



# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

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August 11, 2019  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Nineteenth 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**

Youth in Worship

10:15 a.m., Summer Sunday School,  
for Grades PreK - 3

Gloucester Room, Ministries Center

*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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are a people called to follow where God leads us.

**All: Holding tight to our faith,  
We step into God's 'yes' as we walk into an unknown future.**

One: We are a people challenged to share God's story.

**All: Using our faith, we share the good news.**

One: We are God's children, invited to feast at the table of grace.

**All: With faith, we embrace our sisters and brothers,  
Seeing Christ in one another.**

## † HYMN 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Creator God, to the children of the church  
you gift a life full of promise and blessing,  
but we do not always believe.

You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.

You offer us love, but we cling to the meager things of this world.

You call us to watch for you,

but we grow lazy, self-absorbed, and distracted.

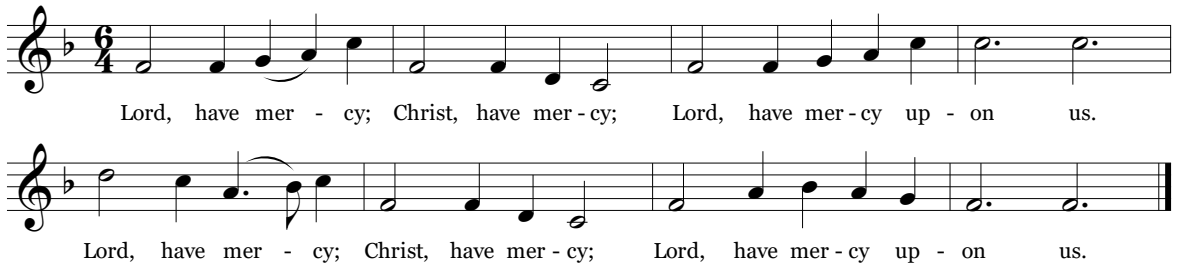
Forgive us. Increase our hope, grow our faith, enlarge our hearts,  
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

*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**

Sally Nelson

**FIRST LESSON**

Genesis 15:1-6 (*p. 12 in pew Bible*)

Sally Nelson

**SECOND LESSON**

Luke 12:32-40 (*p. 75 in pew Bible*)

M. Courtenay Willcox

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

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

**SERMON**

*The Children of the Church*

M. Courtenay Willcox

† **HYMN 318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

*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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 716**                      God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending                      BEACH SPRING

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**                      M. Courtenay Willcox

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  
Richard and Susan Furniss

### **RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

at 10:00 a.m. Service  
Michael Graham Bachman Jr.,  
son of Meghan Smith Bachman & Michael Graham Bachman

### **PREACHING TODAY**

A cradle member of this congregation, M. Courtenay Willcox is a recent graduate of United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, and a candidate for ordination in this Presbytery. Her grandfather, the Rev. Harold T. Smith, was the first associate pastor at BMPC and lived in Converse House in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Sally Nelson

### **USHERING**

Michelle LaFarge

### **BULLETIN COVER**

Rose Window, BMPC Chapel

## Announcements

**SUMMER WEEKEND FOOD DONATIONS.** Through next Sun., Aug. 18. BMPC is one of three food collection sites for the Community Partners of Lower Merion and Narberth, an organization that assists those in need during the summer months when food donations are at their lowest. Canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, granola bars, and applesauce cups are just a few of the items needed. Collection bins are in the Ministries Center.

**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.

**HAVE TIME FOR MORE SUMMER READING?** Consider reading a Shane Claiborne book, *The Irresistible Revolution* (\$12) or *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who are Weary of Violence* (\$10). Shane will be speaking at BMPC in October. Books available at the Book Center, located in the Ministries Center Court. Please leave payment at Reception Desk.

## Today

**SUMMER PREACHING SERIES: CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.** Our series continues today with M. Courtenay Willcox preaching. We are welcoming four preachers who grew up calling BMPC home and have pursued ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The series ends next Sunday, Aug. 18, with the Rev. Crawford Brubaker preaching.

**SUMMER CHOIR.** All singers are invited to come to church on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance. This is a great opportunity to lend your voice to worship and give choir a try. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

## Upcoming

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

**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 for a delicious meal and fellowship!

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES IN THE FALL!** Classes begin Sept. 15; details coming soon!

**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.

**URBAN MOSAIC - CENTRO RENOVAR - MEXICO CITY, MEXICO.** Oct. 12-19, 2019. BMPC has partnered with Urban Mosaic recipient of the Richard Shaull Grant for Mission in 2014, working to support the most vulnerable communities near Mexico City. Urban Mosaic has invited a small group of adults from BMPC (8-10 people) to help with light construction on Centro Renovar, a new retreat center to be used as a training and respite location for community leaders. Cost: \$600 plus airfare. In order to proceed with this trip, we are beginning registration now! Please contact Rebecca Kirkpatrick if you are interested and would like more information. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.



## **Caring & Sharing**

**TUTORING REGISTRATION.** Tues., Sept. 10, 6:15 p.m., in the Ministries Center Court. tutoringontuesday@gmail.com.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m. Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

**BATTERY RECYCLING.** The Environmental Justice Committee covers the cost of sending batteries for recycling, Bring your dead batteries to the Ministries Center and put them in the container on the bottom shelf of the bookcase next to the Reception Desk. Hint: You can reduce your need to discard single-use batteries by purchasing rechargeable batteries. These can be used more than 1,000 times and recycled at no cost to you.

**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](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, August 11**

- 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 Baptism and Summer Choir, Sanctuary**  
Grades PreK - 3 Begin Worship in Sanctuary  
Worship Together Sunday for Grades 4 - 12  
10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School for Grades PreK - 3, Gloucester Room  
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn, Front Lawn (Rain Location: Ministries Center Court)

## **Monday, August 12**

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202

## **Tuesday, August 13**

- 8:00 a.m. Joint Budget Management Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

## **Wednesday, August 14**

- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor

## **Thursday, August 15**

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center

## **Friday, August 16**

*No scheduled activities.*

## **Saturday, August 17**

*No scheduled activities.*

## **Sunday, August 18**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary**  
The Rev. Crawford Brubaker will preach.  
Summer Sunday School for Grades PreK - 3.  
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.



## ***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.*

**August: 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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