

Bryn Mawr

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2020

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh DeVries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

O loving God,
to turn away from you is to fall,
to turn toward you is to rise,
and to stand before you is to abide forever.
Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help;
in all our uncertainties your guidance;
in all our dangers your protection;
and in all our sorrows your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Augustine of Hippo

HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-20

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Two Conversions
Fifth in a Series on the Acts of the Apostles

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

Witness
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Jack Halloran

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." He said, "Marvel not if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Phillistines. Then old Samson went awandering about. Samson's strength was never found out. 'Til his wife sat upon his knee. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!" Samson's wife, she talk so fair Samson said, "Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will come like a natural man." Samson was a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord. There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord!

CALL TO OFFERING
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

Keith & Becky Brinks

HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne

This Sunday

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. A discussion of *In His Steps* by Charles Monroe Sheldon, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

FILLING THE WELL. 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. This Sunday class for women is a space for conversation, learning and mutual support. This fall we are discussing the Enneagram, a personality typology that helps us consider not just our actions but the motivations behind them. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

DIGGING DEEPER. 9:00 a.m. Six-week study of *The Power of God and the gods of Power* by Daniel L. Magliore. [Rev. Franklyn Pottorff](#)

THE STORY OF ENSLAVED PEOPLE ON THE MAIN LINE. 2:00 p.m., via Zoom conference call. Executive Director Bruce Gill of Harriton House shares the history and legacy of one of the northernmost slave plantations in the United States. This webinar is presented in partnership with Bethel AME Church of Ardmore. For the Zoom link and more information, check out the [webinar page](#) on our website.

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE. 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Wearing masks and practicing physical distancing, this 30-minute worship service is designed to enable families to participate in worship together. Be sure to bring a blanket or chair to sit on. We will announce by 2:00 p.m. if the service must be cancelled due to inclement weather.

This Week

CHAPEL OPEN TO MEMBERS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER. BMPC members are welcome to pray silently in the Chapel on Tuesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. You are invited to sign in when you enter the Chapel, leaving your contact information. Prayer guides are available to lead your devotion and to mark your seat as occupied when you leave. Masks and social distancing required!

YOGA CLASSES. Yoga is still accessible and more important than ever! Karen Gagnier is offering her BMPC donation class again, but outdoors. Classes continue on Tues., Oct. 20 at 9:30 a.m. at Maybrook Mansion, [325 Penn Rd., Wynnewood](#). This class supports BMPC's Hunger Ministries. If an outdoor session is not for you, on-demand classes are available at [Movementrxstudio.com](#). Contact [Karen](#) or 610-952-0622.

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years, at rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we continue to broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon. Our next concert on Oct. 20 features Jeffrey Brillhart, piano, with Yoshihiko Nakano, viola, and Misoon Ghim, mezzo-soprano. [Stephanie Speakman](#).

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP. Every Friday at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom conference call. All senior adults are invited to this time of informal fellowship and conversation. The format is similar to the fellowship hour following Sunday worship. You will be able to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Stay for a few minutes or for the entire hour, whatever works best with your schedule. For the Zoom link, contact [Brian Ballard](#).

Next Sunday

TOILETRIES FOR THE HOMELESS. Sun., Oct. 25, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., BMPC Campus. Children and youth are collecting toiletry items for Broad Street Ministry, our mission partner that helps people struggling with homelessness. Drive in and drop off your donations between the Sanctuary and the Chapel! Are you wondering about ideal contributions? Unopened/sealed travel-size soaps, shampoos and conditioners, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotions, deodorants, floss, mouthwash, travel-size tissue packets, nail clippers, feminine hygiene products, hand sanitizers, reusable and washable face masks and hand warmers.

THE GREAT MIGRATION AND THE MAIN LINE. Sun., Oct. 25, 2:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call. Craig Bailey, Villanova historian, discusses the stories and history of the local African American community on the Main Line. This webinar is presented in partnership with Bethel AME Church of Ardmore. For the Zoom link and more information, check out the [webinar page](#) on our website.

Upcoming

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE. Sundays, Nov. 8-22 and Dec. 6, 11:15 a.m., via Zoom Conference Call. The names and stories of women in scripture have often been neglected — left out of the lectionary and absent from our conversations about biblical models of faith. During these four weeks, we will explore the themes and significance of eight biblical women. Taken in pairs, these women open up the practice of reading and understanding women in the Bible; they will give us tools for reading and interpreting the whole of scripture. For more details on this class taught by the [Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#), and for the Zoom link, check out the [class page](#).

Caring and Sharing

BMPC HUNGER FUND. BMPC Hunger Ministries has continued supporting local food pantries throughout the pandemic, thanks to the generosity of our members. We know that the need to support the food insecure in Greater Philadelphia will continue for months and years to come. Please give today via our [online giving page](#) or mail a check to BMPC, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, with Hunger Fund written on the memo line of your check.