



# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

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October 27, 2019  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Reformation Sunday

# 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

#### **Lunch and Learn with Beth Kephart**

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

**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."*

Marjorie Helmetag ~ October 8, 2019

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

“I. Allegro” and “II. Adagio”  
from *Concerto in a-minor, BWV 593*

Vivaldi  
arr. J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

## † 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.**

One: We come seeking new life,

**All: Trusting in God's goodness and grace.**

One: In gratitude and thanksgiving

**All: Let us worship God with joyful songs of praise.**

## † HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Loving God, we offer our praise for your wonderful gifts to us –  
for your love that sustains us and binds us together as your people;  
for your power that fills the earth and brings new life;  
for your peace that takes away fear and brings us to hope.

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust in your presence,  
and when we fail to trust in your purpose for our lives and for the world.

Help us to know how we are being called to discipleship,  
that we may serve with gladness and joy, through Jesus Christ.

*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

Genesis 32:3-12 (*p. 29 in pew Bible*)

Brian K. Ballard

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo  
Sanctuary Choir

William Walton

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name; for the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 32:22-33:4 (*p. 30 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Wrestling with God*  
Final in the Family of God Sermon Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Alice Parker

Sanctuary Choir

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God, He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

*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.

† *Please stand, if able.*

† **LITANY OF DEDICATION**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

**We are stewards of creation, entrusted with God's gifts.**

You call us to share joyfully, O God, with all of our resources.

**We freely give our time, talent, and treasure for this good work.**

We dedicate our offering and these pledges to you, as an act of faithfulness.

**Help us to use them in ways that bless the world.**

Expand our imaginations for generosity,

**That together we may bear witness to your love for all in Jesus Christ.**

† **HYMN 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE** "III. Allegro" from *Concerto in a-minor, BWV 593*

Vivaldi  
arr. J.S. Bach

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Stewardship Committee

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Rob Mygatt

### **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.

### **MUSIC NOTES**

During October, Jeff Brillhart and Edward Landin Senn have featured masterworks by J.S. Bach (1685-1750). From the delicate ornamented chorales of the Leipzig Chorales to assorted preludes and fugues and free works, the options are endless. Bach, himself a virtuosic violinist, transcribed works of other composers for solo organ and today we hear a transcription of Vivaldi's "Concerto in a-minor."

## Announcements

**BRYN MAWR GIVES: STEWARDSHIP 2020.** Today is Dedication Sunday, where we offer up to God a portion of our time, talents and treasure to support the work and ministry of BMPC in 2020. God shapes us in community to send us out in service to the world. Please place your completed pledge cards in the offering plate; to pledge or donate online: <https://www.bmpc.org/giving/annual-stewardship>. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

**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 years. For more information, contact Kim Black at 610-520-8840 or by email; [weekdayschool@bmpc.org](mailto:weekdayschool@bmpc.org).

**PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE.** Calling all actors and readers! Children 4 years and older are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve family service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Deadline is *Mon., Nov. 11*. Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) with the ages of children and if they would like to speak, read, or act.

**SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENING.** For those interested in honoring a deceased loved one or celebrating an important milestone, we have space available for a flower arrangement in our Sanctuary on Sun., Nov. 10. Following the worship service, flowers are used by our Deacons to create smaller arrangements that are delivered to members unable to attend worship. For flower reservation: [DKPetrovitch@gmail.com](mailto:DKPetrovitch@gmail.com).

## This Sunday

**LUNCH & LEARN WITH BETH KEPHART.** 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.

**STEEL CONTEMPLATION – ART IN THE CHILDREN'S CHAPEL.** Today through Nov. 10, you are invited to view a series of art pieces by BMPC member George Robert (Bob) Overhiser Jr., based on his first-hand experiences in New York City on September 11th. Following 10:00 a.m. worship on Sun., Nov. 3, Bob will talk about his artwork in the Children's Chapel.

**YOUTH SABBATH.** 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Loft. Come join us for Youth Sabbath, led by our very own Timothy Wotring, for a time of rest, community, and remembering that our identities are not just in our accomplishments! Dinner provided.

## ***This Week***

**Y-GROUP BOOK STUDY.** Mon., Oct. 28, 7:00 p.m., Loft. *A Case for Kindness: 40 Ways to Love and Inspire Others* by Lisa Barrickman. Join us for a conversation with the author about how we act with kindness in our everyday lives. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

## ***Next Sunday***

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE.** Sun., Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. To observe All Saints Sunday, the 10:00 a.m. worship service features special music by the Children's Choir, Youth Chorale and Sanctuary Choir.

## ***Upcoming***

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Brian Ballard leads Lesson 3, "Words of Love," in *Love Carved in Stone*. Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

**PASTOR'S BOOK GROUP.** Wed., Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., Chapel. The Rev. Franklyn 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.

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Nov. 8, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Claire Swarr, Wayne. Join old and new friends for potluck dinner, fellowship and a lively discussion with Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families. Register: <http://bit.ly/HolyLeisureNovember2019> and include the specific food or drink donation you are bringing.

**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, its staff works 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.

**Y-GROUP STOCKING DECORATION.** Tues., Nov. 12, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Share the joy of Christmas by decorating Christmas stockings for children and youth served by theVillage. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

**WINTERTHUR: THE CROWN.** Thurs., Nov. 14, 9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bus departs from the back parking lot. Costuming “The Crown” features 40 iconic costumes from the Emmy® award-winning Netflix series, a dramatized history of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. We begin the day with a guided tour of the Distinctive Collections, then on your own for lunch (or bring your own), tour “The Crown” collection and enjoy a tram tour of the gardens. The bus departs at 10:00 a.m. sharp and returns by 3:00 p.m. Price: \$20 per person; includes the tour and bus driver gratuity. Sign up with your check, payable to BMPC, by Nov. 7, or online: Calendar > Open Registrations > Register. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Sun., Nov. 17, 11:00-12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening Market Festival where representatives from the various committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives will be in the Court to take your orders on successive Sundays. Orders also may be placed online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

**EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RELIGION BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.** Sun., Nov. 17, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads an informal conversation on the basics of Christian theology, the Bible and tradition, based on questions that participants bring to the class.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Thurs., Nov. 28, 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 (\$5 per person) support the youth mission projects and trips. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

## **Caring & Sharing**

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED.** Donations have been *low*, and the need is *great*. Place donations in baskets in the Narthex or in the food cupboard in the hallway next to the elevators in the Ministries Center.

**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](mailto: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 it 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.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. The Hunger Committee is making 130 casseroles (1,300 meals) for Philadelphia area food cupboards. Children over 4 years old are welcome. Bring your own apron or wear clothes appropriate for kitchen work. Registration requested: Sandie Nicholson, [sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

# ***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 27**

- 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, First Floor Living Room  
Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall  
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  
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. Coffee & Fellowship in the Gym, Gymnasium  
11:15 a.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Loft  
Lunch & Learn with Beth Kephart, Congregational Hall  
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
6:00 p.m. Youth Sabbath (Grades 6-12), Loft

## **Monday, October 28**

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

## **Tuesday, October 29**

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall

### **Wednesday, October 30**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall  
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  
Mission Council Meeting, Converse House Parlor

### **Thursday, October 31**

- 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  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium  
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, November 1**

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

### **Saturday, November 2**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

### **Sunday, November 3**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Children's Choir, Youth Chorale, and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.  
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.

## 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](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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