

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Grades PreK - 3

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Summer Sunday School,
Gloucester Room, Ministries Center

Grades 4 - 12

Youth in Worship

Lemonade on the Lawn

11:00 a.m., Front Lawn

Rain Location: Ministries Center Court

NEW HERE? We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10:00 a.m. worship service (rain location: Ministries Center Court).

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Large print bulletins, back pillows and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed on the left. **Grades PreK-3** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to classes. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ministries Center.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Our Father Who Art in Heaven

Georg Böhm

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are a people called to follow where God leads us.

**All: Holding tight to our faith,
We step into God's 'yes' as we walk into an unknown future.**

One: We are a people challenged to share God's story.

All: Using our faith, we share the good news.

One: We are God's children, invited to feast at the table of grace.

**All: With faith, we embrace our sisters and brothers,
Seeing Christ in one another.**

† **HYMN 24**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Creator God, to the children of the church
you gift a life full of promise and blessing,
but we do not always believe.

You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.

You offer us love, but we cling to the meager things of this world.

You call us to watch for you,
but we grow lazy, self-absorbed, and distracted.

Forgive us. Increase our hope, grow our faith, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI** *(in unison)*

Hymn 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
Elder Bill Adelhelm
with William Armstrong

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His church?

All: We do.

SENDING HYMN 188 Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1) JESUS LOVES ME
During the Sending Hymn, children PreK - Grade 3 depart for Sunday School.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6 (*p. 12 in pew Bible*) Franklyn C. Pottorff

SONGS FROM CAMP BMPC Youth

SECOND LESSON Luke 12:32-40 (*p. 75 in pew Bible*) M. Courtenay Willcox

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Children of the Church* M. Courtenay Willcox

† **HYMN** 318 In Christ There Is No East or West ST. PETER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

From the Rising of the Sun Frederick A. Gore Ouseley
Summer Choir arr. and ed. Crawford R. Thoburn

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place, incense shall be offered up unto my name: thus saith the Lord.

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

- † **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 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** Franklyn C. Pottorff
- † **HYMN 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** M. Courtenay Willcox
- POSTLUDE** Improvisation Jeffrey Brillhart

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Richard and Susan Furniss

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Michael Graham Bachman Jr.,
son of Meghan Smith Bachman & Michael Graham Bachman

PREACHING TODAY

A cradle member of this congregation, M. Courtenay Willcox is a recent graduate of United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, and a candidate for ordination in this Presbytery. Her grandfather, the Rev. Harold T. Smith, was the first associate pastor at BMPC and lived in Converse House in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of the Summer Hospitality Team

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

Rose Window, BMPC Chapel

Announcements

SUMMER WEEKEND FOOD DONATIONS. Through next Sun., Aug. 18. BMPC is one of three food collection sites for the Community Partners of Lower Merion and Narberth, an organization that assists those in need during the summer months when food donations are at their lowest. Canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, granola bars, and applesauce cups are just a few of the items needed. Collection bins are in the Ministries Center.

FALL CHOIR REGISTRATION. We have opportunities for all ages (kindergarten and up) to become involved in music at BMPC. For registration details, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

HAVE TIME FOR MORE SUMMER READING? Consider reading a Shane Claiborne book, *The Irresistible Revolution* (\$12) or *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who are Weary of Violence* (\$10). Shane will be speaking at BMPC in October. Books available at the Book Center, located in the Ministries Center Court. Please leave payment at Reception Desk.

Today

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES: CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH. Our series continues today with M. Courtenay Willcox preaching. We are welcoming four preachers who grew up calling BMPC home and have pursued ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The series ends next Sunday, Aug. 18, with the Rev. Crawford Brubaker preaching.

SUMMER CHOIR. All singers are invited to come to church on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance. This is a great opportunity to lend your voice to worship and give choir a try. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 8, 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn. Join us as we begin a new season in ministry! Our celebration will include picnic food, entertainment, fall program information from our ministry areas, and fellowship for all ages. All welcome; bring a friend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME. Our Wednesday Night Dinners begin on Sept. 11 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Congregational Hall. Food is served until 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$8 for adults/\$5 for children and students. Everyone is invited for a delicious meal and fellowship!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES IN THE FALL! Classes begin Sept. 15; details coming soon!

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Sept. 17, 12:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Discussion of *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish. Joannehanna3@comcast.net.

URBAN MOSAIC - CENTRO RENOVAR - MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. Oct. 12-19, 2019. BMPC has partnered with Urban Mosaic recipient of the Richard Shaul Grant for Mission in 2014, working to support the most vulnerable communities near Mexico City. Urban Mosaic has invited a small group of adults from BMPC (8-10 people) to help with light construction on Centro Renovar, a new retreat center to be used as a training and respite location for community leaders. Cost: \$600 plus airfare. In order to proceed with this trip, we are beginning registration now! Please contact Rebecca Kirkpatrick if you are interested and would like more information. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

TUTORING REGISTRATION. Tues., Sept. 10, 6:15 p.m., in the Ministries Center Court. tutoringontuesday@gmail.com.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m. Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

BATTERY RECYCLING. The Environmental Justice Committee covers the cost of sending batteries for recycling. Bring your dead batteries to the Ministries Center and put them in the container on the bottom shelf of the bookcase next to the Reception Desk. Hint: You can reduce your need to discard single-use batteries by purchasing rechargeable batteries. These can be used more than 1,000 times and recycled at no cost to you.

URGENT NEED FOR HUNGER DONATIONS. Baskets for donations of food are located in the Narthex. Donations tend to drop off in the summer when the need for food increases. High protein soups and canned goods are needed. To make financial donations to the Hunger Committee for the support of area food cupboards and shelters, use the white Hunger Envelopes in the pew holders or note "Hunger" on the memo line of your check.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, August 11

7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Choir Loft

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Summer Choir, Sanctuary**

Grades PreK - 3 Begin Worship in Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday for Grades 4 - 12

10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for Grades PreK - 3, Gloucester Room

11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn, Front Lawn (Rain Location: Ministries Center Court)

Monday, August 12

9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202

Tuesday, August 13

8:00 a.m. Joint Budget Management Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

Wednesday, August 14

6:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor

Thursday, August 15

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center

Friday, August 16

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, August 17

No scheduled activities.

Sunday, August 18

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**

The Rev. Crawford Brubaker will preach.

Summer Sunday School for Grades PreK - 3.

Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.

Renovations Update

Fullerton Room, Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor and the Conference Room in the Ministries Center are no longer available as meeting spaces.

Childcare takes place in Fullerton Room; Summer Sunday School is in Gloucester Room.

**August: Education Building is closed for construction.
Parking directly behind the Chapel will be limited on Sundays
and unavailable during the week.**

For more renovation updates, please visit us at:
www.bmpc.org/welcome/renovation-updates

This box will be updated regularly to keep you informed about how the renovation process is impacting our ministries and programs.



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