



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Elizabeth Dick

Prelude

"Mélancolie"
Noel Wilkins, pianist

Cecil Chaminade

***Call to Worship**

Phyllis Long, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty is God's acts.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

***Gathering Song 645**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have
complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the
face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us
gratitude. Infuse your Spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you.**

(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 shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Song of Peace

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

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, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Musical Offering

"When Peace Like a River"
BPC Women's Choir

Text: Horatio Spafford
Music: Philip Bliss

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

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

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading Romans 8:6-11

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 25:1-7

Sermon Praying Easter Rev. Elizabeth Dick

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

***Song of Response 313** "Lord, Make Us More Holy" LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** *(From the Iona Community)*

We believe in God who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky, who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners. He burned brightly and offended many. His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.

We believe God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, brothers and sisters, a light for our world.

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.

(As we pray aloud together, we use the ecumenical version printed here.

You are invited to pray your preferred version.)

Moment for Mission

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Someone will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Coins for a Cause 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

"As The Deer"

Martin Nystrom

Linda Warren, Recorder

*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 546

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

SICILIAN MARINERS

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

Medley

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- All responsive readings are shown with normal type for the leader and the bold portions are read in unison by all.
- indicates those who are able, please stand

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS!

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE
on the table near the sanctuary entrance.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Leiza Collins (16); Cathy Bailey (17); Heather Baldick (23); Eleanor Thomas (29);
Fran Addicott (31); Bill Thomas (31)

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER: Paul Below and Mark Howland (30)

OCTOBER: Lori and Mitchell Lucas (23)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning!
Thank you to Rev. Elizabeth Dick leading worship, Noel Wilkins, pianist, the BPC Choir, directed by Ken Croft, and Phyllis Long, Liturgist.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS for OCTOBER:** Look for gently used clothing at consignment stores or thrift stores. Examples are Junior League Repeat Boutique@ 3586 Summer Ave. & Blues City Thrift Store@ 6685 Quince Rd.
- **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.
- **WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING:** The World Communion Offering, received during A Season of Preparation leading up to World Communion Sunday, is a new way for Presbyterians to “love kindness” expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported by this Offering.
- **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** We are joining Shady Grove Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown for worship and lunch on Sunday, October 4. We will gather at Riverdale Park, 1145 Neshoba Road, Germantown at 11am. Pulled pork sandwiches and table ware will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share, lawn chairs, and beverages with you.
- **AN OPEN TABLE: LIVING INTO WHAT WE CLAIM TO BE** Saturday, October 17, 9am-4pm, Idlewild Presbyterian Church. The Mid-South Presbytery is hosting a Covenant Conversations event. Join people from throughout the presbytery. It is a time of worship, learning, fellowship, and honest conversation about deepening the church's welcome of LGBTQ+ people. Register at <https://l.covnetpres.org/midsouth>.
- **PASTOR MARK'S VACATION:** Pastor Mark will be on vacation September 27-October 3. While he is away, if you need pastoral care, contact Pastor Elizabeth Dick at 314-330-0506. If you have other church-related needs, contact Clerk of Session Jan Kaplan at 901-277-4267.
- **BOOK CLUB:** For October we will read another historical fiction, but takes place in the American West: *The Sweet Blue Distance* by Sara Donati tells the story of a young nurse and midwife who travels to Santa Fe in the mid 1800s to care for women and children through a wilderness filled with beauty, brutality, hardships and love. We will meet on Tuesday, October 13, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Jane Schneider will lead us. (location TBA)

- **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

CALENDAR

- **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
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday, 6:00pm in the sanctuary
 - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm in the choir room
 - **## AL-ANON** meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, **October 1**, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **COMMON CUP OF JAZZ**, Friday, **October 2**, 6:00 carpool meets from the BPC parking lot, 6:30 Dinner (no charge, donations accepted), 7:00 Jazz at Liberation Community Church (694 South Bellevue)
 - **JOINT WORLD COMMUNION WORSHIP with SHADY GROVE and COVENANT**, Sunday, **October 4**, 11:00am at Riverdale Park
 - **LUNCH**, Sunday, **October 4**, after worship at Riverdale Park
 - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**, Monday, **October 5**, 6:00pm in Classroom A
 - **PW BIBLE STUDY**, Wednesday, **October 7**, 10:30am in Classroom A
 - **OPERATIONS TEAM MEETING**, Wednesday, **October 7**, 4:00pm in Classroom A
 - **## CHUCALISSA DAR**, Saturday, **October 10**, 10:00am
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, **October 11**, 9:30am
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP**, Sunday, **October 11**, 11:00am
 - **LUNCH WITH MARK**, Sunday, **October 11**, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **BOOK CLUB**, Tuesday, **October 13**, 1:30pm (location TBA)
 - **## BALMORAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING**, Wednesday, **October 14**, 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday, **October 15**, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - ****COVENANT CONVERSATIONS EVENT**, Saturday, **October 17**, 9:00am-4:00pm at Idlewild Presbyterian Church
 - **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY**, Friday, **October 18**, 5:00pm at Amerigo's Restaurant
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES**, Sunday, **October 18**, 9:30am
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP**, Sunday, **October 18**, 11:00am
 - **SESSION MEETING**, Sunday, **October 18**, 12:30pm in Classroom A

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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