



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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September 9, 2018  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
23rd 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 Gathering  
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Gym

#### **Rally Day**

11:00 a.m., Front Lawn

**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

“Cantilène” and “Impromptu”  
from *Twenty-four Fantasies*

Louis Vierne

## WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

**All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

One: The highest in all creation lives among the least;

**All: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

One: Come all who thirst

**All: And drink the water of life.**

One: Come all who hunger

**All: And be filled with good things.**

One: Come all who seek

**All: And the doors to God's realm will be opened.**

## † HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Holy God, we confess that while we seek to follow your commandments  
to live and love following the example of Christ,  
we fall short and wander down our own wayward paths.

Yet you do not leave us alone; in Christ you come to us and invite us  
to come back to you, seeking your grace.

As recipients of your tender mercy, we offer ourselves  
to be bearers of your mercy to a hurting world.

Equip us to show forth your reconciling love in Christ,

to work faithfully for your new creation, and to live the good news of the gospel.

*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** Matthew 7:7-13 (*p. 7 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

**ANTHEM** Two Shaker Songs ("Simple Gifts" and "I Will Bow") E.E. Ferguson  
Sanctuary Choir

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn will be our delight 'till by turning, turning we come round right. I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free, I will bow and be humble, bow like the willow tree. I will bow, I will wear the easy yoke, I will bow and be broken, yea, I'll fall upon the rock. I will bow this is the token.

**SECOND LESSON** 1 Corinthians 16:5-11 (*p. 178 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*The Front Door*

Agnes W. Norfleet

First in *The Art and Architecture of Faith Series*

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ 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

Elmarie Parker  
Mission Co-Worker in Syria and Lebanon

## OFFERING

Franklyn C. Pottorff

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Open Our Eyes  
Sanctuary Choir

William C. Macfarlane

Open our eyes, O living and compassionate Jesus, that we may behold Thee, walking beside us in our sorrow. Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant; for through its portals we enter into the presence of the Living God. Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus, that we may see to follow Thee, Jesus our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

*Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew;  
pass it down your row and back again.*

†	<b>DOXOLOGY</b>		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>		Franklyn C. Pottorff
†	<b>HYMN 321</b>	The Church's One Foundation	AURELIA
†	<b>BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE</b>		Agnes W. Norfleet
	<b>POSTLUDE</b>	"Final" from <i>Symphonie I</i>	Louis Vierne

## *Worship Notes*

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and with thanksgiving for  
all those who share their time and talents,  
teaching and nurturing the children and youth of BMPC.

### GREETING AND HOSTING

Congregational Life Council

### 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.

### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

### BULLETIN COVER

*BMPC Sanctuary Doors, Summer 2018*

## **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](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).

**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](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Contact the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff, [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@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](mailto:CollegeConnections@bmpc.org).

**ART EXHIBIT: PAPER CUTTING ART BY JESSI BROWN.** On view through Sun., Oct. 14. All works are for sale. Gladwyne artist Jessi Brown demonstrates her cutting techniques and talks about this ancient Chinese medium and her art in the Conference Room on Sun., Sept. 23 at 11:15 a.m.

## **Today**

**RALLY DAY.** Front Lawn (rain location: Ministries Center). 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.

**BMPC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.** During the Rally Day picnic, come to the Education Building to learn more about our goals and vision for the future. We will be screening a brief campaign video and sharing conceptual drawings of what reimagined church spaces will look like. For information about being a volunteer or supporting the campaign, contact campaign director Derrick Smith, [ThisTimeThisPlace@bmpc.org](mailto:ThisTimeThisPlace@bmpc.org).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS.** Open auditions for the Sanctuary Choir to be held in the choir loft after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. No appointment necessary.

## **This Week**

**Y-GROUP BACK-TO-SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP.** Tues., Sept. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Join us as we return to school routines, write notes of thanks, pray for children and teachers in the new school year. Sarah Reiner, [ygroupbmpc@gmail.com](mailto:ygroupbmpc@gmail.com).

**REMEMBRANCE LABYRINTH WALK.** Tues., Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Gather for light refreshments and a brief introduction to the labyrinth from 10:00-10:30 a.m. before walking to honor and reflect on Sept. 11 memories. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Sept. 11, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discuss “Turkey: a Partner in Crisis.” Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump Administration. Marilyn Irwin, 484-380-3685.

**MEN’S STUDY GROUP BEGINS.** Wed., Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor and Library. We will continue our study of *Soul Survivor*. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads a discussion on Chapter 11, Frederick Buechner. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**BASIC JUDAISM BOOK DISCUSSION.** Begins Wed., Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads an ongoing discussion of *Basic Judaism* by Milton Steinberg. The book identifies seven strands that weave together to make up Judaism: God, morality, rite and custom, law, sacred literature, institutions, and the people. A classic work directed to both the Jewish and the non-Jewish reader. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

## Next Sunday

**SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP.** Sundays beginning on Sept. 16, 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 Sept. 16, 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 Sept. 16, 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 reading for that day intertwines 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 during this prayer into our lives. Paul Burgmayer leads this class. info@middletoncenter.org.

**YOUTH & PARENT KICKOFF MEETING.** Sun., Sept. 16, 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. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**CARING CORNER.** Parish Nurse Carol and Social Worker Renee will be available before and after 10:00 a.m. worship next week.

**ASSOCIATION FOR A MORE JUST SOCIETY PRESENTATION.** Sun., Sept. 16, 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.

## Upcoming

**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.

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

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

## Save the Date

**DEMENTIA SYMPOSIUM.** Sat., Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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. To register, contact [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org) or call 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](mailto: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*.

# Caring & Sharing

**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](mailto: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](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).

**HUB OF HOPE.** Sun., Sept. 30, 3:00-6:30 p.m., Corridor of Suburban Station, Philadelphia. Twelve spots are reserved for BMPC volunteers (registration required) to serve dinner to the homeless at this ministry supported by Project HOME and Broad Street Ministry. Sign up online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).

## This Week's Calendar

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### Today, September 9

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 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  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Rally Day Celebration, Front Lawn
- 11:10 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Open Auditions, Sanctuary Choir Loft

### Monday, September 10

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room  
Nominating Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

## **Tuesday, September 11**

- 10:00 a.m. Remembrance Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:15 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

## **Wednesday, September 12**

- 10:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinners Begin, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. "Basic Judaism" Book Discussion, Witherspoon Parlor  
Child & Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Student Serve, Loft  
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

## **Thursday, September 13**

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 2:00 p.m. SmokeFree, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center  
Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

## **Friday, September 14**

*No activities scheduled.*

## **Saturday, September 15**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center

## **Sunday, September 16**

- 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***

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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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