



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 16, 2018
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
24th 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 Classes

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 a.m., Education Building

Grades 6 -12

Youth & Parent Kickoff Sunday
10:00 a.m., Gym

Association for a More Just Society

Presentation
11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

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. **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 Education Building.

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

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The heavens declare the glory of God,
And the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.

**All: One day tells its tale to another,
And one night imparts knowledge to another.**

One: Although they have no words or language,
And their voices are not heard,

**All: Their sound has gone out into all lands,
And their message to the ends of the world.**

One: Let us worship God with hymns of praise.

All: O Lord our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

† **HYMN 20** All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of all we need, you invite us not to worry,
but we tie ourselves in knots with worry.

We worry about those we love and about our own welfare.

We worry about our local community, our country, your world.

You invite us not to be anxious,

but we are anxious about yesterday's wrongs we cannot undo,
today's demands, and tomorrow's uncertainties.

Forgive our worry and anxiety, O God.

Direct our eyes toward the splendor of the lilies of the field
and the freedom of the birds of the air.

Free us to live for your glory and to invest in your kingdom above all else.

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

Psalm 8 (p. 492 in pew Bible)

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

ANTHEM

O Sacrum Convivium
Sanctuary Choir

Olivier Messiaen

O holy and sacred feast wherein Christ is offered, we call to mind, in grateful thanks, his most bitter Passion. While our souls are filled with grace, we beseech thee: grant to us everlasting glory.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 12:22-34 (p. 74 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Consider the Lilies of the Field
Second in *The Art and Architecture of Faith Series*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SALLEY GARDENS

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

We affirm that the universe of matter, energy, and life
is God's good creation in all its parts.
Therefore we may work and play in it
and explore it with wonder and joy.
God included human beings among the creatures God made
and charged them to care for other living things.
We acknowledge we are kin to the other creatures.
We are dependent on the systems that sustain all life.
We hold the earth in trust
for future generations of living things.

~ From *A Declaration 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

If Ye Love Me
Sanctuary Choir

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; E'en the Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Truth, of Truth. And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

*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

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

† **HYMN 23**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Sung to: AUSTRIA

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Charles Iredell Tenney

GREETING AND HOSTING

Adult Education Council

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

Lilies of the Field Window, Sanctuary Narthex

Announcements

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Submit your recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2018-19 via the nominating forms found in the Sanctuary or Ministries Center or online at 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.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” class on 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 > Calendar > Open Registrations. Contact the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff, FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

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

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS MINISTRY (FORMERLY SECRET SAINTS). This long-standing BMPC program is entering a new phase of its life. Adult members and families of BMPC are encouraged to serve as Saints for one of our many college students who are away from home. Saints remind students that their church cares for them by sending packages, cards and most importantly, by holding them in prayer throughout the year. To participate: CollegeConnections@bmpc.org.

LEND A HAND IN THE LIBRARY. Help is needed for shelving, sorting, etc. in our Converse House Library. Set your own hours, as little or as much as you would like. Kat MacMurray, katmac2@icloud.com.

Today

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Following 10:00 a.m. worship, Sanctuary. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care & Senior Adults.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays beginning today, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. Join us in reading and discussing the Dalai Lama’s and Bishop Desmond Tutu’s book, *The Book of Joy*. In these trying times, reading the text and doing the practices help us become more focused and peaceful. Books are \$15 and may be purchased in class. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray facilitates this class. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays beginning today, 8:45 a.m., Children’s Library, Ed. Bldg. This weekly gathering of women provides an opportunity to build community and be in conversation about life, faith and current events. This fall the group shares TED Talks. Each week a different member brings a TED Talk that has shaped the way she thinks about the world. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick facilitates this class. PeggyHermann@hotmail.com.

REFLECTIVE BIBLE STUDY. Sundays beginning today, 9:25-9:50 a.m., Middleton Center. Lectio divina is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures. We set aside time before Sunday communal worship to explore how the readings for that day intertwine with our concerns, relationships, hopes, and aspirations. We listen for God's presence in the events of our lives and contemplate how we might carry what we hear into our lives. Paul Burgmayer leads this class. info@middletoncenter.org.

YOUTH & PARENT KICKOFF MEETING. 10:00 - 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Kick off the program year for grades 6 - 12 with an update on upcoming activities, summer 2019 trips and an introduction to the worship, service and fellowship opportunities planned for youth this year.

CARING CORNER. Parish Nurse Carol and Social Worker Renee are available after 10:00 a.m. worship today in the Education Building. Children are invited to come make cards for Caring Ministries.

ASSOCIATION FOR A MORE JUST SOCIETY PRESENTATION. 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. We hear a talk by Jill Stoltzfus, executive director of Association for a More Just Society. AJS, a 2018 Richard Shaull Award for Mission recipient, supports efforts in Honduras that promote the interests of the poor in legislative projects, defend the rights of the most vulnerable in judicial processes, increase the awareness and democratic participation of churches to practice the biblical teachings on justice, and publish journalistic investigations on issues that affect the poor of Honduras.

This Week

TUTORING SIGN-UPS. Tues., Sept. 18, 6:15 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lobby. Tutoring sign-ups. Adult training (required), 6:45 p.m., Ed. Bldg., second floor. Adult leaders and tutors needed. Jackie Henisee, J.Henisee@gmail.com.

DOING GOOD TOGETHER. Wed., Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Spend a day off from school in service! Students work with a number of BMPC mission partners to help feed the hungry, comfort the sick, and care for creation. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

BASIC JUDAISM. Wed., Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Classes led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray meet on Wednesdays, utilizing the book *Basic Judaism* by Milton Steinberg (\$13.) Books available in the Book Center or at class.

Next Sunday

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION. Sun., Sept. 23, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Families are invited to join us for a third grade Bible Breakfast from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in Congregational Hall. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, third graders receive their new Bibles. Email MaryRichards@bmpc.org with the full name of your child (as it should be printed on the bookplate), and to register with the number of attendees for the breakfast.

PRESENTATION: PAPER CUTTING ART BY JESSI BROWN. Sun., Sept. 23, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Gladwyne artist Jessi Brown demonstrates her cutting techniques and talks about this ancient Chinese medium and her art which is in the Ministries Center on view through Sun., Oct. 14. All works are for sale.

Upcoming

SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY: LOVING, LEAVING AND FINDING THE CHURCH. Begins Tues., Sept. 25, 10:00 a.m., Fullerton Room. This six-week class meets on Tuesdays to discuss Rachel Held Evans' book about finding one's life in faith in a pattern of daily sacramental living. The Rev. Dr. Andrew Mann leads the study. Books available from the Book Center (\$10). Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 26, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our exploration of "Models of Faith of Ordinary People of the Bible." MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

KERRY COUGHLIN: HIAS PENNSYLVANIA. Sun., Sept. 30, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. HIAS Pennsylvania has taken the lead in our area when it comes to supporting refugee resettlement, supporting asylum seekers, 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. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

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

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.

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.

Caring & Sharing

PEACEMAKING GRANTS. The Peacemaking Committee needs your help to connect it to local or international organizations doing the work of peacemaking, conflict resolution, gun violence prevention, and international reconciliation, particularly in the Middle East. If you would like to suggest an organization they could partner with through modest grants of \$1,000 or less, contact Phoebe Sheftel to learn more about the application process: pasheftel@gmail.com. The deadline for consideration is Oct. 31.

WORKDAY AT WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRIES. Tues., Sept. 18, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet at WKM to replace windows on the second floor of the Manse. If you are able to attend, contact David Heaton, heatondavid2@gmail.com, 267-767-0071.

WEPAC SERVICE DAY. Sat., Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m., Harrington Elementary School, 5300 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia. Sort and shelve books in the school library. Elementary-age children welcome. Sign up online for a two-hour shift (9:00-11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) or both shifts at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

This Week's Calendar

***For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.***

Today, September 16

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center, Rm. 203
- 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
Parent & Youth (Grades 6 - 12) Kickoff Sunday, Gymnasium
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Café in the Court
- 11:15 a.m. Quartet Ringers, Fine Arts Center
Association for a More Just Society, Witherspoon Parlor

Monday, September 17

No activities scheduled.

Tuesday, September 18

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 6:15 p.m. Tutoring Sign Up, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, September 19

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Doing Good Together, Congregational Hall
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinners, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. “Basic Judaism” Book Discussion, Witherspoon Parlor
Student Serve, Loft
Mission Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, September 20

- 10:00 a.m. Artists’ Gathering, Gloucester Room
Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
- 10:30 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 2:00 p.m. SmokeFree, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium
Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 21

No activities scheduled.

Saturday, September 22

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men’s Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. WePAC Service Day, Harrington Elementary School
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room

Sunday, September 23

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

Worship Staff

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

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