



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

September 1, 2019
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Summer Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Loft

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday for
Children and Youth

*See calendar at back of bulletin for
a complete schedule.*

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for Lemonade on the Lawn after the 10:00 a.m. worship service (rain location: Ministries Center Court).

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

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 AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us.

All: And make your face to shine upon us,

One: That your way may be known on earth,

All: Your saving power among all nations.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

All: For you judge the peoples with equity, and guide our ways.

† HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God,

our lives are filled with misgivings.

Anxiety and dread hedge upon us.

We shun our neighbor and fear the stranger.

We seek security in violence and vanity.

Quickly we forget your promises:

that your mercy is the deepest of wells

and your love the widest of oceans.

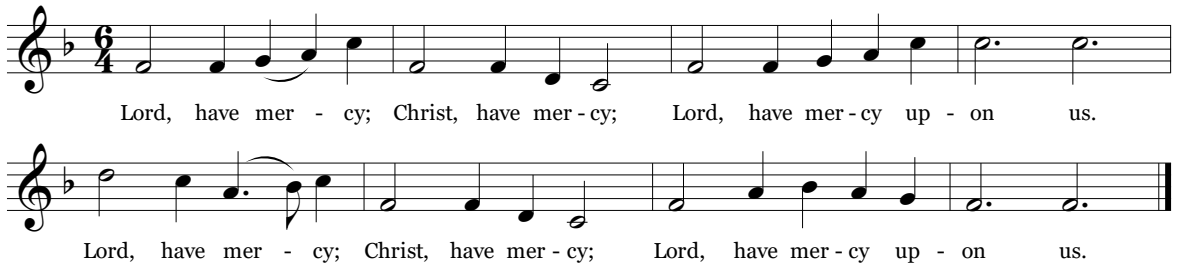
Rebuke our fears, O Wellspring of Hope.

Guide us in the way of your Beloved Son.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug McCone

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 112 (*p. 563 in pew Bible*)

Doug McCone

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (*p. 77 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Finding a Seat

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN 649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Brian K. Ballard

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into 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 offering 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

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Anne M. and Bradford D. Smith

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Barry and Ted Wentz

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Doug McCone

USHERING

Elder Keith Brinks

Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, Sept. 23 and Oct. 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center. These two classes provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome, and childcare available with advance notice. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

FALL CHOIR REGISTRATION. We have opportunities for all ages (kindergarten and up) to become involved in music at BMPC. For registration details, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

BOOK CENTER. Look for the Book Center table on Rally Day, and pick up books for fall classes. Beginning on Sun., Sept. 15, the Book Center will have books available for purchase during coffee and fellowship in the gym. Books also may be purchased on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. by getting the key at the Receptionist Desk and leaving payment for Carol Schmidt. A variety of titles are available, many that make great gifts!

Today

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Open auditions for the Sanctuary Choir are being held in the choir loft today after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We also are holding auditions next Sun., Sept. 8. No appointment necessary. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

This Week

CONFIRMATION MEET & GREET. Wed., Sept. 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. This is a unique opportunity for students, parents and mentors to become acquainted and learn about the Confirmation curriculum before classes begin. Please sign up by Fri., Aug. 30, to secure your spot. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

BRYN MAWR DAY. Sat., Sept. 7, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., parking lot across from Ludington Library. Taste food from local restaurants, shop at the farmer’s market, ride the fire trucks, visit the petting zoo, take a bus ride for a history tour, enjoy the music, and help us represent BMPC at our tent. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 8, 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn, rain or shine. Join us as we begin a new season in ministry! Our celebration includes picnic food, entertainment, fall program information from our ministry areas, and fellowship for all ages. All welcome; bring a friend! JaneWilber@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

MEN'S STUDY GROUP RESUMES. Wed., Sept. 11, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Join Brian Ballard for a lively discussion on *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis*, by Mark A. Noll. Noll examines writings about slavery and race from Americans both white and black, northern and southern, and includes commentary from Protestants and Catholics in Europe and Canada. Book available for purchase either through Barnes & Noble or Amazon or your favorite local book seller.
AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME. Our Wednesday Night Dinners begin on Sept. 11 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Congregational Hall. Food is served until 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$8 for adults/\$5 for children and students. Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Ruth, and fellowship!

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Starting Sun., Sept. 15, 8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads the discussion of *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation* by Jon Meacham. At a time when our country seems divided by extremism, *American Gospel* draws on the past to offer a new perspective.

FILLING THE WELL. Starting Sun., Sept. 15, 8:45 a.m., Converse House Parlor. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads the discussion of *Listening is an Act of Love*. Each week the class listens to and discusses one of the many stories collected by the Story Corps Project as a way to reflect on relationships, meaning and connection in our families and community. This class is sponsored by BMPC Presbyterian Women and is open to women of all ages. PeggyHermann@hotmail.com.

REPORT FROM BMPC SCOTLAND TRIP. Sun., Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. In this past spring 50 members traveled to Scotland to experience the beauty of the country as well as learn more about the roots of our Presbyterian traditions. Attend the program to see images from the tour and to hear about participants' experiences and how the trip impacted their connections to our theological heritage.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Sept. 17, 12:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Discussion of *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish. Joannehanna3@comcast.net.

THIRD GRADE BREAKFAST AND BIBLE PRESENTATION. Sun., Sept. 22, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. Families are invited for a Third Grade Bible Breakfast before the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary. During that Service, third graders receive their new Bibles. Contact 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.

THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ON BIODIVERSITY. Sun., Sept. 22, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Our Environmental Justice Committee welcomes Lisa J. Rodrigues, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Geography and the Environment at Villanova University, as she walks us through “The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services 2019 Assessment,” a report which shows that nearly one million species on earth are at risk of extinction. Be a part of our ongoing conversation about how we can be good stewards of God’s created world and learn about positive things that each of us can do. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen, Ministries Center. Join our Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles (1,300 meals) for Philadelphia area food cupboards. Great family activity (children over age 4). Registration is requested: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

TUTORING VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION. Tues., Sept. 17, 6:15 p.m., Ministries Center Court. Tutors and adult leaders needed! This is your chance to experience the rewards of weekly one-on-one attention that helps both the tutors and students (from William Dick School, Philadelphia) grow in self-confidence. Tutoring takes place in the Ministries Center from October through April. tutoringontuesday@gmail.com.

WEPAC SERVICE DAY. Sat., Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m., Robert E. Lamberton Elementary School, 7501 Woodbine Ave., Philadelphia. Volunteers needed for re-stocking book shelves! Register online: www.bmpc.org >Calendar>Open Registrations. Carpool from BMPC at 9:15 a.m. Registration is required in case of any last-minute changes. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. Support the work of the BMPC Peacemaking Committee against gun violence by donating to this Offering or mark “Peacemaking” on the memo line of your check. Envelopes will be in pews on Sundays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6.

URGENT NEED FOR HUNGER DONATIONS. Baskets for donations of food are located in the Narthex. Donations tend to drop off in the summer when the need for food increases. High protein soups and canned goods are needed. To make financial donations to the Hunger Committee for the support of area food cupboards and shelters, use the white Hunger Envelopes in the pew holders or note “Hunger” on the memo line of your check.

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 1

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Auditions, Sanctuary Choir Loft
Lemonade on the Lawn, Front Lawn (Rain Location: Ministries Center Court)

Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed: *For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

Tuesday, September 3

- 9:00 a.m. Back to School Prayer, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Committee Meeting, Pastors Conference Room

Wednesday, September 4

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meet & Greet, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Converse House Parlor
Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Event is Off Campus

Thursday, September 5

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Training, Converse House Parlor
Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Welcome Back Reception, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 6

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Converse House Parlor

Saturday, September 7

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Bryn Mawr Day, Parking Lot across from Ludington Library

Sunday, September 8

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

Save the Dates

Wed., Sept. 4	Confirmation Meet & Greet
Thurs., Sept. 5	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Begin
Sat., Sept. 7	Bryn Mawr Day Saturday Morning Men's Group Resumes
Sun., Sept. 8	Sunday School Begins Rally Day Festivities
Wed., Sept. 11	Wednesday Night Dinners Resume Student Serve, Wednesdays Together, and Youth Chorale Begin Men's Study Group Begins
Sat., Sept. 14	Casserole Blitz
Sun., Sept. 15	Adult Education Programs Resume Handbell Choir Begins Youth Ministry Kickoff
Tues., Sept. 17	Tutor & Adult Leader Sign Up
Wed., Sept. 18	Coffee Cup Bible Study Begins
Sat., Sept 21	WePAC Service Day
Sun., Sept. 22	Third Grade Breakfast and Bible Presentation Brian Ballard Ordination and Installation
Mon., Sept. 23	Discover BMPC Class (Orientation)
Tues., Sept 24	Tutor Training
Thurs., Oct. 3	Singing for Life Begins
Sun., Oct. 6	World Communion Sunday Blessing of the Animals
Mon. Oct. 7	Discover BMPC Class (Orientation)
Sat., Oct. 12	Main Line Adult Day Center Bowling Fundraiser, Devon Lanes
Fri., Oct. 18	Churchwide Potluck Dinner
Sun., Oct. 20	ARTolerance Concert: "The Hope of Loving"
Fri., Oct. 25	Office Trick or Treat for Children
Sun., Oct. 27	Senior Adult Luncheon

Renovations Update

Fullerton Room, Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor and the Conference Room in the Ministries Center are no longer available as meeting spaces.

Childcare takes place in Fullerton Room; Summer Sunday School is in Gloucester Room.

September: Education Building is closed for construction.
Parking directly behind the Chapel will be limited on Sundays and unavailable during the week.

For more renovation updates, please visit us at:
www.bmpc.org/welcome/renovation-updates

This box will be updated regularly to keep you informed about how the renovation process is impacting our ministries and programs.



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