



Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
150th Anniversary Worship



WELCOME

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors in the Atrium following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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COVER IMAGE

Taken during Sunday morning worship on October 19, 1947, this image was used in our seventy-fifth anniversary commemorative book the following year. Seventy-five years later, we share it again.

Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Youth in Worship

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

BMPC at 150 Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel, arr. T. Dubois

Played as the prelude at the dedication of our Sanctuary, Sunday, May 6, 1928.

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **We praise your name for you have done wonderful things.**

One: The plans you formed of old are faithful and sure.

All: **Let us sing of the greatness of God in the assembly of the faithful.**

† HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leigh DeVries

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Glorious God, through the years you have assured us of your grace and love; and yet, we have put our trust in lesser things. You have called us to follow Jesus; and yet, we have stumbled and fallen away. You have blessed us with a spirit of unity, but we have created division. Forgive us for sins we have committed, for distractions that have preoccupied us, and for failing to be the church that shares the mind of Christ. Restore us to faithfulness, that we may be the Body of Christ you call us to be.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE 444

Lord, cleanse the depths

DETROIT



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,
by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing

Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord.
May God bless you, may God guard you,
May the light of God shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you.
May the presence of God be with you,
May the presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 100 (*pg. 552 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth and his the heavens above.

SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:1-9 (*pg. 198 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joy in the Book of Life

Agnes W. Norfleet

The Joy of Being Christ's Church, Fifth in Series

† HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Eternal God, our dwelling place in all generations,
for gathering your people at the dawn of human history,
on mountainsides and wide-open plains,
to worship you in beauty and in truth,

We give you thanks, O God our Creator.

For temples and house churches where early forebears in faith
gathered to hear stories of creation, a summons to be a blessing,
the prophets' call and correction, and whispers of resurrection,

We give you thanks, O God our Living Word.

For the founders of this congregation, who laid a firm foundation;
for your guiding vision to witness in this community and world,
responding to seasons of growth with generosity,
and times of challenge in mission and outreach.

We give you thanks, O God our Provider.

For those who have served as Pastors, Musicians and Staff; for Elders, Deacons
and Trustees; for members of this Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church family who
have lived the faith by teaching, caring, and serving neighbors in need,

We give you thanks, O God our Rock and our Redeemer.

For baptisms and professions of faith celebrated, for marriages blessed,
ordination vows taken, prayers uttered and answers heard; for the honored
lives of saints among us who now rejoice together in the church triumphant,

We give you thanks, O Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

For calling us anew, in this time and place, to bold and risky acts of
discipleship; to join with partners serving today's city and world of need;
for the future of this congregation's vitality as we seek to grow in faith,
hope and love:

**We dedicate ourselves to your glory, O God,
that we may be faithful to our calling as followers of Christ,
and blessed by your Spirit to spread the gospel in word and deed
for the sake of the world you so love. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Easter Kim André Arnesen
World Premiere

Feet-thunder, flash of voices, joy-cries, the hills rolling like high seas, the foals dancing in the fields, the birds tree-twitter, children holler to each other, the rivers run as purest sparkling light, singing the beauty of the Risen Christ: oh welcome, Beloved! Welcome, glory of love! Love risen from death and suffering! Welcome to our souls! Welcome! For some it was too much: the young disciple, who ran, vulnerable, naked, from arrest, wept at the news, his pain reignited, his guilt raw, unhealed. But when the Risen Lord appeared, he sang: "Peace be upon you" and the boy, daring, drew near to Him. Christ's glance seared him, but his forgiveness was complete. Easter is our amen, our faith fulfilled: Brothers, sisters, do not be afraid, but live by the Cross, the birth, the Spirit-ways of love; and here He is returned, resurrected, among us, loving us utterly, making us His alleluias.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.*

- † **DOXOLOGY** 606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- † **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Kirby Lawrence Hill
- † **HYMN** 826 Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER
- † **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet
- POSTLUDE** "Toccata" from *Symphonie V* Charles-Marie Widor

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in honor of the 150th Anniversary of
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

MUSIC NOTES

Today's offertory anthem, "Easter," is the first of seven to receive its premiere during BMPC's 150th Anniversary year. This collection of new choral music is the result of an exciting commission project that brings together two of the choral world's leading poets with one of the world's leading composers. Charles Anthony Silvestri (USA) and Euan Tait (Wales) worked separately and collaboratively to create texts that focus on different liturgical seasons of the church year. Kim André Arnesen (Norway) has taken these texts and created a series of anthems that the Sanctuary Choir will premiere during special liturgical moments and worship services over the course of the program year. "Easter" combines a beautiful text that welcomes the Risen Christ with music that dances and soars.

Announcements

BMPC AT 150: FAITHFUL ENGAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD. Exhibit runs through Sun., Oct. 29, Art Gallery. This exhibit offers glimpses of the church's history through the changing realities of society and culture. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday. For information, please contact mfa@bmpc.org

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available for Sun., Nov. 12 for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepp at bmpcfflowers@gmail.com

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS. The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our gallery. The "Members Only" exhibit will run from Nov. 5 to Dec. 17. Applications to show your work will be accepted through Sun., Oct. 29. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact the Music and Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org, or download an application by visiting the Visual Arts webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFineArts>.

CONVERSE IN THE COURT. As we celebrate our past and current pastors, check out the books they've written, now on display in Converse Library's cozy reading corner in the Court. Inspirational and instructional works from David Watermulder, Eugene Bay, Bill Arnold and Margaret Anne Fohl, Pattie Kitchen, Rebecca Kirkpatrick, and more. Follow the instructions for self-checkout or use your new Converse Library card!

CHECK OUT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS BOOKS. Most books being used in current classes may be borrowed from Converse Library. Presently available are Thomas Lynch's *Whence & Whither (Digging Deeper)*, Justo Gonzalez's *Heretics for Armchair Theologians* (Men's Discussion Group), Henri Nouwen's *Turn My Mourning into Dancing* (Thursday Discussion Group) and William Yoo's *What Kind of Christianity* for Rebecca Kirkpatrick's upcoming class. You also can check out *Elusive Grace* by the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, this year's Theologian in Residence. Putting a title on hold so you can pick it up later is strongly recommended. Access the Converse Library catalogue online: <https://bit.ly/converselibrary>

Today

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room, and via Zoom. Join us for a thoughtful and comprehensive reflection on the New Testament: From Beginning to End. In troubled times we need to be grounded in the way we have chosen to live our lives together. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding class which has a discussion format. Please note that homework will be required.

FILLING THE WELL. 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. All women are welcome to join this longstanding Sunday morning class. This fall we will spend time reflecting on portions of Don Fisher's and Tom Allender's classic book, *God Loves an Unmade Bed: Spirituality for the Imperfect*. In the book they share how God is always present, especially in the midst of the messes and struggles of life.

DIGGING DEEPER. 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This eight-week study will be guided by the book, *Whence and Whither. On Lives and Living*. In this collection of essays on death and the meaning of living, funeral director, poet and National Book Award finalist Thomas Lynch has an uncanny knack for writing about death in ways that are never morbid, always thoughtful, often humorous, and quite moving. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff leads this class.

This Week

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S CLASS. Tuesdays through Dec. 12, 1:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Our Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) class is open to those living with PD and their care partners. For more information, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>

TEILHARD'S MYSTICISM: SEEING THE INNER FACE OF EVOLUTION. Tuesdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31, and Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon leads a four-week conversation on Kathleen Duffy's introduction to the writings of French Jesuit priest and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Duffy, a physicist herself, examines *Teilhard's Mysticism*, showing how science can help to illuminate the mystical path, while also demonstrating the compatibility between Teilhard's thoughts and current frontiers in scientific exploration. To sign up, please contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays, Sept. 28-Oct. 26, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, we will spend five weeks discussing the classic book, *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times* by Henri Nouwen. In this collection of some of Nouwen's unpublished writings, he focuses not only on how we can survive hard times but on how we can live fully in the midst of them and beyond. To register and purchase the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Oct. 20, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion, "Down at the Border with the Nuns." RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/BMPCHolyLeisure10-20-23>
Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while preparing casseroles for area shelters. Fall dates: Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Please RSVP online: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

Next Sunday

THE LEGACY OF GLOBAL MISSION. Sun., Oct. 22, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Since 1889, BMPC has been sending and supporting mission workers around the globe. In this next season of global mission, BMPC is partnering with the Joining Hands Peru Network, which brings together the Church and civil society to support vulnerable populations in many ways. The Rev. Jed Koball, who has been living and working in Peru for over 10 years, will share with us what it means to be thoughtfully engaged in global mission in this next generation.

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING. Sun., Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for lunch and learn about the summer 2024 youth international mission trip to Peru! Families will hear from Jed Koball from Joining Hands, with whom we will be working while in Peru, and learn about the travel itinerary, trip cost, and the application process. The mission trip takes place July 10-20, 2024. ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org

CONVERSATION ON ISRAEL AND PALESTINE. Sun., Oct. 22, 4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a conversation with Rabbi David Straus on the recent terror attacks and ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine. This informal but informed conversation will be an opportunity to ask questions, expand our understanding, and gather in hope for a world seeking peace. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Upcoming

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY: A HISTORY OF SLAVERY AND ANTI-BLACK RACISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Mondays, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. As our church celebrates its 150th anniversary, we will reflect upon our Presbyterian legacy and our work toward justice and reconciliation. In *What Kind of Christianity*, William Yoo argues that to understand how Presbyterian Christians can promote racial justice today, they must first acknowledge and understand how deeply racial injustice is embedded in their history and identity as a denomination. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this class. To sign up for the class and reserve a copy of the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

GOING INSIDE: A MEDITATION SAMPLER. Wednesdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 15 and 29, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for these classes to demystify meditation and make it more accessible for people. This class will be taught and guided through an ecumenical approach to breath work, meditation, and mindfulness by BMPC member Terry Charlton. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND. Sat., Oct. 28 and Sun., Oct. 29. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, a pastor, author and professor, is a leading voice in our denomination and the country on issues of leadership and the role of the church in this particular moment in history. He currently serves as senior pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. During his time with us, Dr. Johnston will help us explore our faith's resources for healthy conflict.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:30 a.m. Light Brunch, Congregational Hall

10:00 a.m. Presentation: "The Root of all Conflict"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: "Friend or Foe"

11:15 a.m. Lecture in Congregational Hall: "Faith, Conflict and the Great Awakening"

PASTORS' BOOK GROUP. Wed., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this conversation on the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston's new book *Elusive Grace*, a collection of sermons on topics related to public life and dialogue in a conflicted world. Johnston is pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City and will be our Theologian in Residence on Oct. 28 and 29. For more information and to purchase a book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

CARILLON TRAINING CLASSES. Saturdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 and 9, Sanctuary Carillon Room. Intrigued by making music with 20 tons of bronze? Princeton University carillonneur Lisa Lonie will teach free classes on how to play the carillon. Prerequisites for the lessons: the ability to read treble and bass clefs and a minimum of three sharps and flats. Must be able to climb stairs and be comfortable with confined spaces. If you want to learn how to play the carillon, contact the Music and Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BMPC TUTORING DINNERS. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the school year to serve students from the William Dick Elementary School who attend the BMPC Tutoring Program most Tuesday evenings. All food, supplies, and instructions are provided at the church. Volunteers help with set up, provide welcome and hospitality, and do light clean up. Tuesdays from 6:00–7:00 p.m. Contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org to choose a date or multiple dates to volunteer this year.

VOLUNTEER WITH UPPER MERION AREA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD.

BMPC members are welcome to volunteer with our Hunger Partner UMACC this fall as they have seen a large increase in the number of families they serve in our suburban community. Located inside Valley Forge Presbyterian Church in King of Prussia, UMACC serves over 175 families a week. Sign up directly through this link: <https://signup.com/go/BToRzNb> or contact Barbara Heaton for more information: barbhheaton@gmail.com

Calendar

Sunday, October 15

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
		Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
		Filling the Well, Children's Library
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	Anniversary Worship Service with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Youth in Worship, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.

Monday, October 16

6:00	p.m.	Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge
		Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:00	p.m.	Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Tuesday, October 17

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
6:45	p.m.	BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

Wednesday, October 18

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Chapel
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Youth Lounge
		Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room
		Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, October 19

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 20

11:00	a.m.	Robert and Charne Walter Memorial Service, Sanctuary
3:00	p.m.	John H. Ball Memorial Service, Sanctuary
6:00	p.m.	Holy Leisure, Off Campus

Saturday, October 21

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
1:00	p.m.	Florence Zeller Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 22

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

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