volunteers are needed to warm food up and plate it in anticipation of the children’s arrival. The time commitment is from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Marnie Bowen, [marnieb1963@aol.com](mailto:marnieb1963@aol.com).

**LEND A HAND AT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY.** Sat., Nov. 7, 9:00 a.m. “Day of the Dirt and the Glory.” WKM is having a massive bucket brigade to remove the dirt from their basement to create more programmatic space. To carpool with other volunteers, register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**FIGHT HUNGER.** Contribute to the white hunger envelopes in the pews to provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

# *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, October 25, 2015: Commitment Sunday

- 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 (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
- 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. Confirmation, Witherspoon Parlor  
Youth Grade Groups, Ministries Center
- 11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court  
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. Senior Adult Council Chautauqua Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
Minding the Gap: Understanding Economic Inequality, Congregational Hall  
Tintinnabulators Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 11:30 a.m. 9th Grade Brunch, Kellen's Manse  
2:00 p.m. Viola and Piano Recital, Sanctuary  
3:15 p.m. Art Exhibit Reception, Conference Room  
5:30 p.m. Y-Group Annual Hayride and Bonfire, Linvilla Orchards  
6:00 p.m. High School Hayride and Bonfire, Sugartown Strawberries

## Monday, October 26, 2015

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

## Tuesday, October 27, 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.

### **Wednesday, October 28, 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
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Weekday School Halloween Parade, Gymnasium
- 1:30 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
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve - High School Leadership Team, Loft  
Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Thursday, October 29, 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
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

### **Friday, October 30, 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
- 3:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treat at BMPC, Ministries Center Court
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

### **Saturday, October 31, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

### **Sunday, November 1, 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.
- 4:00 p.m. Installation Service for the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, 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

**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

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