



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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October 20, 2019  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Twenty-ninth 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**

#### **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**

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 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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We worship God who inhabits our world;

**All: We praise God who dwells among us.**

One: We need not look up to find God;

**All: We need only to look around.**

One: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God;

**All: We need only listen to the music of life,**

One: The curiosity of little children,

**All: The questioning of youth,**

One: The wisdom of growing older,

**All: The rhythms of the faithful.**

## † HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

O God, you have done so much for us but we still find ourselves wanting more.

Where you desire justice, we have become content with the way things are.

Where you sow righteousness, we have planted seeds of discord.

Where you long for peace, we have been complicit in waging war.

Where you desire us to love, we have built walls of division.

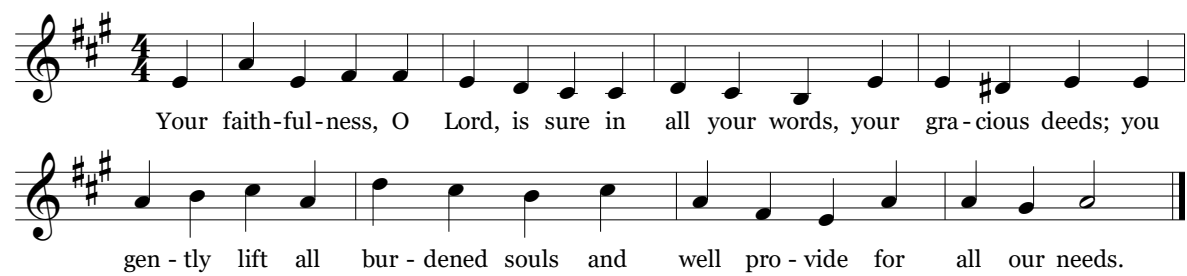
We confess that we need your forgiveness

and pray that you will renew us for your purposes in the ways of Jesus.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sally Nelson

FIRST LESSON Psalm 105:1-11 (p. 556 in pew Bible) Sally Nelson

SECOND LESSON Genesis 29:15-30:1, 22-24 (p. 26 in Bible) Agnes W. Norfleet

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

SERMON Rachel and Leah: Best Supporting Actors Agnes W. Norfleet  
 Seventh in the Family of God Sermon Series

† HYMN 333 How Our Hearts with Joy Abound  
 GOTT SEI DANK  
 DURCH ALLE WELT



# 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

### MINISTRY MOMENT

*Stewardship*

The Reiners

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

† 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 in Joy and Celebration of the Marriage of  
Courtney Anne Shively and Andrew Woodcock Ryan

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Sally Nelson

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

at 10:00 a.m. service

Morgan Audrey Sharesky, daughter of Michael & Jennifer Sharesky

### **USHERING**

Elder Keith Brinks

### **SERMON SERIES & BULLETIN COVER**

The Family of God series considers God's promise made to Abraham and Sarah: *in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed*. John August Swanson's *Festival of Lights* is reminiscent of this blessing, described as children gathered from many places bringing light and peace in an unending procession of nonviolence for all the children of the world.

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*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

John Haeberlen ~ September 9, 2019

Mary Jane Kleckner ~ October 13, 2019

# **Announcements**

**BRYN MAWR GIVES: STEWARDSHIP 2020.** Dedication Sunday is next Sunday! By pledge card in your pew, by mail or online, we are grateful for however you wish to make your financial commitment to our congregation. This week, we note that our missionaries in Africa are supported by your stewardship gifts, so critical to the continued success and strength of our church. Thank you!

**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 email at [weekdayschool@bmpc.org](mailto:weekdayschool@bmpc.org).

## **Today**

**CARILLON TOUR.** 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. Come and see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

**SHANE CLAIBORNE.** 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Shane Claiborne, author of *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence*, explores how all of us can 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.** 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 other 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.

**KICKBALL GAME WITH CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.** 4:00 - 6:00 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. We will meet the youth from Redeemer at Baldwin Field (corner of Fishers & Old Gulph) After kickball return to BMPC Gym to enjoy a slice or two of pizza! Contact: [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org).

## **This Week**

**FAITH AND YOUR TWEEN!** Thurs., Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m., Pastor Rachel's Manse. Come join us for conversation and a little commiseration, discussing the unique needs and gifts our pre-teen students bring to our church and how we can best support them. Please RSVP to [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**BIBLE FROM SCRATCH.** Thurs., Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m., Loft. 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 also will use: *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* by Jonathan Walton. [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

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

**HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE.** Fri., Oct. 25, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Ministries Center. Bring your little ones to trick-or-treat through the church offices; costumes are optional and warm cider will be served! [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

## **Next Sunday**

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

## **Upcoming**

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Nov. 6, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Brian Ballard leads Lesson 3, "Words of Love" in *Love Carved in Stone*. Joyce Malott, [okf405@gmail.com](mailto:okf405@gmail.com).

**PASTOR'S BOOK GROUP.** Wed., Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., Chapel. The Rev. Franklyn Pottorff leads a discussion of *Holy Envy: Finding God through the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Taylor weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions — even those whose truths are quite different from hers. Books are available for purchase in the BMPC Book Center for \$18.



**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Nov. 8, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Claire Swarr, Wayne. Join old and new friends for potluck dinner, fellowship and a lively discussion with Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families. Register: Betty Wu, [efwu01@gmail.com](mailto:efwu01@gmail.com), and include the specific food or drink donation you are bringing.

**NEAR EAST SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.** Sun., Nov. 10, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Presentation by the Rev. Dr. George Sabra, President of NEST. Located in Beirut, Lebanon, it is one of the preeminent Christian seminaries in the Middle East. A long-term mission partner of BMPC, its staff works faithfully to train the next generation of clergy serving in Presbyterian Churches in Lebanon and Syria who face one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our generation.

**WINTERTHUR: THE CROWN.** Thurs., Nov. 14, 9:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bus departs from the back parking lot. Costuming “The Crown” features 40 iconic costumes from the beloved Emmy® award-winning Netflix series, a dramatized history of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. We begin the day with a guided tour of the Distinctive Collections, then on your own for lunch (or bring your own lunch), tour “The Crown” collection and a tram tour of the gardens. The bus departs at 10:00 a.m. sharp and returns by 3:00 p.m. Price: \$20 per person; includes the tour and bus driver gratuity. Sign up with your check, payable to BMPC, by Nov. 7, or online: Calendar > Open Registrations > Register. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org).

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE FUNDS.** Proposals are accepted 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](mailto: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 a grant through our Outreach committee, direct it to our website: <http://bit.ly/BMPCGrants>. Submission deadline is Fri., Nov. 1.

**TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION.** Frozen turkeys and hams may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November. Freezers are located in the hallway next to the elevator in the Ministries Center Court.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Nov. 9, 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](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

# **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, October 20**

- 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 Living Room  
Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall  
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  
11:00 a.m. Carillon Tour, Sanctuary Choir Loft  
Coffee & Fellowship in the Gym, Gymnasium  
Caring Corner, Gymnasium  
11:15 a.m. Shane Claiborne, *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who are Weary of Violence*, Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
Nominating Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
2:00 p.m. ARTolerance Concert, Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Youth (Grades 6-12) Kickball with Church of the Redeemer, Baldwin Field

## **Monday, October 21**

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

## **Tuesday, October 22**

- 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  
6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall

### **Wednesday, October 23**

- 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, October 24**

- 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  
6:00 p.m. Ushers Dinner, Congregational Hall  
7:00 p.m. Bible from Scratch, Loft  
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium  
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, October 25**

- 8:00 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee, Converse House Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Converse House Parlor  
2:00 p.m. Westergom/Bogsch Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
4:00 p.m. Halloween Open House, Ministries Center  
Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

### **Saturday, October 26**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor  
11:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202  
1:00 p.m. Westergom/Bogsch Wedding, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, October 27**

- 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**

**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](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

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**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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