

prayer concerns...

birthdays...

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Dona Sparger (3), Michael Rolloson (5), 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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balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

September 30, 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

“The Gift of Love”

Hal Hopson

Duet: Leiza Collins & John Gilmer

*Call to Worship

Mary Schmitz

One: Come, all people. All are welcome!

All: Come, all who are lost and forsaken. Come, all who are blind and lame.

One: Come, all people. All are welcome!

All: Come, all who are rich and haughty. Come, all who are proud and strong.

One: Come, all people. All are welcome!

All: Come, young and old, sons and daughters. Come, for the Lord gathers us in!

*Hymn 401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: God who provides, we gather in Your presence on the Sabbath Day to renew our spirits and grow our faith. The truth of our lives is that the rest of our week, we live as if You do not matter. Fearing we won't have what we need, we hoard our possessions. Fearing we will not be satisfied, we overindulge. Fearing we are not good enough, we mask our insecurities with things. Fearing that the best is behind us, we keep our eyes on the past. We choose to compare what we have with what we want, finding that comparison robs us of joy. 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[‡]

“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

“I Give You My Heart” Reuben Morgan, arr. Lloyd Larson
Leiza Collins & John Gilmer, duet; Frank Carney, piano

Prayer for Illumination

Mary Schmitz

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

Scripture Numbers 11:4-10, 18-20 & James 5:1-5 Rev. Carla Meisterman & Mary Schmitz

Sermon “Counting Your Blessings” Rev. Carla Meisterman

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

Hymn 172 (*please remain seated*) “Blest Are They” BLEST ARE THEY

The Prayers of God’s People Mary Schmitz

Minute for Commitment Art Hall, Chair of Operations

A Time for Offerings Mary Schmitz

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 683** “Lord of All Hopefulness” COURTNEY

***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.



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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.
- **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 contacting Ted Pearson.
- **BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, October 9, in the Office Conference Room at 1:30pm.
- **OCTOBER POTLUCK LUNCH** is Sunday, October 14, after worship. Flu shots will be available. Cost without insurance or Medicare is \$70 for the high-dose version & \$40 for the regular version, check or credit card. Bring your insurance card.
- **SIGN UP** for the **FOOD SORT at the MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK**, 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.
- 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/).