



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2019
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Twenty-eighth 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

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

10:30 a.m., Connection Groups

Coffee & Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Gymnasium

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind All-Church

Lunch and Movie

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

Fall Festival

4:00 p.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 Coffee and Fellowship in the Gym 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.

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Jean Dykstra ~ October 2, 2019

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God has searched us and known us.
God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

**All: God discerns our thoughts from far away
and is acquainted with all our ways.**

One: Such knowledge is too vast and wonderful for us.

All: God knows us deeply and loves us endlessly.

One: Let us worship God.

† **HYMN 403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious God, you have given us a life full of blessings,
yet we have cared more for things of this world which pass away,
than for spiritual riches which never fade.

We have worked harder at cultivating earthly treasure
than in storing up heavenly treasure.

Forgive us for following our own desires
rather than trusting that your way is always best.

Empower us by your Spirit to invest our time
and resources in ways that will bear fruit that lasts forever.

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.



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.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:1-8 (*p. 673 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM

O Praise the Lord, All Ye People
Sanctuary Choir

Adrian Batten

O praise the Lord, all ye people, praise Him, all ye nations. For His merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever and ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 28:10-22 (*p. 25 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dreaming Jacob
Sixth in the Family of God Sermon Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 183**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

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*

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stewardship

Craig Johnson

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord Always
Sanctuary Choir

Franklyn C. Pottorff
anon.
arr. David Willcocks

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is even at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

*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 708	We Give Thee but Thine Own SCHUMANN
†	BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE	Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Fugue in D major J.S. Bach

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Daniel Mark Caesar
Matthew Joseph Hnatin
Jim and Adell Burdick

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

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

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Amy Ballard, Frank Fesnak, Brooke Howard, Jeremiah (Joe) Howard,
Elizabeth Nice, Rachel Sellers, Jennifer Sharesky, Michael Sharesky,
Rachel Stoy, Robert Stoy

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Outreach Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt and Jonathan Jones

SERMON SERIES & BULLETIN COVER

The Family of God series considers God's promise made to Abraham and Sarah: *in you all the families of the earth* shall be blessed. John August Swanson's *Festival of Lights* is reminiscent of this blessing, described as children gathered from many places bringing light and peace in an unending procession of nonviolence for all the children of the world.

Announcements

PRAYERS FOR BMPC MEMBERS TRAVELING TO MEXICO. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Leigh DeVries are leading BMPC members on a trip to work with mission partner Urban Mosaic from Oct. 12-19. Please hold them in prayer for their work in Mexico City.

BRYN MAWR GIVES: STEWARDSHIP 2020. Dedication Sunday is two weeks away! We are a congregation of generous people, so please continue to show your gratitude by giving generously as you make your commitment to our church's ministry and mission in this year's Stewardship Campaign, Bryn Mawr Gives!

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accepted. BMPC members have priority in placement through Oct. 31. Programs are available for children ages 2 years and 7 months to 5. For more information, contact Kim Black at 610-520-8840 or by email at weekdayschool@bmpc.org.

Today

DIGGING DEEPER. Today through Nov. 10, 8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult Day Center Living Room. The Rev. Franklyn Pottorff leads a discussion of *The Evolution of Faith* by Philip Gulley. Barbie Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

ALL-CHURCH LUNCH AND MOVIE: *THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND*. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Following the three weeks of classes focusing on our partnerships in Africa, join us for an all-ages screening of this award winning film based on a true event that occurred in rural Malawi. No reservations required.

Y-GROUP FALL FESTIVAL. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Join us for fall fellowship and fun for the entire family. Decorate a pumpkin and enjoy a picnic for the whole family. Free-will donation of \$20 per family is suggested.

This Week

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Oct. 15, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Entertainment Center. Discuss "Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics." Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. Joannehanna3@comcast.net.

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SAFETY. Tues., Oct. 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood; presented by Main Line Interfaith Community. A flyer with more details is posted on the Peacemaking kiosk in the Ministries Center Court.

WALK AND TALK. Join Parish Nurse Carol Cherry for a brief devotion and a half-hour walk on Thursdays in October. Meet at 8:45 a.m. in the parking lot at Ashbridge Memorial Park, 1301 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr. CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

TOUR OF THE JOHN AUDUBON HISTORIC HOME AND MILL GROVE.

Thurs., Oct. 17, 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Docent-led tour of the historic home of John James Audubon and of the new museum at Mill Grove. Cost: \$23 per person, includes tour, boxed lunch and bus driver gratuity. Bus departs back parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and returns to the church by 2:00 p.m. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER. Fri., Oct. 18, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share; baked ham and mashed potatoes provided. Following dinner, you are invited to join us in the gym for fellowship and fun. All are welcome. Registration encouraged; email JaneWilber@bmpc.org including the number attending and your contribution.

Next Sunday

CARILLON TOUR. Sun., Oct. 20, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. Come and see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

SHANE CLAIBORNE. Sun., Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Shane Claiborne, author of *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence*, explores how we all can be part of the solution to end gun violence in our community and the nation. Books available at the Book Center.

ARTOLERANCE CONCERT: THE HOPE OF LOVING. Sun., Oct. 20, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. As part of our new “Concerts with a Cause” series, BMPC is pleased to welcome ARTolerance, an organization whose mission is to advance the role of arts in dialogues, transcend communication boundaries, and explore common ground through performances, events, conferences, and workshops. The Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers join Udi Bar-David and other musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra to present “The Hope of Loving” by Jake Runestad, a work that features settings of poems from many religions. Fifty percent of the free-will offering goes to support Acting Without Boundaries, a local organization which aims to transform lives and build self-esteem in an empowered community of people with physical disabilities through theater that celebrates ability. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

KICKBALL GAME WITH CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER. Sun., Oct. 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Baldwin Field. All youth Grades 6 - 12 are invited to join Pastor Leigh for a friendly game of kickball with our friends from the Church of the Redeemer. After kickball, enjoy a slice or two of pizza! Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

BIBLE FROM SCRATCH. Thurs., Oct. 24, 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 also will use: *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* by Jonathan Walton. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE. Fri., Oct. 25, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Ministries Center. Bring your little ones to trick-or-treat through the church offices; costumes are optional and warm cider will be served! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

LUNCH & LEARN WITH BETH KEPHART. Sun., Oct. 27, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Daughter of BMPC member Kep Kephart, Beth is an award-winning author and speaker. In addition to publishing 22 books, her writings have appeared in publications including The New York Times and The Philadelphia Inquirer. Beth's talk at BMPC focuses on the art and value of written memoir. \$10 per person. Sign up with your check, payable to BMPC, by Oct. 23. Contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

PASTOR'S BOOK GROUP. Wed., Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., Chapel. The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff leads a discussion of *Holy Envy: Finding God through the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Taylor weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions — even those whose truths are quite different from hers. Books are available for purchase in the BMPC Book Center for \$18.

NEAR EAST SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. Sun., Nov. 10, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Presentation by the Rev. Dr. George Sabra, President of NEST. Located in Beirut, Lebanon, it is one of the preeminent Christian seminaries in the Middle East. A long-term mission partner of BMPC, the staff work faithfully to train the next generation of clergy serving in Presbyterian Churches in Lebanon and Syria who face one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our generation.

Caring & Sharing

PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE FUNDS. Proposals are accepted for small funding amounts (\$500-\$700) with a focus on international organizations doing peace-building work. The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/BMPCGrants> or contact Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com. Submission deadline is Thurs., Oct. 31.

OUTREACH GRANT DEADLINE. If you know of a non-profit organization that might be interested in applying for a grant through our Outreach committee, direct them to our website: <http://bit.ly/BMPCGrants>. Submission deadline is Fri., Nov. 1.

TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION. Frozen turkeys and hams may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November. Freezers are located in the hallway next to the elevator in the Ministries Center Court.

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 13

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Main Line Adult Day Center, Living Rm. 1st Floor
Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor
Art @ 9, Conference Room
9:00 a.m. Session Meeting to Receive New Members, Congregational Hall
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
10:30 a.m. Grades 6 & 7 Connection Group, Main Line Adult Day Center
Grade 8 Confirmation, Loft
Grades 9 & 10 Connection Group, Gymnasium Stage
Grades 11 & 12 Connection Group, Pastors' Conference Room
11:00 a.m. Choir Tour Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center
Coffee & Fellowship in the Gym, Gymnasium
11:15 a.m. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* All-Church Lunch and Movie,
Congregational Hall
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
4:00 p.m. Fall Festival, Front Lawn

Monday, October 14

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
6:00 p.m. Joint Session/Trustee Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Chapel
Trustee Meeting, Gymnasium
Urban Suburban Book Group, Event is Off Campus

Wednesday, October 16

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
Caring Ministries Meeting, 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
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, October 17

- 8:45 a.m. Walk & Talk, Ashbridge Memorial Park, Bryn Mawr
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 10:15 a.m. Tour of the Audubon Center at Mill Grove
- 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, October 18

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Intergenerational Harvest Potluck Dinner & Fellowship Fun,
Congregational Hall

Saturday, October 19

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Fullerton Room
- 4:30 p.m. Shively/Ryan Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 20

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

Renovations Update

Daytime Traffic Patterns: Each weekday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the driveway between the Chapel and the Sanctuary will be *one way*, with cars exiting onto Montgomery Avenue. This adjustment allows for the safe movement of children from the Weekday School during drop-off and pick-up. Please use the driveway between the Ministries Center and the Sanctuary to enter the campus from Montgomery Avenue during these weekday hours.

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.



Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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

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