



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

October 6, 2019
8:00 a.m., Chapel
World Communion Sunday

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

Digging Deeper

8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult
Day Center, First Floor

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

Age 2 - Grade 3, Sunday School
Grades 4 - 12, Worship
Together Sunday

Blessing of the Animals

4:00 p.m., Front Lawn

*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 Coffee and Fellowship in the Gym 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day

All: To the rising of this life itself.

One: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

All: The hand of God between us and each hand,

One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

All: The love of Christ between us and each love.

One: With Christians around the world this day, let us worship God.

† HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God, forgive us, for we are fragmented persons.

We go in many directions at once.

We seek opposite goals; we serve contradictory causes.

We mouth liberation; we live within structures of oppression.

We shout peace; we practice violence and injustice.

We preach love; we sometimes practice hate.

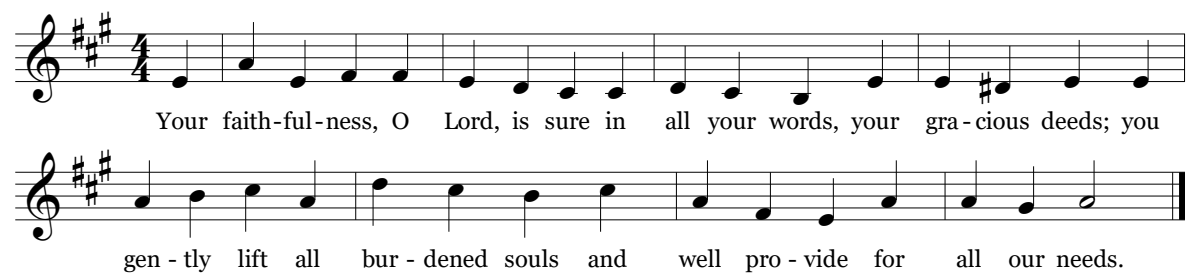
Through your compassion have mercy on us and make us whole.

Enable us to discern your voice among dissonant voices.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Steve McConnell

FIRST LESSON Genesis 27:1-29 (p. 23 in pew Bible) Steve McConnell

SECOND LESSON Genesis 27:30-45 (p. 24 in pew Bible) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON A Strange Way of Blessing Agnes W. Norfleet
Fifth in the Family of God Sermon Series

† HYMN 504 We Come as Guests Invited WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

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† 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
Dorothy G. and Francis L. Henderson
Deborah M. Henderson

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Steve McConnell

USHERING

Trustee Steve Ryan

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

PRAYERS FOR BMPC MEMBERS TRAVELING TO MEXICO. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Leigh DeVries are leading BMPC members on a trip to work with mission partner Urban Mosaic from Oct. 12-19. Please lift them in prayer for their work in Mexico City.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION. Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accepted. BMPC members have priority in placement through Oct. 31. Programs are available for children ages 2 years and 7 months to 5. For more information, contact Kim Black at 610-520-8840 or by e-mail at weekdayschool@bmpc.org.

BOOK CENTER. Books are now 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 are available, many that make great gifts!

Today

DIGGING DEEPER. Today through Nov. 10, 8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult Day Center Living Room. The Rev. Franklyn Pottorff leads a discussion of *The Evolution of Faith* by Philip Gulley. Barbie Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION PRESENTATION. 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.

BRUNCH FOR CONFIRMANDS & THEIR PARENTS. 11:30 a.m., Pastor Leigh's Manse. All Confirmands and their families are invited to join Pastor Leigh for a time of fellowship after worship.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

This Week

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Oct. 8, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Lecture and discussion of "10 Tips for Raising Resilient and Responsible Kids" led by Florence Sturm, Certified Parent Educator. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

WALK AND TALK. Join Parish Nurse Carol Cherry for a brief devotion and a half-hour walk on Thursdays in October. Meet at 8:45 a.m. in the parking lot at Ashbridge Memorial Park, 1301 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr. CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Oct. 11, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join old and new friends for a potluck dinner, fellowship and a lively discussion of "Every Day is a Holy Day" led by Debra Sutton, Ph.D., M.Div. Register: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net, including the specific food or drink donation you will bring.

Next Sunday

ALL-CHURCH LUNCH AND MOVIE: *THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND*. Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Following the three weeks of classes focusing on our partnerships in Africa, join us for an all-ages screening of this award-winning film based on a true story that occurred in rural Malawi. No reservations required.

Y-GROUP FALL FESTIVAL. Sun., Oct. 13, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Join us for fall fellowship and fun for the entire family. Decorate a pumpkin and enjoy a picnic for the whole family. Free-will donation of \$20 per family is suggested. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

Upcoming

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Oct. 15, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Entertainment Center. Discuss "Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics." Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. Joannehanna3@comcast.net.

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. A flyer with more details is posted on the Peacemaking kiosk in the Ministries Center Court.

TOUR OF THE JOHN AUDUBON HISTORIC HOME AND MILL GROVE. Thurs., Oct. 17, 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Docent-led tour of the historic home of John James Audubon and of the new museum at Mill Grove. Cost: \$23 per person, includes tour, boxed lunch and bus driver gratuity. Bus departs back parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and returns to the church by 2:00 p.m. AmyBauer@bmpe.org.

HARVEST POTLUCK DINNER. Fri., Oct. 18, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share; baked ham and mashed potatoes provided. Following dinner, you are invited to join us in the gym for fellowship and fun. All are welcome. Registration encouraged; e-mail JaneWilber@bmpe.org including the number attending and what you are bringing.

SHANE CLAIBORNE. Sun., Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Shane Claiborne, author of *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence*, explores how we can all be part of the solution to end gun violence in our community and the nation. Books available at the Book Center.

ARTOLERANCE CONCERT: THE HOPE OF LOVING. Sun., Oct. 20, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. As part of our new “Concerts with a Cause” series, BMPC is pleased to welcome ARTolerance, an organization whose mission is to advance the role of arts in dialogues, transcend communication boundaries, and explore common ground through performances, events, conferences, and workshops. The Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers join Udi Bar-David and musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra to present “The Hope of Loving” by Jake Runestad, a work that features settings of poems from many religions. Fifty percent of the free-will offering goes to support Acting Without Boundaries, a local organization which aims to transform lives and build self-esteem in an empowered community of people with physical disabilities through theater that celebrates ability. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

KICKBALL WITH CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER. Sun., Oct. 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Baldwin Field. All youth Grades 6 - 12 are invited to join Pastor Leigh for a friendly game of kickball with our friends from the Church of the Redeemer. After kickball, enjoy a slice of pizza or two! Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE. Fri., Oct. 26, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Ministries Center. Bring your little ones to trick-or-treat through the church offices; costumes are optional and hot cider will be served! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

LUNCH & LEARN WITH BETH KEPHART. Sun., Oct. 27, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Daughter of BMPC member Kep Kephart, Beth is an award-winning author and speaker. In addition to publishing 22 books, her writings have appeared in publications including *The New York Times* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Beth's talk at BMPC focuses on the art and value of written memoir. \$10 per person. Sign up with your check, payable to BMPC, by Oct. 23. Contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

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 today, or by writing “Peacemaking” on the memo line of your check.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Join the Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles (1,300 meals) for Philadelphia area food cupboards. Children over 4 years old are welcome. Bring your own apron or wear clothes appropriate for kitchen work. Registration requested: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE FUNDS. Proposals are requested for small funding amounts (\$500-\$700) with a focus on international organizations doing peace-building work. The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/BMPCGrants> or contact Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com. Submission deadline is Thurs., Oct. 31.

OUTREACH GRANT DEADLINE. If you know of a non-profit organization that might be interested in applying for grants through our Outreach committee, direct them to our website: <http://bit.ly/BMPCGrants>. Submission deadline is Fri., Nov. 1.

This Week's Calendar

*For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, October 6

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Main Line Adult Day Center, First Floor
Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall
Art @ 9, Conference Room
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Children's Choir, Youth Chorale, 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 - 3 Begin Worship in the Sanctuary
Worship Together Sunday for Grades 4 - 12
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
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship in the Gym, Gymnasium
11:15 a.m. Children and Their Families Council Meeting, Congregational Hall
Medical Benevolence Foundation Presentation, Chapel
Nominating Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Brunch for Confirmands and Their Parents, Pastor Leigh's Manse
4:00 p.m. **Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn**

Monday, October 7

- 7:00 p.m. Discover Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Converse House Parlor

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
9:15 a.m. Y-Group Event with Guest Speaker, Congregational Hall
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

Wednesday, October 9

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room
Property Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, October 10

- 8:45 a.m. Walk & Talk, Ashbridge Memorial Park, Bryn Mawr
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 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, October 11

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, Event is Off Campus

Saturday, October 12

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Second Saturday Divorce Support, Middleton Center, Rm. 203
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202

Sunday, October 13

- 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

Daytime Traffic Patterns: Each weekday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the driveway between the Chapel and the Sanctuary will be one way, with cars exiting onto Montgomery Avenue. This adjustment allows for the safe movement of children from the Weekday School during drop off and pick up. Please use the driveway between the Ministries Center and the Sanctuary to enter the campus from Montgomery Avenue during these weekday hours.

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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