



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 15, 2019
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Twenty-fourth 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

Filling the Well

8:45 a.m., Converse House
Parlor

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall

Art @ 9

Ages 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

*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.

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in this sacred place

All: To sing praises to the Lord.

One: We gather with strangers and friends alike

All: To share the story of our faith.

One: We gather around the Word of God

All: To share spiritual food for the journey of faith.

One: And we gather together as children of God

All: Who are called to be a blessing for the world.

† HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION

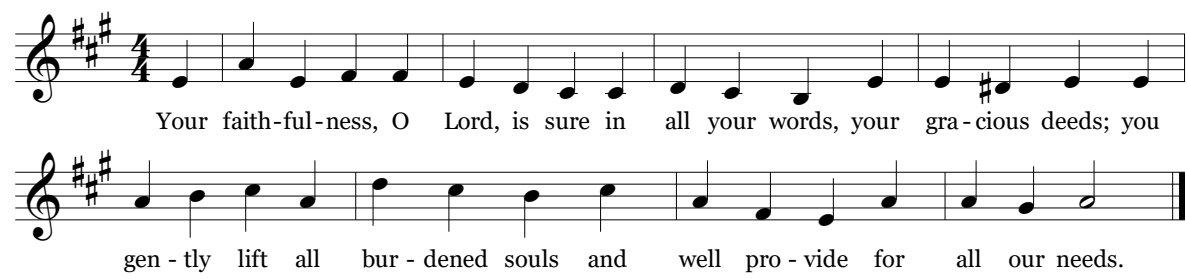
AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Faithful God, who calls us and journeys with us,
you have invited us to trust in your companionship along the paths life takes us.
We confess that we sometimes seek to find our own way in the world,
where our interests are protected and our comfort is preserved.
We try to chart our own futures apart from your promises,
and the good gifts of faith and hope crumble into anxiety and despair.
Restore our trust in you, O God,
so that we may follow in faith and faithfulness, through Christ,
our sure companion along the way.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Marian Chitester
FIRST LESSON	Psalm 126 (p. 572 in pew Bible)	Marian Chitester
SECOND LESSON	Genesis 18:1-15 (p. 14 in pew Bible)	Agnes W. Norfleet
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	<i>Laughing at God’s Promises</i> Second in the Family of God Sermon Series	Agnes W. Norfleet
† HYMN 308	O God in Whom All Life Begins	NOEL

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

† 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
Charles Iredell Tenney

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

at 10 a.m. Service

Emory Eleanor Haldy, daughter of John & Kate Haldy

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Marian Chitester

USHERING

Elder Keith Brinks

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. Submit your recommendations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2019-2020 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.

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.

JOIN SINGING FOR LIFE. BMPC’s choir for adults age 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.

BOOK CENTER. Beginning next Sunday, 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 is available, many that make great gifts!

Today

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. No meeting next Sunday, Sept. 22. 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. Sundays, 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.

YOUTH & PARENT KICKOFF MEETING. 10:00 - 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Kick off the program year for Grades 6 - 12 and their parents! We’ll be sharing information about upcoming activities, summer trips and introducing the worship, service and fellowship opportunities for youth for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

This Week

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.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Sept. 17, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Entertainment Center. Discuss U.S.-China trade relationship. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com

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.

Next Sunday

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. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

BRUNCH FOR YOUTH & THEIR PARENTS. 11:30 a.m., on the following dates: Middle School, Sept. 22; High School, Sept. 29; and Confirmands, Oct. 6, at Pastor Leigh's Manse. All Youth and their families are invited to join together with Pastor Leigh for a time of fellowship after worship.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR. Sun., Sept. 22, 4:00 p.m., Chapel. Brian Ballard, Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care & Senior Adults, is being ordained and installed in a special worship service. Reception follows. Childcare is available: childcare@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

BIBLE FROM SCRATCH. Thurs., Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. This class, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, explores both the basic content and interpretative practices of reading and following scripture. If you have never studied the Bible, this will be an open and gentle place to start. If you are ready to think about scripture in new and creative ways, this also is the class for you. In addition to reading directly from the Bible, this class will use: *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* by Jonathan Walton. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

PCUSA MISSION CO-WORKERS CHARLES AND MELISSA JOHNSON. Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Since 2016 Charles and Melissa have served alongside Presbyterian partners in Zambia and 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 that Charles and Melissa are doing there. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

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 *Evolution of Faith* by Philip Gulley. 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.

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 on Sundays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check.

HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF. The most effective way we can support those in 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 would like to make a donation, you may do so through BMPC, by indicating Hurricane Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations can 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,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, September 15

- 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 Baptism and 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 & Parent Kickoff, 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
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn, Front Lawn
11:15 a.m. Report from the BMPC Scotland Trip, Chapel
Nominating Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, September 16

- 6:00 p.m. IT Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor

Tuesday, September 17

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room
9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:00 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Converse House Parlor
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Event is Off Campus
6:15 p.m. Tutoring Registration, Ministries Center Court
6:45 p.m. Tutoring Adult Training, Congregational Hall

Wednesday, September 18

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
- 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
- Mission Council Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- Trustee Meeting, Gymnasium

Thursday, September 19

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 20

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, September 21

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:15 a.m. Service Day with WePAC, Event is Off Campus
- 12:00 p.m. **The Hon. William W. Vogel Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

Sunday, September 22

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
- The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12

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

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



Worship Staff

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

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