

prayer concerns...

Prayer requests remain in the bulletin for one month.

Please fill out a prayer request form from the Friendship Pad to submit a prayer request.

birthdays...

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Gordon Brigman (12), Cathy Bailey (17), Heather Baldick (23), Eleanor Thomas (29), Fran Addicott (31), Bill Thomas (31)

bpc mission statement

We will respond to our call to share bread with the hungry,
befriend the marginalized,
and engage our minds, talents and treasures
toward building a community reflective of God's Kingdom.



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**COVENANT
NETWORK
OF PRESBYTERIANS**

balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

October 7, 2018

Commitment Season

11:00am

**asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able*

please turn your cell phones to silent

Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Clinton Bailey

One: We are God's people, blessed to be a blessing.

All: We gather in worship to witness to the ways God calls us to serve others.

One: Let us give thanks to God for our blessings and affirm our commitment to the ministry God is calling us to fulfill.

All: We are God's people, called to serve the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the prisoner, the ones who need clothing, and those who are sick.

One: Let us unite our hearts in service and our voices in song!

*Hymn 733

"We All Are One in Mission"

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Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: God whose giving knows no ending, we are humbled to know You trust us to serve You on earth. You call us to love as Christ loved, to serve as Christ served, and to give with great faith. Our priorities do not always line up with Your call. We are quick to satisfy our own needs and find every excuse to shortchange our commitment to You. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to be faithful stewards of Your blessings and Your grace.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Share the Peace of Christ

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Congregational Chorus[‡]

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator We are family, Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now;

With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Musical Offering

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Allen Pote

Prayer for Illumination

Clinton Bailey

Centering Silence...*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

Scripture Deuteronomy 15:10-11, Hebrews 13:16, James 2:14-17 Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon “Stories of Serving” Rev. Carla Meisterman

Silent Reflection...*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

Hymn 694 *(please remain seated)* “Great God of Every Blessing” AURELIA

The Prayers of God’s People Clinton Bailey

Minute for Commitment Scott Dawson, Chair of Outreach

Commitment to Ministry and Offerings Clinton Bailey

Please come forward and place Commitment Cards in the basket. Place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. When you return to your seats, children will collect quarters for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

Offertory

***Hymn 711** *(verse 1)* “Lord of All Good” TOULON

***Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts** Usher

Communion Rev. Carla Meisterman & Ruling Elders

All are welcome to come forward to the tables when invited by the Ruling Elders. Take the bread and the cup, then remain at the table together for a silent prayer while the congregation prays for you. Return to your seat when your prayer together is ended.

***Hymn 727** *(verses 1-4, 6)* “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” THE SERVANT SONG

***Charge & Blessing** Rev. Carla Meisterman

***Benediction Hymn** “Lord, Let Us Leave Now” Old English Tune

Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.

Though we have some questions, our faith in Thee is sure.

We know Thou art with us; Thy way will endure.

Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.

announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **FOOD CART** items are still needed! The Food Pantry is serving more people than usual, and our donations are greatly appreciated.
- The **CLOTHING AND SHOE DRIVE** for the Johnson Auxiliary is still in progress. Bring new or gently used (and cleaned) clothing items for the baskets next to the food cart. Contact Beverly Hooker for more information.
- **BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, October 9, in the Office Conference Room at 1:30pm. The book for October is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance.
- **OCTOBER POTLUCK LUNCH** is Sunday, October 14, right after worship. Flu shots will be available; the cost is \$40. Bring your insurance card and a check or credit card.
- **SIGN UP** for the **FOOD SORT at the MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK** on Thursday, October 18. Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30pm, and plan to have dinner together after the sort. For more information, contact Scott Dawson.
- **MEALS on WHEELS** is looking for volunteers to be *substitutes* for Balmoral’s Tuesday crew (9:30 to 11:30am) when someone is sick or out of town. No experience is required, and you would be partnered with one of the regulars. If interested, see Janice Hill or Kay or Scott Dawson.
- Mark your calendar for the **Round the Mound: 5K Health Walk/Run** on October 27, 2018, where the “Trouble I’ve Seen” small group is sponsoring a water table at the event. Any runners or walkers from Balmoral & Circle of Faith are welcome to sign up to participate in the 5K at runsignup.com/Race/TN/Memphis/RoundTheMound5K. If you do sign up, please join the **"Balmoral" Team** when you register. For more information, contact Kristen Gurlen.
- Save the date for the **PINECREST CAMPFIRE and COCKTAILS EVENING**, Sunday, October 21, 5 to 8pm with Bailey Bigger and the Steve Berger Band. Music, food, friends, plus a silent auction. **Bring** folding chairs or buy a custom Pinecrest camp chair at the event. **Park** at Union University on Hacks Cross Road in Germantown and ride or walk to the nearby outdoor location. Tickets are \$50.00 in advance (\$60.00 at the door), and proceeds support Pinecrest. For more information, go to the Pinecrest website (camppinecrest.org/campfood/).

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our worship has ended...our service begins...