



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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September 29, 2019  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Twenty-sixth 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

### **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

**Charles & Melissa  
Johnson, PCUSA Mission  
Co-Workers, Chasefu  
Theological Seminary**

11:15 a.m., Chapel

#### **High School Brunch**

Grades 9 - 12

11:30 a.m., Pastor Leigh's Manse

**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.

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**

Bryn Mawr Voluntary

Carson Cooman

**WELCOME**

Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O Holy One, you are our God.

**All: We will exalt you; we will praise your name**

One: For you have done wonderful things.

**All: Plans formed of old, faithful and sure.**

One: You have been a stronghold for your people,

**All: Promising a future of blessing and peace.**

One: O Holy One, you are our God.

**All: We exalt you and praise your loving name.**

† **HYMN 409**

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of our forebears in faith,  
and God of our mothers and fathers, you are a God who acts in history.

Yet we confess that we are often too busy with our own lives  
to perceive you at work in our time.

We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world,  
as if you had no care for us.

Forgive our lack of faith,  
and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth;  
in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

*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.*



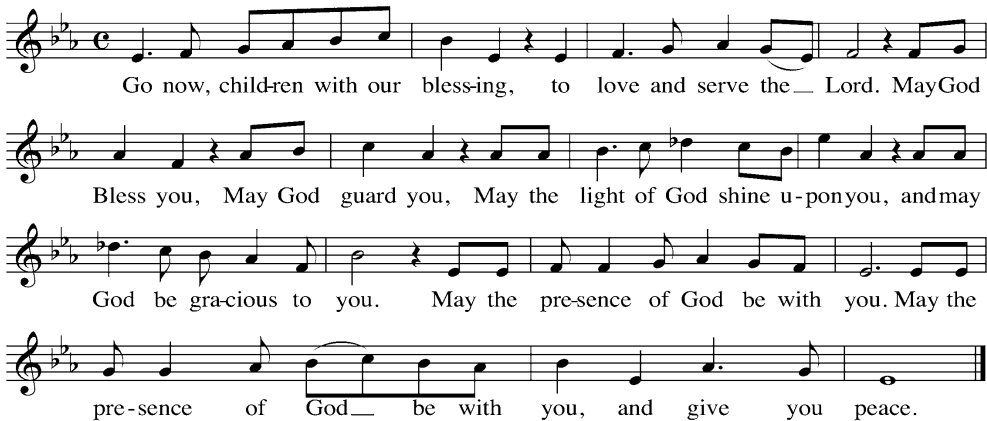
# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## 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.*



## FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 11:17-20 (*p. 226 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## ANTHEM

This Is The Day  
Sanctuary Choir

Jacobus Gallus

This is the day, the day the Lord hath made: we will all rejoice, be glad in it. Alleluia.

## SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18 (*p. 17 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Saving Children*  
Fourth in the Family of God Sermon Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 19

God of Great and God of Small

GOD OF GREAT  
AND SMALL

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Brian K. Ballard

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.

**MINISTRY MOMENT** Chasefu Theological Seminary, Zambia Charles Johnson  
2018 Shaull Award Recipient

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

O How Amiable  
Sanctuary Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

*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**

† **HYMN 372**

O for a World

AZMON

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE**

Praeludium

Pamela Decker

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Rev. Dr. Glenn H. Asquith Jr.

Grafton D. Chase

Richard W. Knecht

Emilie M. Pyle

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Peacemaking Committee

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Rob Mygatt

### **SERMON SERIES & BULLETIN COVER**

The Family of God sermon series considers God's formative promise made to Abraham and Sarah, *in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed*, and how we are called to convey that blessing today.

The bulletin cover, *Festival of Lights* by John August Swanson, imagines a growing liturgical procession reminiscent of this blessing, described by the artist who wrote, "The children would bring light and peace... they would gather from many places, joining an unending procession towards peace and nonviolence for all children of the world."

# **Announcements**

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 30.** Submit your recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2020-2021 via the nominating forms found in the Sanctuary or Ministries Center. 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. Cindy Pierce, [cynthia.w.pierce@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.w.pierce@gmail.com).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR OPEN REHEARSALS.** Do you have questions about joining our Sanctuary Choir? On the first Thursday of every month we have an open rehearsal for visitors to drop in and try it out. Your first opportunity is Thurs., Oct. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Contact [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org) if you plan to attend.

**JOIN SINGING FOR LIFE.** BMPC's choir for adults ages 55+ is open for fall registration! Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m., beginning Oct. 3. \$75 registration fee per semester; scholarships available. To register, contact [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org).

**BOOK CENTER.** Books are now 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!

**ANTI-RACISM BOOK LIST AND CONVERSATION GROUPS.** The BMPC Anti-Racism Taskforce has a new Anti-Racism Reading List to encourage reflection and conversation within the church community. Copies of the list are available in the Ministries Center. The taskforce is recruiting people interested in joining a book or a conversation group. Book group members read and discuss three to four books on the reading list; conversation group members participate in a series of open and honest discussions about their experiences of race and racism, either now or in the past. These groups would commit to a series of conversations in an individual's home with a taskforce member leading the discussion. To sign up for one of these groups or to receive regular updates on this ongoing work: [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

## **Today**

**PCUSA MISSION CO-WORKERS CHARLES AND MELISSA JOHNSON.**

11:15 a.m., Chapel. Since 2016 Charles and Melissa have served alongside Presbyterian partners in Zambia and have helped the church expand its holistic ministry of community development, food security and improved health. In 2018, Chasefu Theological Seminary in Zambia received the Shaull Award to fund the expansion of its leadership training for seminary students, enhancing the work directed by Charles and Melissa.

**BRUNCH FOR YOUTH & THEIR PARENTS.** 11:30 a.m., for High Schoolers, Pastor Leigh's Manse. Next date: Confirmants, Oct. 6, at Pastor Leigh's Manse. All Youth and their families are invited to join Pastor Leigh for a time of fellowship after worship.

## **This Week**

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Oct. 2, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Brian Ballard leads Lesson 2, “Words of Love.” Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

**WALK AND TALK.** Join Parish Nurse Carol Cherry for a brief devotion and half-hour-long walks on Thursdays in October, beginning Oct. 3. Meet at 8:45 a.m. in the parking lot at Ashbridge Memorial Park, 1301 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr. CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

**BMPC REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE.** Thurs., Oct. 3, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A special hour-long dinner meeting to hear David Piver, Esq., a Wayne attorney who specializes in immigration law. This is an important opportunity to learn about the most recent immigration policies and their effect on refugees and asylum seekers.

## **Next Sunday**

**DIGGING DEEPER.** Sundays, Oct. 6 through Nov. 10, 8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult Day Center Living Room. The Rev. Franklyn Pottorff leads a discussion of *The Evolution of Faith* by Philip Gulley. Barbie Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

**MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION PRESENTATION.** Sun., Oct. 6, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Celebrate World Communion Sunday by hearing Patrick Coughlin describe the vital work of the Foundation, a longtime partner of the Worldwide Ministries Committee. MBF received the Shaull Award this year for its work in Malawi, Africa.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.** Sun., Oct. 6, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

## **Upcoming**

**Y-GROUP MEETING.** Tues., Oct. 8, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Lecture and discussion of “10 Tips for Raising Resilient and Responsible Kids” led by Florence Sturm, Certified Parent Educator. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Oct. 11, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join old and new friends for a potluck dinner, fellowship and a lively discussion of “Every Day is a Holy Day” led by Debra Sutton, Ph.D., M.Div. Register: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net, including the specific food or drink donation you will bring.

**ALL-CHURCH LUNCH AND MOVIE: *THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND*.** Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Following the three weeks of classes focusing on our partnerships in Africa, join us for an all-ages screening of this award-winning film based on a true story that occurred in rural Malawi. No reservations required.



**Y-GROUP FALL FESTIVAL.** Sun., Oct. 13, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Join us for fall fellowship and fun for the entire family. Decorate a pumpkin and enjoy a picnic for the whole family. Freewill donation of \$20 per family is suggested. Abby Pottorff, [ygroupbmpe@gmail.com](mailto:ygroupbmpe@gmail.com).

**RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SAFETY.** Tues., Oct. 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood; presented by Main Line Interfaith Community. A flyer with more details is posted on the Peacemaking kiosk in the Ministries Center Court.

**TOUR OF THE JOHN AUDUBON HISTORIC HOME AND MILL GROVE.** Thurs., Oct. 17, 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Docent-led tour of the historic home of John James Audubon and of the new museum at Mill Grove. Cost: \$23 per person, includes tour, boxed lunch and bus driver gratuity. Bus departs back parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and returns to the church by 2:00 p.m. [AmyBauer@bmpe.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpe.org).

**HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER.** Fri., Oct. 18, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share; baked ham and mashed potatoes provided. Following dinner, you are invited to join us in the gym for fellowship and fun. All are welcome. Registration encouraged; e-mail [JaneWilber@bmpe.org](mailto:JaneWilber@bmpe.org) including the number attending and what you are bringing.

**KICKBALL WITH CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.** Sun., Oct. 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Baldwin Field. All youth, are invited to join Pastor Leigh for a friendly game of kickball with our friends from the Church of the Redeemer. After kickball, enjoy a slice of pizza or two! Register: [AmyBauer@bmpe.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpe.org).

**LUNCH & LEARN WITH BETH KEPHART.** Sun., Oct. 27, 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. \$10 per person. Sign up with your check, payable to BMPC, by Oct. 23. Contact [AmyBauer@bmpe.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpe.org).

## **Caring & Sharing**

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING.** Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this offering through envelopes in the pews today and next Sunday, Oct. 6, or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check.

**HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF.** The most effective way we can support residents of the Bahamas and the southern U.S. coast in their recovery from Hurricane Dorian is through direct financial contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you wish to make a donation, you may do so by indicating Hurricane Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations may be given through today's offering or sent directly to the church office during the week.

# **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 29**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. 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. Charles & Melissa Johnson, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers, Chasefu  
Theological Seminary, Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
High School Brunch (Grades 9 - 12), Pastor Leigh's Manse

## **Monday, September 30**

*No scheduled activities.*

## **Tuesday, October 1**

- 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  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center  
Deacons Meeting, Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room

### **Wednesday, October 2**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 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
- Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Event is Off Campus

### **Thursday, October 3**

- 8:45 a.m. Walk and 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
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, October 4**

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

### **Saturday, October 5**

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

### **Sunday, October 6**

- 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.

## ***Renovations Update***

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

**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](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**

**Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts**

**Edward Landin Senn, Assistant Director of Music**

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