



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship



October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Gymnopedie No. 1"

Erik Satie

Linda Warren, pianist

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***Call to Worship**

Mary Schmitz, Liturgist

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

People: For the Lord is my strength and my stay: God is the source of my salvation.

Leader: In this place we will praise the Lord and be reminded of the great love found in God's presence.

People: May our worship be a sweet fragrant aroma to our Lord.

***Gathering Song 401**

"Here In This Place"

GATHER US IN

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowly meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your son.

(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response Hymn**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be,

World without end. Amen. Amen

Share the Peace of Christ

Musical Offering

"Come, Live In the Light"

David Haas

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sermon

The Wrestle

Silent Reflection

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

***Song of Response 692**

“Spirit, Open My Heart ”

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith *(First 3 Questions from the Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism)*

Question 1: What is the chief end of humanity?

Answer: Humanity's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

Question 2: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God?

Answer: The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God.

Question 3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Answer: The Scriptures principally teach what humanity is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of humanity.

This is what we believe.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings 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. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.

Offertory

“Wherever I May Wander”

Linda Warren, pianist

New England Folk Melody

arr. Anna Laura Page

***Hymn 710**

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts and Pledges

***Sending Song 720**

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

Charge and Blessing

***Benediction Response**

"Lord Let Us Leave Now"

OLD ENGLISH TUNE

Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew,
and pledged to Your service in all that we do.
Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.
We know You are with us, Your way will endure.
Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew,
and pledged to Your service in all that we do.

Postlude

"Allegretto" from Sonatina, Op. 36, No.2

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Linda Warren, pianist

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- * indicates those who are able, please stand

REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

James Lucas (22); Heather Baldick (23);
Eleanor Thomas (29); Fran Addicott (31); Bill Thomas (31)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lori and Mitchell Lucas (23)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the Balmoral Choir, Linda Warren, pianist, and Mary Schmitz, Liturgist.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS for OCTOBER:** use some recycled paper products (those that say unbleached or post-consumer)
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **PASTOR on VACATION:** Pastor Mark will be on vacation, October 23-25. If you are in need of pastoral care, contact Pastor William at 901-240-5964.
- **REPAIR FUND:** Remember to prayerfully consider what gift you might be able to give to our HVAC & Roof Repair Fund Replenishment. Make your donation today online or with a check marked "Repair Fund."
- **NEED A REFRESHER on BEING a PRESBYTERIAN?** Pastor Mark is teaching a class on "What we believe as Presbyterian," "History of Presbyterians," "How we live out our faith as Presbyterians," "The Sacraments," "The Liturgical Calendar," and more! Continuing on Monday, October 20, at 6:00pm, we are meeting every two weeks in Classroom A
- **COFFEE SNACKS:** Don't forget to check the list of Coffee-time snacks – can you help fill in one of the open spots?
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown's Food Pantry. needs staples from our Food Cart!
 - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
 - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** BPC will be hosting its 14th biennial Storytelling and Music Festival, November 7 - 8, 2025, featuring Donald Davis, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00pm. Tom and Jane Schneider will be joining Donald providing music on Friday night only. All events are free and open to the public, so bring your friends.

- **WANTED: Halloween Treats for Trunk or Treat at Covenant Presbyterian**, Friday, October 31, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m at Covenant Presbyterian, Friday, October 31, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m at Covenant Presbyterian. Can you donate a bag of candy to be passed out to Trick or Treaters? Bring your donations to the BPC office and we'll deliver them to Covenant, or take them directly to the office at Covenant, 2385 Riverdale Rd, Germantown. If you'd like to volunteer to participate, see this week's BPC Newsletter.
- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR: (NOTE: ** indicates Presbytery event; ## indicates a community event; @@ indicates Private event)**
 - **TUESDAYS with TED meets every Tuesday, 8:00am.** at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
 - **CHAIR YOGA meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm** in Classroom B
 - **## AL-ANON meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm** in Classroom A
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL meets every Wednesday** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
 - **** BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY, every Monday thru Nov. 3, 10:00am** in Classroom B
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, October 19, 9:30am** in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP, Sunday, October 19, 11:00am**
 - **VOLUNTEERS at the SOUP KITCHEN, Sunday, October 19, 12:00** will carpool from the church parking lot right after the sermon to go to First Presbyterian Church.
 - **SESSION MEETING, Sunday, October 19, 12:30pm** in Classroom A
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE, Monday, October 20, 1:00pm** in Classroom A
 - **PASTOR CLASS, Monday, October 20, 6:00pm** in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, October 26, 9:30am** in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP, Sunday, October 26, 11:00am**
 - **SANDWICH-MAKING PROJECT, Sunday, October 26, 12:00pm** in Classroom A
 - **TOWN HALL MEETING, Sunday, October 26, 12:30pm** in the Fellowship area
 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS, Saturday night, November 1.** Turn clocks BACK one hour.
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, November 2, 9:30am** in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP, Sunday, November 2, 11:00am**
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE, Monday, November 3, 1:00pm** in Classroom A
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday, November 5, 10:30am** in Classroom A
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING, Wednesday, November 12, 4:00pm** in Classroom A
 - **STORYTELLING FESTIVAL, Friday, November 7, 7:00pm** in the sanctuary with Donald Davis & musicians Jane & Tom Schneider
 - **** BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY CLOSING RETREAT, Saturday, November 8, 9:00am**
 - **## HOLD ON! Meeting, Saturday, November 8, 10:00am** in the Sanctuary
 - **STORYTELLING FESTIVAL, Saturday, November 8, 7:00pm** in the sanctuary with Donald Davis

OUR MISSION:

***We are an open community who believes God is love and
who lives our belief through praise and service.***



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