



balmoral presbyterian church



September 14, 2025

service of worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. By Kimball

Bells of Balmoral

***Call to Worship**

Robin Van Nortwick, Liturgist

Leader: We look to the Lord our God,

People: The one who offers us mercy and forgiveness.

Leader: We look to the Lord our God,

People: The one who affirms and guides us.

Leader: Our souls yearn for our God.

People: Come, let us worship God!

***Gathering Song 388**

"Come All You People"

UYAI MOSE

Prayer of Confession

Glorious God, eternal Spirit, we get so mired in the stuff of every day that we rarely see visions and dream dreams. We are busy with daily routines for making a living, completing tasks and so preoccupied with the immediate that we do not look for signs of your movement nor the changing seasons of divine history. Opportunities to follow and serve you come and go without us even noticing. Forgive our sins for the sake of Christ's offering for our sins once and for all.

(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

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Anna Laura Page

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HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 51:1-10

Response

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**People: You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**People: Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Leader: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

Missed Opportunities

Silent Reflection

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

* Song of Response 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me "

I'M GONNA LIVE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed *(Ecumenical version)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Stewardship Moment

Susie Knight

Moment For Mission

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

"Here I Am, Lord"
Linda Warren, pianist

Dan Schutte
Setting by John Carter

*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

*Sending Song 767

"Together We Serve "

SAN ANSELMO

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

"Go Make of All Disciples"

Based on the tune "Ellacombe"

Linda Warren, pianist

arr. Mark Weston

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- * indicates those who are able, please stand

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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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jada Baldwin (14); Lisa Koffman (16); Mitchell Lucas (19)

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Below and Mark Howland (30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to, Linda Warren, pianist, Robin Van Nortwick, Liturgist and the Bells of Balmoral, directed by Lynn Ward.
- **EARTH CARE TIP of the MONTH for SEPTEMBER:** use rechargeable batteries (start with at least 1 item)
- **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.
- **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."
- **PURSUE WHAT MAKES FOR PEACE:** On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. The pursuit of peace in the name of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God is with us ... and God in Christ is with us through the Sacrament of Communion, celebrated on World Communion Sunday. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

- **PASTOR MARK** is on continuing education September 15-18. If you are in need of pastoral care, contact Pastor Elizabeth at 314-330-0506. For all other needs, contact Clerk of Session, Jan Kaplan at 901-277-4267.
- **COFFEE SNACKS:** Don't forget to check the list of Coffee-time snacks – can you help fill in one of the open spots?

- **TIME WITH BEES:** As part of our community garden initiative and earth care pledge, we are exploring the possibility of adding beehives on our property. To do this, we will need a beekeeper to volunteer 5 to 10 hours per month. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Jan Kaplan at 901-277-4267.
- **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.
- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR: *(see the BPC website for more information!)***
 - **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
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, September 14, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, September 14, 11:00am
 - **LUNCH WITH MARK**, Sunday, September 14, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, September 15, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **FORMATION TEAM MEETING**, Wednesday, September 17, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, September 18, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY**, Friday, September 19, 5:00pm at Amerigo Italian Restaurant
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, September 21, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, September 21, 11:00am
 - **SESSION MEETING**, Sunday, September 21, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, September 28, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, September 28, 11:00am
 - **SANDWICH-MAKING PROJECT**, Sunday, September 28, 12:00pm in Classroom A
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY**, Wednesday, October 1, 10:30am in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, October 2, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **COMMON CUP of JAZZ**, Friday, October 3, 6:00 Carpool from Balmoral parking lot, 6:30 Dinner (no charge, donations accepted), 7:00 Jazz at Liberation Community Church (694 South Bellevue)

REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!