

# balmoral presbyterian church

## service of worship

September 23, 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

Rev. Lisa Kroener

One: God calls us to be like little children

**All: trusting in God with all our hearts.**

One: God calls us to be generous

**All: in spirit, in blessing, in sharing.**

One: God calls us to build the church

**All: where all are welcome, all are loved, and all are blessed.**

### \*Hymn 301

"Let Us Build a House"

TWO OAKS

### Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

**All: God of Great and God of Small, we are people who pride ourselves in our ability to care for ourselves. We strive to be good at what we do. We treasure our independence and compare ourselves to others to measure our worth. We hold diverse opinions on who and what is great and get lost in the arguments of the day. More invested in things of the world, we neglect Your teachings and do not seek to live by Your word. Forgive us.**

*Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.*

### Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

### \*Share the Peace of Christ

Rev. Carla Meisterman

### \*Congregational Chorus<sup>‡</sup>

"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.**

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## birthdays...

NO REMAINING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Dona Sparger (3), Michael Rollososon (5)

## 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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bell choir

## Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

### Musical Offering

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

David M. Cherwien

Congregation will sing along on verses 1 & 4 (see insert).

### Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Lisa Kroener

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

### Scripture

Psalms 1 and Matthew 18:1-5

Rev. Lisa Kroener & Rev. Carla Meisterman

### Sermon

“Like Little Children”

Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

### Hymn 726 *(please remain seated)*

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

KELVINGROVE

### The Prayers of God’s People

Rev. Lisa Kroener

### Minute for Commitment

Glenda Ellis, Chair of Formation

### A Time for Offerings

Rev. Lisa Kroener

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. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

### Offertory

#### \*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

#### \*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Usher

#### \*Hymn 175

“Seek Ye First”

LAFFERTY

#### \*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.



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

## 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.
- **SESSION** will meet today, September 23, at 4:30pm in Classroom C.
- **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, October 3, in the Office Conference Room at 10:30am, and continue their Bible Study from the book *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland.
- The **MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP** will be offering a class titled **Racism to Reconciliation** beginning Thursday, October 4, 6pm to 7:30pm for 10 to 12 weeks at BPC. Jane Rousseau and Debra Brittenum will be the leaders. You may sign up by calling the church office, filling out a sign up sheet in worship today or next Sunday (September 30), or contacting Ted Pearson.
- **BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, October 9, in the Office Conference Room at 1:30pm.
- **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.
- Plans are being made for next year's **MEXICO WATER PROJECT TRIP**. If you are interested in possibly participating, see Scott Dawson this week. (See the newsletter for an article about this mission project.)
- 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/](http://camppinecrest.org/campfood/)).