



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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October 20, 2019  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
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

### **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

### **Coffee & Fellowship**

11:00 a.m., Gymnasium

### **Shane Claiborne *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who are Weary of Violence***

11:15 a.m., Chapel

### **ARTolerance Concert**

2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### **Youth (Grades 6-12) Kickball with Church of the Redeemer**

4:00 p.m., Baldwin Field

**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 please see the back of this bulletin.

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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

## † 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

ST. DENIO

## 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

## † 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 AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Franklyn C. Pottorff  
Bill McKee

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His church?

All: **We do.**

### SENDING HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

*During the Sending Hymn, children Grades K-5 depart for their Sunday School classes*

### FIRST LESSON

Psalms 105:1-11 (*p. 556 in Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

### ANTHEM

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Moses Hogan

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home. I looked over Jordan and what did I see? A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home. If you get there before I do, tell all my friends I'm comin' too. Mother's gone, Father's gone, Sister gone, Brother gone. Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

### SECOND LESSON

Genesis 29:15-30:1, 22-24 (*p. 26 in Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

### SERMON

*Rachel and Leah: Best Supporting Actors*  
Seventh in the Family of God Sermon Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

### † HYMN 333

How Our Hearts with Joy Abound

GOTT SEI DANK  
DURCH ALLE WELT

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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.

## MINISTRY MOMENT

*Stewardship*

David and Sarah Reiner

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 121  
Sanctuary Choir

Rebecca Kirkpatrick  
David Conte

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for ever more.

*Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew;  
pass it down your row and back again.*

†	<b>DOXOLOGY</b>	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.	
†	<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>	Rebecca Kirkpatrick
†	<b>HYMN 37</b>	Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE
†	<b>BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE</b>	Agnes W. Norfleet
	<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Prelude and Fugue in C major J.S. Bach

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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

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

Morgan Audrey Sharesky, daughter of Michael & Jennifer Sharesky

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Foundation Board

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Rob Mygatt

### **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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## **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.

## **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.

**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**

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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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