



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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September 30, 2018  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# WELCOME TO BMPC

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Childcare (infant - age 5)**

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Education Building, Rm. 102

### **10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary**

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

10:00 a.m., Education Building

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

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary  
Fifth Sunday Worship,  
10:15 a.m., Chapel

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

Fifth Sunday Worship Service  
10:00 a.m., Chapel

### **HIAS Pennsylvania**

with Kerry Coughlin  
11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

### **Capital Campaign Conversation**

Campus Renovations  
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 a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

**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. This Sunday is a Fifth Sunday Worship Service for students in grades 1 - 12. Children in grades 1 - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary to be dismissed to the Chapel, while grades 6 - 12 begin in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Following worship, elementary students will meet their parents in their classrooms. Youth, children and their families are invited to a combined fellowship time in the Education Building Lobby.

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

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## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**      “Prayer at Notre Dame” from *Suite Gothique*      Leon Boellmann

**WELCOME** Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I will give thanks to you, Lord, with my whole heart.

**All:** I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

One: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
A stronghold in times of trouble.

**All:** And those who know your name put their trust in you.

One: For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**All:** Responding to such faithfulness, let us worship God!

† **HYMN** 49                      The God of Abraham Praise                      LEONI

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Eternal God  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
forgive us.

Forgive our bleak imaginations,  
and our hesitation to trust in your good news.

Forgive our slowness to share your gifts,  
and our reluctance to love our neighbors and carry their burdens.

Startle us, we pray,  
with burning truth that will shake us,  
and with blinding love that will not let us go.

We pray in the strong name of 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

Acts 9:1-9 (*p. 127 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## ANTHEM

God Be In My Head  
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking.  
God be at my end and in my departing.

## SECOND LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15 (*p. 50 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Burning Encounters*  
Fourth in *The Art and Architecture of Faith* Series

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

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# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

In life and in death we belong to God.  
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 them 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.

## MINISTRY MOMENT

*Peace and Global Witness*

Anne Chamberlin

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

Sanctuary Choir

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh, and your health shall speedily spring forth then; And the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord, our Creator, how excellent thy Name is in all the nations! Thou givest glory to heaven. 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.



†	<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>	Rebecca Kirkpatrick
†	<b>HYMN 755</b> Alleluia! Laud and Blessing	WEISSE FLAGGEN
†	<b>BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE</b>	Franklyn C. Pottorff
	<b>POSTLUDE</b> “Allegro” from <i>Sonata III</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Rev. Dr. Glenn H. Asquith, Jr.  
 Grafton D. Chase  
 Mark Janson  
 Richard W. Knecht  
 Paul and Mary Jane MacMurray  
 Emilie M. Pyle

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Peacemaking Committee

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Rob Mygatt

### **SERMON SERIES**

Our *Book of Confessions* states: “The arts, music and architecture contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help people look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of God’s love.” *The Art and Architecture of Faith* series will explore the deep meaning of some of our congregation’s most treasured visual expressions of faith and how they are meant to encourage our Christian life and mission.

### **BULLETIN COVER**

*The Burning Bush* by Peter Lipman-Wulf, 1960

# **Announcements**

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” class tomorrow, Mon., Oct. 1, at 7:00 p.m. or Sat., Oct. 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Education Building. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**WEEKDAY SCHOOL 2019-20 REGISTRATION.** BMPC members have priority in placement through Oct. 31. Programs are available for children ages 2 years and 7 months to 5 years. For information, contact Kim Black, [weekdayschool@bmpc.org](mailto:weekdayschool@bmpc.org) or 610-520-8840.

## **Today**

**KERRY COUGHLIN: HIAS PENNSYLVANIA.** 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. HIAS Pennsylvania has taken the lead in our area when it comes to supporting asylum seekers, supporting refugee resettlement, and connecting people of faith to the vital work of welcoming the stranger among us. Kerry shares how we can give our time and energy to this work.

**BMPC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.** 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a presentation to learn more about how *This Time, This Place: The Campaign for Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church* will enhance churchwide hospitality and accessibility. This presentation features renderings of all church areas; members of our Campaign Renovation Committee will lead this discussion. For information about being a volunteer or supporting the campaign, contact campaign director Derrick Smith, [ThisTimeThisPlace@bmpc.org](mailto:ThisTimeThisPlace@bmpc.org).

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS.** Today is the final day to submit your recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2018-19 via the nominating forms found in the Sanctuary, Ministries Center or online at [www.bmpc.org/nominatingform](http://www.bmpc.org/nominatingform). Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the stewardship campaign. Rich Allman, [AllmanR@verizon.net](mailto:AllmanR@verizon.net).

## **This Week**

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Dr. Andrew Mann leads our study of *God's Promise: I Am with You*, by Amy Poling Sutherlun, Chapter 2. Joyce Malott, [okf405@erols.com](mailto:okf405@erols.com).

**PRENATAL AND POSTNATAL YOGA.** Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Oct. 3, 12:30 p.m., Gymnasium. Classes help support pregnant women and new moms with pre-crawling infants. Colleen Bertrand is our experienced instructor. Suggested donation of \$15 per class. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**JOIN SINGING FOR LIFE.** Thursdays, beginning Oct. 4, 9:30-10:45 a.m. BMPC's choir for adults age 55+ is looking for new members. \$75 registration fee per semester; scholarships available. Register: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

**DEMENTIA SYMPOSIUM.** Sat., Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. - noon, Congregational Hall. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. This free symposium is for caregivers and anyone living with or concerned about deep memory loss. Register: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org, 610-525-0766.

## ***Next Sunday***

**TOUR OF RIEGER ORGAN.** Sun., Oct. 7, 11:10 a.m. Come to the choir loft during the postlude and learn what makes this pipe organ so special. Led by Jeffrey Brillhart.

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION REPORT.** Sun., Oct. 7, 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Join us for a report on the work of Urban Mosaic in the slum communities of Mexico City and hear how the experience of serving in mission and building mission relationships impacted our young people. This presentation is done in conjunction with our monthly intergenerational mission projects.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.** Sun., Oct. 7, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

## ***Upcoming***

**COMMUNITY FORUM DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES.** Mon., Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. BMPC welcomes Brooke Gladstone to the Sanctuary as part of our Community Forum Distinguished Speaker Series. Gladstone, co-host and managing editor of WNYC's "On the Media," is a longtime media analyst and an expert on trends in the press. She discusses her new book, *The Trouble with Reality*. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

**Y-GROUP MEETING.** Tues., Oct. 9, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Lecture and discussion of "Navigating Big Emotions" led by Dr. Margot Burke, child psychologist and founder of Milestone Child Psychology and Wellness, which helps children reach their full potential. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discuss "U.S. Global Engagement and the Military." With a changing balance of world power and disagreement over isolationism vs. world leadership, what is America's present and future role in the balance of global military power? Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com, 484-380-3685.

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Oct. 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Anne Lee. Join old and new friends for potluck dinner, fellowship and a lively discussion of "I Would've Written It Differently" led by the Rev. Debra L. Sutton. Register: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net, including the specific food or drink donation you will bring.



**THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE.** Sat., Oct. 13 and Sun., Oct. 14, Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, presents a lecture, "On Earth As It Is In Heaven," on Sat., Oct. 13 at 10:00 a.m. A light brunch is available at 9:30 a.m. He presents a second lecture, "The Temptation to be Less Than Human," on Sun., Oct. 14 at 11:15 a.m. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**Y-GROUP FALL FESTIVAL.** Sun., Oct. 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Front Lawn. Join us for fall fellowship and fun for the entire family. Meet the petting zoo animals, decorate a pumpkin and enjoy a picnic for the whole family. Freewill donation of \$20 per family is suggested. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

**TOUR THE WOODMERE ART MUSEUM.** Tues., Oct. 16, 9:00 a.m.; meet in back parking lot. Woodmere is a 19th-century stone mansion in Chestnut Hill and is dedicated to the art and artists of Philadelphia. Bus departs promptly at 9:15 a.m.; arrive no later than 9:00 a.m.; return by 12:30 p.m. Register with your check for \$15 per person, made payable to BMPC Senior Adults, attn. Amy Bauer.

**HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER.** Fri., Oct. 19, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share! Ham and mashed potatoes provided. Following dinner, fellowship continues with line and square dancing in the gymnasium. All ages and abilities welcome. JaneWilber@bmpe.org.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**ADULT LEADERS FOR TUTORING.** Adult leaders still are needed to support the tutoring program on Tuesdays from 6:45-8:00 p.m., October through April. Jackie Henisee, j.henisee@gmail.com.

**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING.** Today & Sun., Oct. 7. Envelopes are in the pews for this special offering that shares Christ's peace with others. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays in our congregation, 25% goes to peacemaking work in our region, and 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation in cultures of violence. Please note "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m. Main Kitchen, Ministries Center. Join the Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles for Philadelphia shelters. Great family activity (children over 4). Register: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

**PEACEMAKING GRANTS.** The Peacemaking Committee needs your help in connecting to local or international organizations doing the work of peacemaking, particularly in the Middle East. If you can suggest an organization the committee could partner with through grants of \$1,000 or less, contact Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com. Application deadline: Oct. 31.

**HUNGER ENVELOPES.** The need for assistance is increasing, and your donations are the only source of income the Hunger Committee uses to support organizations in the Philadelphia area. Please consider a donation by using the envelopes in the pew holders or noting "Hunger" in the memo section 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 30**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft  
9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.  
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Fifth Sunday Service for Grades 6 - 12, Chapel  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Kindergartners, Ed. Bldg.  
Fifth Sunday Service for Grades 1 - 5, Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Café in the Court, Ministries Center  
11:15 a.m. Quartet Ringers, Fine Arts Center  
Choir Tour Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
Kerry Coughlin, HIAS Pennsylvania, Witherspoon Parlor  
11:30 a.m. Capital Campaign Conversation: Campus Rennovations, Congregational Hall  
3:00 p.m. Serving at Hub of Hope, Suburban Station

## **Monday, October 1**

- 7:00 p.m. Discover BMPC Class, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

## **Tuesday, October 2**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Searching for Sunday Book Study, Fullerton Room  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
Monthly Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
5:00 p.m. Eugene C. Bay Fund Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room  
Deacons' Meeting, Gloucester Room  
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

### **Wednesday, October 3**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 12:30 p.m. Prenatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Basic Judaism* Book Discussion, Witherspoon Parlor
- Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room

### **Thursday, October 4**

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, October 5**

- 12:30 p.m. Postnatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

### **Saturday, October 6**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Dementia Symposium, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
- Discover BMPC Class, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

### **Sunday, October 7 - World Communion Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Choirs, Sanctuary**
  - The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
  - Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn



## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor**

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

**Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults**

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

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

**David B. Smith, Interim Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry**

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