



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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November 8, 2015  
8:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
24th Sunday After Pentecost

# **Welcome to BMPC**

*Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

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

James Allen, Jr. ~ October 31, 2015

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

*Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.*

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and

**All: who executes justice for the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.**

One: The Lord sets prisoners free  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**All: The Lord watches over the stranger  
and upholds the orphan and the widow.  
The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

## † HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves  
and clamor after privilege and honor.

Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze  
because we do not believe we have anything to give.

You have given us the best gift of all:  
freedom from all that harms us  
and the way to abundant life.

Have mercy on our foolishness  
and heal our lovesick hearts,  
that we may live faithfully for you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† *Please stand, if able.*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love. Such great  
kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heav'n a - bove. Je - sus -  
Christ, how much I love - you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin! How I  
love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

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## HEARING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Kirstin Engelman

**FIRST LESSON**

Ruth 2:1-13 (*p. 242 in pew Bible*)

Kirstin Engelman

**SECOND LESSON** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (*p. 243 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Wings of Refuge*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

*You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread in the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.*

*Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.*

*You are invited to bring your morning offering to the baskets when you come forward.*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

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.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 306**                      Blest Be the Tie That Binds                      DENNIS

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
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### **RECEIVING HOLY BAPTISM AT 10:00 SERVICE**

Hadley Claire Smith, daughter of Kellen and Sarah Smith  
Elder Steve Udicious  
and Alexandra Bachman, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Representatives of our Young Adult Ministry

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Kirstin Engelman

*The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet is in Atlanta today  
preaching for the 60th anniversary of North Decatur Presbyterian Church  
where she served as Pastor/Head of Staff from 1992-2005.*

# **Announcements**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY.** Thanks to all who have made commitments toward our 2016 stewardship campaign — we are grateful for your financial support. We look forward to receiving remaining pledge commitments!

**CASTING CALL FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE.** Calling all young actors and readers! Children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve family service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Email [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) with the ages of children and indicate if they would like to speak, read, or act. Deadline: Nov. 15.

**WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER.** Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Our choir school program led by Edward Landin and the Rev. Rachel Pedersen is adjusting the time to 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Kindergarten - 5th grade children are invited for music, Bible lessons, and fun! For details and to register, contact [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto: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](http://www.bmpc.org); deadline is Nov. 15. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME.** If you are not a member, we invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Dec. 5, at a breakfast meeting of Session followed by reception in worship. Preceding membership, attend our "Gathering with the Pastors" on Sunday morning, Nov. 29, for an opportunity to meet our pastoral staff, learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). Register: [DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org](mailto:DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org), ext. 8809.

## **Today**

**SYRIAN CRISIS RESPONSE GATHERING.** 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](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE HEBREW PROPHETS.** 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](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

## **This Week**

**PARENT GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH TRANSGENDER CHILDREN.**

Tues., Nov. 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Middleton Center. Confidential support group to meet other parents of transgender or questioning children. \$25/person - \$40/couple. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Nov. 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Susan Thorkelson. Spend the evening with BMPC women of all ages and enjoy sharing a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion led by the Rev. Margaret Anne Fohl. Topic: "What's Love Got to Do With It?: Perspectives on Relationships." Register and identify your potluck contribution: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

**TEAM-UP TOURNAMENT.** Sat., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Gym. First annual event of round robin basketball for children and youth with and without disabilities. 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).

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIVORCE.** Sat., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Middleton Center. A "Second Saturday" workshop to offer financial, emotional and legal advice from qualified professionals. \$20/person. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

## **Upcoming**

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER GATHERING.** Sun., Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m., El Limon in Ardmore. Anyone in their 20s or 30s is welcome for a time of fellowship with our young adult group. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**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.

**10TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** Sun., Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 10th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**4TH AND 5TH GRADE BOWLING.** Sun., Nov. 15, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Wynnewood Lanes in Ardmore. Bowling, pizza and fun. Cost: \$5. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**LUNCHEON AND CONCERT FEATURING PIANIST MARJA KAISLA.** Wed., Nov. 18, noon, Congregational Hall. Finnish-American pianist Marja Kaisla presents a concert commemorating the 150th anniversary of Jean Sibelius' birth. Sponsored by Senior Adult Council & Perspectives in Music; \$15 includes lunch. Register with check by Nov. 12 to [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS.** Thurs., Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this monthly study of the Bible. Newcomers welcome. Anita Ayengar, [aciyengar@gmail.com](mailto:aciyengar@gmail.com).



**FAMILY FUN FRIDAY.** Fri., Nov. 20, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A showing of *The Polar Express* with pizza dinner. Children are invited to wear pajamas and bring blankets! Gluten-free pizza available with advance request. Suggested donation: \$5 per person / \$20 cap per family. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

## ***Save the Date***

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Sun., Nov. 22, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gym. Opening day for our Advent Gift Market (AGM) where you may choose “gifts” representing donations that make a difference. New this year: on opening day only you may purchase tangible items to benefit some of the organizations. Online shopping also available: search “Advent Gift Market” at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org). AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**ORGAN RECITAL.** Sun., Nov. 22, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Organist Faythe Freese presents works from five different countries as she reflects on a year of playing organs throughout Europe. The program also includes the Pennsylvania premiere of a work she commissioned by American organist and composer Pamela Decker entitled *The Freese Collection*. Tickets may be purchased in advance on our website or at the door: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Thurs., Nov. 26, 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 from the breakfast (\$5 per person) support our youth mission projects and trips. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND HAMS.** Bring frozen turkeys and hams to the freezers in the Ministries Center. The Hunger Committee will donate them to needy families in our area during the holidays. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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

**FEED THE HUNGRY.** Come to a casserole blitz on Sat., Nov. 21, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in our main kitchen to prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contributions in the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide ingredients. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

# **This Week's Calendar**

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

## **Today, November 8, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism and Choirs, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.
- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 2, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 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
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Council, Loft  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.  
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth (grades 6 - 12) in Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.  
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court  
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. Syrian Crisis Response Gathering, Congregational Hall  
Prophets and Social Justice, Witherspoon Parlor  
Prime Time Committee Meeting, Conference Room

## **Monday, November 9, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

## **Tuesday, November 10, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
11:30 a.m. Spiritual Directors' Circle, Congregational Hall  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room  
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Wednesday, November 11, 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
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Mindful Meditation Class, Witherspoon Parlor
- 4:45 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
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve - High School Leadership Team, Loft  
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Thursday, November 12, 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
- 9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, November 13, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. Infant/Toddler "Friday Morning Out," Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, home of Susan Thorkelson in Rosemont

### **Saturday, November 14, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Team-Up Tournament, Gymnasium  
Divorce Support Group, Middleton Center
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Support Group, Converse House Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Janet Allan Memorial Service and Reception, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, November 15, 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 12.

## ***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

**Edward L. Landin**, Assistant Director of Music

## ***Contact Information***

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[www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) (for program information, calendar, and staff directory)

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24/7 Answering Service for Pastoral Emergencies: 610-525-2821

Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • [JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org](mailto:JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org)

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840



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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## \* PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus  
Jesus Shall Reign  
Tintinnabulators

arr. Sandra Eithun  
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**\* WELCOME**

Rachel Pedersen

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**All: The Lord watches over the stranger  
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The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

† HYMN 81

# Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves  
and clamor after privilege and honor.

Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze  
because we do not believe we have anything to give.

You have given us the best gift of all:  
freedom from all that harms us  
and the way to abundant life.

Have mercy on our foolishness  
and heal our lovesick hearts,  
that we may live faithfully for you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## 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*.)



# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Elder Steve Udicious and Alexandra Bachman

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 her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

All: We do.

## SENDING HYMN 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Verses 1 and 2, sung by the children; congregation joins in singing verses 3 and 4

*During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.*

## FIRST LESSON

Ruth 2:1-13 (*p. 242 in pew Bible*)

Richard Wohlschlaeger

## ANTHEM

Credo

Jane M. Marshall

Children's Choir and Youth Chorale with Brian Middleton, pianist

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. I believe in love, even when not feeling it. Lord, I believe. Help thou my unbelief. I believe, Lord, I believe. I believe in God, even when He is silent.

## SECOND LESSON

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 (*p. 243 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## SERMON

*Wings of Refuge*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Richard Wohlschlaeger

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ *The Apostles' Creed*

**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.

**OFFERING AND  
OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come by 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 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.

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

† **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 749** Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**POSTLUDE** Toccata Michelle Leclerc

# **Worship Notes**

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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## **RECEIVING HOLY BAPTISM**

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and Alexandra Bachman, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

## **THE ANTHEM**

As the children's choir prepared to sing *Credo*  
the students wrote new verses that could be added to the song  
reflecting the most important things they believe.

Here are their additions to *Credo*:

*I believe in the Lord, even when I cannot see him.  
I believe in Jesus, even though I've never walked with him on earth.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, even when I cannot feel it.  
I believe in church community, even when I'm apart.  
I believe in Communion, even when I cannot taste it.  
I believe in honesty, even when I am lied to.  
I believe in forgiveness, even when it's not given.  
I believe in faith, even when it's hard to believe.  
I believe in hope, even when life is difficult.*

## **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Representatives of our Young Adult Ministry

## **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

*The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet is in Atlanta today  
preaching for the 60th anniversary of North Decatur Presbyterian Church  
where she served as Pastor/Head of Staff from 1992-2005.*

# **Announcements**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY.** Thanks to all who have made commitments toward our 2016 stewardship campaign — we are grateful for your financial support. We look forward to receiving remaining pledge commitments!

**CASTING CALL FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE.** Calling all young actors and readers! Children are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve family service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Email [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) with the ages of children and indicate if they would like to speak, read, or act. Deadline: Nov. 15.

**WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER.** Wednesdays, 4:45 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Our choir school program led by Edward Landin and the Rev. Rachel Pedersen is adjusting the time to 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Kindergarten - 5th grade children are invited for music, Bible lessons, and fun! For details and to register, contact [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto: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](http://www.bmpc.org); deadline is Nov. 15. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME.** If you are not a member, we invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Dec. 5, at a breakfast meeting of Session followed by reception in worship. Preceding membership, attend our "Gathering with the Pastors" on Sunday morning, Nov. 29, for an opportunity to meet our pastoral staff, learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). Register: [DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org](mailto:DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org), ext. 8809.

## **Today**

**SYRIAN CRISIS RESPONSE GATHERING.** 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](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE HEBREW PROPHETS.** 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](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

## **This Week**

**PARENT GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH TRANSGENDER CHILDREN.**

Tues., Nov. 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Middleton Center. Confidential support group to meet other parents of transgender or questioning children. \$25/person - \$40/couple. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Nov. 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Susan Thorkelson. Spend the evening with BMPC women of all ages and enjoy sharing a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion led by the Rev. Margaret Anne Fohl. Topic: "What's Love Got to Do With It?: Perspectives on Relationships." Register and identify your potluck contribution: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

**TEAM-UP TOURNAMENT.** Sat., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Gym. First annual event of round robin basketball for children and youth with and without disabilities. 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).

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIVORCE.** Sat., Nov. 14, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Middleton Center. A "Second Saturday" workshop to offer financial, emotional and legal advice from qualified professionals. \$20/person. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

## **Upcoming**

**YOUNG ADULT DINNER GATHERING.** Sun., Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m., El Limon in Ardmore. Anyone in their 20s or 30s is welcome for a time of fellowship with our young adult group. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**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.

**10TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** Sun., Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 10th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**4TH AND 5TH GRADE BOWLING.** Sun., Nov. 15, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Wynnewood Lanes in Ardmore. Bowling, pizza and fun. Cost: \$5. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**LUNCHEON AND CONCERT FEATURING PIANIST MARJA KAISLA.** Wed., Nov. 18, noon, Congregational Hall. Finnish-American pianist Marja Kaisla presents a concert commemorating the 150th anniversary of Jean Sibelius' birth. Sponsored by Senior Adult Council & Perspectives in Music; \$15 includes lunch. Register with check by Nov. 12 to [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS.** Thurs., Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this monthly study of the Bible. Newcomers welcome. Anita Ayengar, [aciyengar@gmail.com](mailto:aciyengar@gmail.com).

**FAMILY FUN FRIDAY.** Fri., Nov. 20, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A showing of *The Polar Express* with pizza dinner. Children are invited to wear pajamas and bring blankets! Gluten-free pizza available with advance request. Suggested donation: \$5 per person / \$20 cap per family. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

## ***Save the Date***

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Sun., Nov. 22, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gym. Opening day for our Advent Gift Market (AGM) where you may choose “gifts” representing donations that make a difference. New this year: on opening day only you may purchase tangible items to benefit some of the organizations. Online shopping also available: search “Advent Gift Market” at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org). AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**ORGAN RECITAL.** Sun., Nov. 22, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Organist Faythe Freese presents works from five different countries as she reflects on a year of playing organs throughout Europe. The program also includes the Pennsylvania premiere of a work she commissioned by American organist and composer Pamela Decker entitled *The Freese Collection*. Tickets may be purchased in advance on our website or at the door: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Thurs., Nov. 26, 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 from the breakfast (\$5 per person) support our youth mission projects and trips. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND HAMS.** Bring frozen turkeys and hams to the freezers in the Ministries Center. The Hunger Committee will donate them to needy families in our area during the holidays. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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

**FEED THE HUNGRY.** Come to a casserole blitz on Sat., Nov. 21, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in our main kitchen to prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contributions in the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide ingredients. 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, November 8, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism and Choirs, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.
- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 2, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 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
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Council, Loft  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.  
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth (grades 6 - 12) in Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.  
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court  
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. Syrian Crisis Response Gathering, Congregational Hall  
Prophets and Social Justice, Witherspoon Parlor  
Prime Time Committee Meeting, Conference Room

## **Monday, November 9, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

## **Tuesday, November 10, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
11:30 a.m. Spiritual Directors' Circle, Congregational Hall  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room  
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Wednesday, November 11, 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
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Mindful Meditation Class, Witherspoon Parlor
- 4:45 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
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve - High School Leadership Team, Loft  
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Thursday, November 12, 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
- 9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, November 13, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. Infant/Toddler "Friday Morning Out," Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, home of Susan Thorkelson in Rosemont

### **Saturday, November 14, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Team-Up Tournament, Gymnasium  
Divorce Support Group, Middleton Center
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Support Group, Converse House Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Janet Allan Memorial Service and Reception, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, November 15, 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 12.

## ***Worship Staff***

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**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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