



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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September 8, 2019  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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**

#### **Age 2 - PreK Classes**

10:00 a.m., Ministries Center

#### **Grades K - 5 Classes**

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m., Ministries Center

#### **Grades 6 -12**

Youth Gathering  
10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

#### **Rally Day**

11:00 a.m., Front Lawn

**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 Rally Day festivities on the Front Lawn after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed in this bulletin. **Grades K-5** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to Sunday School. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ministries Center.



*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

William W. Vogel ~ August 30, 2019

Donald A. Dupler, Jr. ~ August 31, 2019

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**      “Cathedrals” from *Twenty-four Fantasy Pieces*      Louis Vierne

**WELCOME**      Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness.**

One: Come into God's presence with singing!

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God,**

One: Whose mercy is everlasting,

**All: And whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

One: Let us worship Almighty God, tender and just.

† **HYMN 321**      The Church's One Foundation      AURELIA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.

*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

Rachel Pedersen

## SENDING HYMN      Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

*During the Sending Hymn, children K - Grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.*



## FIRST LESSON      Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10 (*p. 225 in pew Bible*)      Franklyn C. Pottorff

## ANTHEM      O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me      Eugene Butler Sanctuary Choir

O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up, Thou searchest out my path and my lying down and are acquainted in all my ways. Thou layest Thy hand upon me. Wonderful are Thy works, O Lord! If I ascend into heaven Thou art there! If I take the wings of morning, Thou art there! I praise Thee for thou art wonderful and I praise Thy name.

## SECOND LESSON      Genesis 11:31-12:9 (*p. 9 in pew Bible*)      Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON      *Trusting Promises*      Agnes W. Norfleet First in the *Family of God* Sermon Series

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Brian K. Ballard

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.  
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*

## 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

A New Commandment  
Sanctuary Choir

Richard T. Gore

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, preach the word, convince, rebuke, exhort, be unfailing in patience, endure suffering, fulfill your ministry. For we preach not ourselves, but the Lord Jesus Christ for God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shown in our hearts, to give light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. These things saith the Son of God: A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, so love ye one another. By this shall all know that ye are my disciples. And they that overcometh and keepeth my works to the end, to them will I give power over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, and I will give him the morning star! Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and will sup with him and he with me. I Jesus am the root and the offspring of David and the bright and morning star. And behold, I come quickly. Amen.

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

†	<b>DOXOLOGY</b>		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.	
†	<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		Franklyn C. Pottorff
†	<b>HYMN 733</b>	We All Are One in Mission	ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
†	<b>BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE</b>		Agnes W. Norfleet
	<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Carillon de Westminster	Louis Vierne

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Eun Hi Synn

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Congregational Life Council

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

### **SERMON SERIES & BULLETIN COVER**

The *Family of God* sermon series considers God's formative promise made to Abraham and Sarah, *in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed*, and how we are called to convey that blessing today.

The bulletin cover, *Festival of Lights* by John August Swanson, imagines a growing liturgical procession reminiscent of this blessing, described by the artist saying, "The children would bring light and peace... they would gather from many places, joining an unending procession towards peace and nonviolence for all children of the world."

# **Announcements**

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, Sept. 23 and Oct. 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center. These two classes provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome, and childcare available with advance notice. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**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](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org).

**BOOK CENTER.** Look for the Book Center table at Rally Day, and pick up books for fall classes. Beginning on Sun., Sept. 15, the Book Center will have books available for purchase during coffee and fellowship in the gym. Books also may be purchased on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. by getting the key at the Receptionist Desk and leaving payment for Carol Schmidt. A variety of titles is available, many that make great gifts!

## **Today**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS.** Open auditions for the Sanctuary Choir are being held in the choir loft today after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No appointment necessary.

**RALLY DAY.** 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn, rain or shine. Join us as we begin a new season in ministry! Our celebration includes fall program information from our ministry areas, picnic food, entertainment, and fellowship for all ages. All welcome.

## **This Week**

**MEN’S STUDY GROUP RESUMES.** Wed., Sept. 11, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Join Brian Ballard for a lively discussion on *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis*, by Mark A. Noll. Noll examines writings about slavery and race from Americans both white and black, northern and southern, and includes commentary from Protestants and Catholics in Europe and Canada. Book available for purchase either through Barnes & Noble, Amazon or your favorite local book seller. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org).

**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 to enjoy fellowship along with a delicious meal prepared by Chef Ruth.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen, Ministries Center. Join our Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles (1,300 meals) for Philadelphia area food cupboards! Great family activity (children over age 4). Registration is requested: [Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

## Next Sunday

**SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP.** Sun., Sept. 15, 8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads the discussion of *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation* by Jon Meacham. At a time when our country seems divided by extremism, *American Gospel* draws on the past to offer a new perspective.

**FILLING THE WELL.** Sun., Sept. 15, 8:45 a.m., Converse House Parlor. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads the discussion of *Listening is an Act of Love*. Each week the class listens to and discusses one of the many stories collected by the Story Corps Project as a way to reflect on relationships, meaning and connection in our families and community. This class is sponsored by BMPC Presbyterian Women and is open to women of all ages. PeggyHermann@hotmail.com.

**YOUTH & PARENT KICKOFF MEETING.** Sun., Sept. 15, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Kick off the program year for Grades 6 - 12 and their parents! We'll be sharing information about upcoming activities, summer trips and introducing the worship, service and fellowship opportunities for youth for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, email AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**REPORT FROM BMPC SCOTLAND TRIP.** Sun., Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. This past spring 50 members traveled to Scotland to experience the beauty of the country and learn more about the roots of our Presbyterian traditions. Attend the program to see images from the tour and to hear about participants' experiences and how the trip impacted their connections to our theological heritage.

## Upcoming

**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.

**THIRD GRADE BREAKFAST AND BIBLE PRESENTATION.** Sun., Sept. 22, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. Families are invited for a Third Grade Bible Breakfast before the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. During that service, third graders receive their new Bibles. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org with the full name of your child (as it should be printed on the bookplate), and to register with the number of attendees for the breakfast.

**THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ON BIODIVERSITY.** Sun., Sept. 22, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Our Environmental Justice Committee welcomes Lisa J. Rodrigues, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Geography and the Environment at Villanova University, as she walks us through "The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services 2019 Assessment," a report which shows that nearly one million species on earth are at risk of extinction. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**BRUNCH FOR YOUTH & THEIR PARENTS.** 11:30 a.m., on the following dates: Middle School, Sept. 22; High School, Sept. 29; and Confirmands, Oct. 6, at Pastor Leigh's Manse. All Youth and their families are invited to join together with Pastor Leigh for a time of fellowship after worship.

**ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR.** Sun., Sept. 22, 4:00 p.m., Chapel. Brian Ballard, Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care & Senior Adults, is being ordained and installed in a special worship service. Reception follows. Childcare is available: [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org).

**BIBLE FROM SCRATCH.** Thurs., Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. This class, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, explores both the basic content and interpretative practices of reading and following scripture. If you have never studied the Bible, this will be an open and gentle place to start. If you are ready to think about scripture in new and creative ways, this also is the class for you. In addition to reading directly from the Bible, this class will use: *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* by Jonathan Walton. [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

**PCUSA MISSION CO-WORKERS CHARLES AND MELISSA JOHNSON.** Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Since 2016 Charles and Melissa have served alongside Presbyterian partners in Zambia and helped the church expand its holistic ministry of community development, food security and improved health. In 2018, Chasefu Theological Seminary received the Shaull Award to fund the expansion of its leadership training for seminary students enhancing the work that Charles and Melissa are doing there. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).

## **Caring & Sharing**

**TUTORING VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION.** Tues., Sept. 17, 6:15 p.m., Ministries Center Court. Tutors and adult leaders needed! This is your chance to experience the rewards of weekly one-on-one attention that helps both the tutors and students from William Dick School, Philadelphia, grow in self-confidence. Tutoring takes place in the Ministries Center from October through April. [tutoringontuesday@gmail.com](mailto:tutoringontuesday@gmail.com).

**WEPAC SERVICE DAY.** Sat., Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m., Robert E. Lamberton Elementary School, 7501 Woodbine Ave., Philadelphia. Volunteers needed for re-stocking book shelves! Register online: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Carpool from BMPC at 9:15 a.m. Registration is required in case of any last-minute changes. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING.** Support the work of the BMPC Peacemaking Committee against gun violence by donating to this Offering or mark “Peacemaking” on the memo line of your check. Envelopes will be in pews on Sundays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6.

**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](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, September 8**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Conference Room  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
Sunday School for age 2, Gloucester Room  
Sunday School for age 3, Witherspoon Parlor  
Sunday School for Pre-K, Middleton Center, Rm. 200  
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grade K, Middleton Center, Rm. 202  
Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Congregational Hall  
Sunday School for Grade 3, Middleton Center, Rm. 301  
Sunday School for Grades 4-5, Converse House Parlor  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Auditions, Sanctuary Choir Loft  
Rally Day, Front Lawn

## **Monday, September 9**

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202  
4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

## **Tuesday, September 10**

- 9:15 a.m. Y-Group Back to School Fellowship, Congregational Hall  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Congregational Hall  
6:00 p.m. Joint Budget Management Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Chapel

## **Wednesday, September 11**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor  
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Grades K-5), Fine Arts Center  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall  
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale (Grades 6-12), Fine Arts Center  
6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room  
Property Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft

### **Thursday, September 12**

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium  
Hunger Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall  
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, September 13**

- 4:00 p.m. Kennedy/Schoeman Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Saturday, September 14**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall  
9:00 a.m. Music and Fine Arts Council, Fine Arts Center  
10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Fullerton Room  
Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202  
4:00 p.m. Kennedy/Schoeman Wedding, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, September 15**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.  
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.

## ***Renovations Update***

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

**September: 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](http://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.*



## ***Worship Staff***

**Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor**

**Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults**

**Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families**

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission**

**Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry**

**Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship**

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