

announcements

You should have received a postcard about saving the date for our
50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, September 15 and 16, 2018.

Please be sure to RSVP to tell us how many in your family will be attending:
by phone, by email, or by filling out the SIGN-UP sheet in the friendship pad.

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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music director
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pianist
lynn ward
bell choir
mary hattie mc alister &
carolynne kelley
child care attendants

balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

May 13, 2018

Ascension Sunday

11:00am

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

please turn your cell phones to silent

Choral Introit

“Welcome”

Mark Miller

Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Jason Krug

*Call to Worship

Erich Shultz

One: Clap your hands, all you people! Shout and sing songs of great joy!

All: The Lord has ascended! Christ, seated in the heavens, knows our every need.

One: The One who loves us with an everlasting love has returned to God.

All: We follow the One who has transcended earthly bounds and brought heaven to us on earth.

One: Lift up your heads, people of God! Be confident in the promises of Christ!

All: We hail the One who comes to us, promises to dwell in us, and sends the power of heaven to flow through us.

One: Let us worship the Christ, crowned with heaven's glory and waiting to be realized in us!

*Hymn 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

CORONATION

Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: We confess, magnificent God, that we are people who are more comfortable if we have proof for the things we choose to believe. The stories of the powers of Jesus seem long ago and far away. We seek to pursue our own self-realization but never risk realizing the promises of Christ in our lives. We are skeptical of Your plan to have followers on earth who show forth Christ's power in our everyday lives. Forgive us for our lack of interest in nourishing Your power and Your presence within us.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Share the Peace of Christ

Erich Schultz

*Congregational Chorus 248 (v. 2) “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

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Musical Offering

“I Will Be a Child of Peace”

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Prayer for Illumination

Erich Shultz

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

Scripture

Psalms 47 and Luke 24:44-53

Erich Shultz & Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Hymn 274 (please remain seated)

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

PICARDY

The Prayers of God’s People

Erich Shultz

A Time for Offerings

Erich Shultz

Please place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund to help with rebuilding after the 2017 fires and hurricanes. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

Offertory

“Mighty Jehovah”

Dan Edwards

*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Usher

*Hymn 273

“He Is King of Kings”

HE IS KING

*Charge and 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.

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- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **SIGN UP** for the **FOOD SORT** at the Mid-South Food Bank on Thursday, May 17, 2018! Meet in the church parking lot at 5:30pm, and have dinner together after the sort.
- Our **PC(USA) PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING** for children at risk, youth and young adults will be gathered on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018, in worship. 40% of this offering stays with our congregation, so please give generously in the 20th year of building lives of faith and the future church.
- We will ordain and install the **SESSION CLASS OF 2021** on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018, in worship. Ruling Elder Don Lamb will be installed. Cathy Bailey will be ordained. Frank Carney will be hiking in the Appalachian Mountains and will be installed at a later date.
- Mark your calendar for **PENTECOST SUNDAY**, May 20, 2018, from 4pm to 6:30pm at the Rhodes College Bryan Life Center. The Balmoral Presbyterian Church choir will join with members of choirs from other churches in our Presbytery. Our own Music Director, John Gilmer, will direct the mass choir. After the worship service there will be a brief reception; then we will work together to pack 10,000 meals to feed the poor and hungry in our world. **SIGN UP** today to attend!
- **SIGN UP** today to serve at the First Presbyterian **SOUP KITCHEN** on Sunday, May 27, 2018. We need about 12 people to carpool to lunch together from worship, and then go to the Soup Kitchen to set up and serve at 1:45pm.
- **SABBATH SUMMER WORSHIP** begins on Sunday, May 27, 2018. Worship is at 11:00am, and there are no Sunday Studies in the summer. We will resume Sunday Studies on September 9, 2018.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** On Saturday, June 2, 2018, come hear **BealeCanto** in concert in our sanctuary at 7:00pm. BealeCanto will be pleased to offer an international program with music from around the world. Music from South America, Greece, Africa, and China are just a few of the destinations they will be exploring in their next concert. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come enjoy a special summer evening of music.
- **BIRTHDAYS in MAY:** Clinton Bailey (23), Casey Gurlen (26), Janet Smith (26), Tom Kernan (28), Shirley Vosburg (29), Phil Shannon (30)

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