



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

September 22, 2019
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Twenty-fifth 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

The Impact of Environmental Changes on Biodiversity

11:15 a.m., Chapel

Middle School Brunch

Grades 6 & 7

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

Ordination & Installation of Brian Ballard

4:00 p.m., Chapel

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

“Adagio” from *Symphonie III*

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship

All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,

All: And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us,

All: And God who has promised never to turn us away.

† HYMN 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Great God of all Creation, you have given us wonderful companions
in family and friends, and you have filled us with good things.

You have showered us with blessings beyond measure,
and yet we confess our concern that there is not enough: not enough time,
not enough resources for service, not enough hope for a brighter tomorrow.
Help us be mindful that in you there is always more than enough love,
more than enough mercy, more than enough hope.

Forgive our unsettled doubts, O God,
and restore our trust in the abundant life we have
and which you intend for all the families of the earth.

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 Third Grade Bible Presentation

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

Psalm 40:1-8 (*p. 513 in pew Bible*)

Brian K. Ballard

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child. Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 21:1-21 (*p. 16 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Diversely Blessed
Third in the Family of God Sermon Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 61 (From the End of the Earth)
Sanctuary Choir

Alan Hovhannes

Hear my cry, O God, from the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For Thou hast been a shelter for me. And a strong tower from the enemy. I will trust in the covert of Thy wings.
Alleluia.

*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

Brian K. Ballard

† HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Anne Garrett Buck
James Mahlon Buck Jr.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

to 3rd grade children during the 10:00 a.m. Service. Bibles are provided by
the Catherine C. Miller Fund of The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Foundation.

Albert Bees
Jack Chang
Sarah Edmonds
Samuel Giampetroni
William Giampetroni
Jackson Knox
Claire Liggett

Maria Papson
Claire Pidot
John Pierce
Grayson Press
Zachary Samahon
Ben Schrieber
Sebastian Snyder

William Thorkelson
Seamus Tucker
David Tyre
Kyle Vengels
Smith Whamond
Everett Young

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Nominating Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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.

SANCTUARY CHOIR OPEN REHEARSALS. Do you have questions about joining our Sanctuary Choir? 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 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.

BOOK CENTER. Beginning today 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!

ANTI-RACISM BOOK LIST AND CONVERSATION GROUPS. The BMPC Anti-Racism Taskforce has a new Anti-Racism Reading List to encourage reflection and conversation among the church community. Copies of the list are available in the Ministries Center. The Taskforce is looking for 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.

Today

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION. During the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary, third graders receive their Bibles.

THE IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ON BIODIVERSITY. 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. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Chapel.

BRUNCH FOR YOUTH & THEIR PARENTS. 11:30 a.m., for Middle Schoolers, Pastor Leigh's Manse. Other dates: High School, Sept. 29; Confirmants, Oct. 6, both at Pastor Leigh's Manse. All Youth and their families are invited to join Pastor Leigh for this time of fellowship following worship.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR. 4:00 p.m., Chapel. Brian Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults, is being ordained and installed in a special worship service. Reception follows.

This Week

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.

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 is 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 uses *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* by Jonathan Walton. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

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 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 that Charles and Melissa are doing there. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

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.

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. 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.

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. Flyer with more details is posted on the Peacemaking kiosk in the Ministries Center.

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 residents 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 wish to make a donation, you may do so 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 22

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Third Grade Bible Breakfast & Presentation, Congregational Hall
Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor
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. The Impact of Environmental Changes on Biodiversity, Chapel
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Middle School Brunch (Grades 6 & 7), Pastor Leigh's Manse
4:00 p.m. **Ordination & Installation of Brian Ballard, Chapel**

Monday, September 23

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202
7:00 p.m. Discover Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Converse House Parlor

Tuesday, September 24

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Congregational Hall
6:30 p.m. Tutor Training & Child Protection Training, Congregational Hall

Wednesday, September 25

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
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
Outreach Committee Meeting, Event is Off Campus

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

- 11:00 a.m. **Stephen Woodcock Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel**

Saturday, September 28

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202

Sunday, September 29

- 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.

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.



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Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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