



balmoral presbyterian church



August 31, 2025

service of worship

12th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Humbly We Adore Thee"

Michael Larkin

Linda Warren, pianist

***Call to Worship**

Erich Shultz, Liturgist

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength, shout for joy to God of Jacob!

People: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, on lyre and harp make melody to God.

Leader: Let us offer to God our sacrifice to praise, for you alone are worthy.

People: For you, O God, declared never to forsake us.

So we sing with joy and will not be afraid.

***Gathering Song 614 (*sing twice*).**

"Great Are You, Lord"

GREAT IS THE LORD

Prayer of Confession

God of tender care, like a mother, you have fed and defended us, protecting and blessing us. Yet we live as though we are self-sufficient, leaning on our own understanding, rather than trusting you with all our heart. We want to have the best of everything but use earthly definitions for what is the "best." We want to receive honor and glory, to be recognized among all people. Being humble and servants as Jesus demonstrated sounds good in these walls but are not the ways we behave in the world. Show us your mercy in Christ Jesus. Forgive our stubborn ingratitude and self-promotion. Empower us to live by your Spirit in confident assurance that your designs for us are best, your provisions most bountiful, your glory becoming our glory and our greatest joy.

(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

Special Music

"Down in the Valley to Pray"

arr. Jay Althouse

Paul Below

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

Proverbs 25:6-7

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

Choosing Your Place

Silent Reflection

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

***Song of Response 729**

""Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith *(Brief Statement of Faith (11.1, 11.5, & 11.6))*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

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

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Lee Dengler

Linda Warren, pianist

*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 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me "

STEP BY STEP

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

"Air"

G. F. Handel

Linda Warren, pianist

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- * indicates those who are able, please stand

REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

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

Lynn Ward (4); Karen Pilkington (7); Jada Baldwin (14);
Lisa Koffman (16); Mitchell Lucas (19)

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dee and Joe McGuire(2); Paul Below and Mark Howland (30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to, Linda Warren, pianist, Erich Shultz, Liturgist, and Paul Below for our Special music.
- **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."
- **CONGREGATIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT:** You have seen the save the date announcements in the newsletter. Now it is time to sign up to participate. Our congregational spiritual retreat will be held **Friday, September 12-Saturday, September 13** at St Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center in Memphis. This is an overnight retreat beginning at 4 pm on Friday and ending at 2 pm on Saturday. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex or you can contact Pastor Mark at pastormark@balmoralpc.com. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 5.**
- **COFFEE ORDERS for SEPTEMBER** will be ordered on September 1, so get your order to Paul Below (pbelow84@gmail.com) before then.
- **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.
- **PRESBYTERY OFFICE:** The Presbytery of the Mid-South office has officially moved to our building. This means that there will be an increase in some activity and more meetings held in our building. Please be sure that you are checking with the church office prior to making any shifts or additions to meetings. Classroom A, Classroom B, the choir room, the sanctuary, and the fellowship area all may have meetings scheduled.

- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The 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**, each Sunday at 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **OFFICE CLOSED** for LABOR DAY, Monday, September 1, all day
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE** *will meet* on Monday, September 1, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY**, Wednesday, September 3, 10:30am in Classroom A
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, Wednesday, September 3, 4:00pm in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, September 4, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **COMMON CUP OF JAZZ**, Friday, September 5, 6:30pm, Liberation Community Church
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, September 7, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP**, Sunday, September 7, 11:00am
 - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**, September 7, 12:15pm in Classroom A
 - **BOOK CLUB**, Tuesday, September 9, 1:30pm in Classroom A. The book selection is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Roney
 - **CONGREGATIONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT**, Friday, September 12, 4:00pm to Saturday, September 13 at St Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center in Memphis
 - **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
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, September 18, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY**, Friday, September 19, 5:00pm at Amerigo Italian Restaurant