Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2026
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



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Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:45 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Trois Nouvelles Piéces, op. 87 — Charles-Marie Widor

Classique d'aujourd'hui

Mystique

Daniel Carroll, organist

Come Down, O Love Divine — Bill Ingram

Bells of Bryn Mawr

WELCOME — Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with new life.

All **God is at work among us, making all things new.**

One The days are coming when God's covenant will be written not only on tablets or scrolls, but upon our hearts.

All **We will be God's people, and God will be our God.**

One We gather not merely to keep the customs of faith, but to be formed by the love and justice of God.

All **Teach us your ways, O God. Write your love upon our hearts.**

One For the Lord declares, "I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

All **Let us worship the God who makes us new, that our life together may bear witness to God's grace.**

HYMN 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART



CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you.

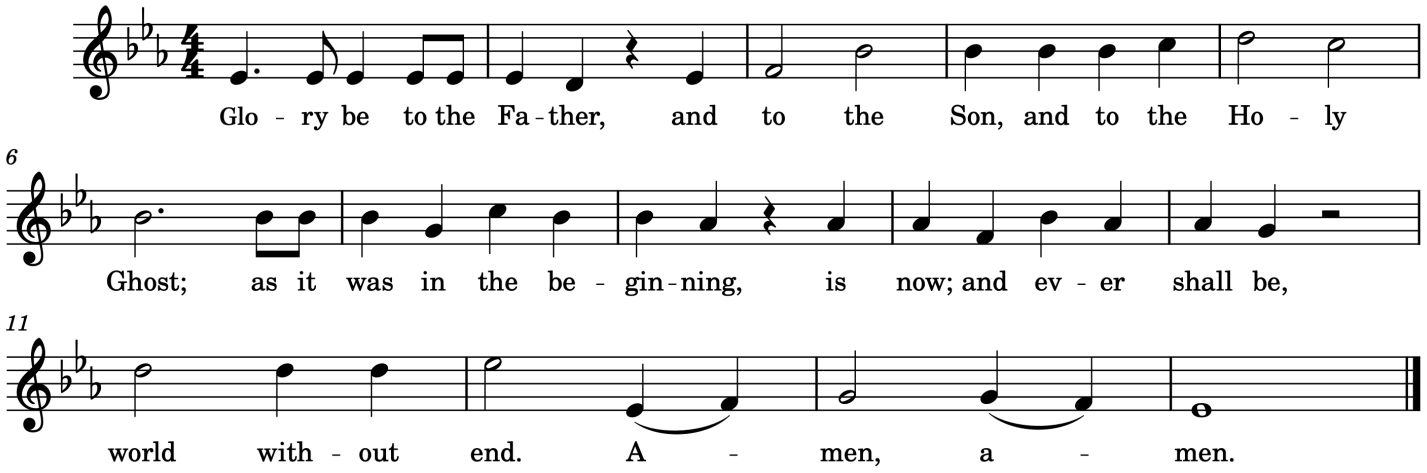
All **And also with you.**

Please stand, if able.

During the singing of the Gloria Patri, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI



Please be seated.

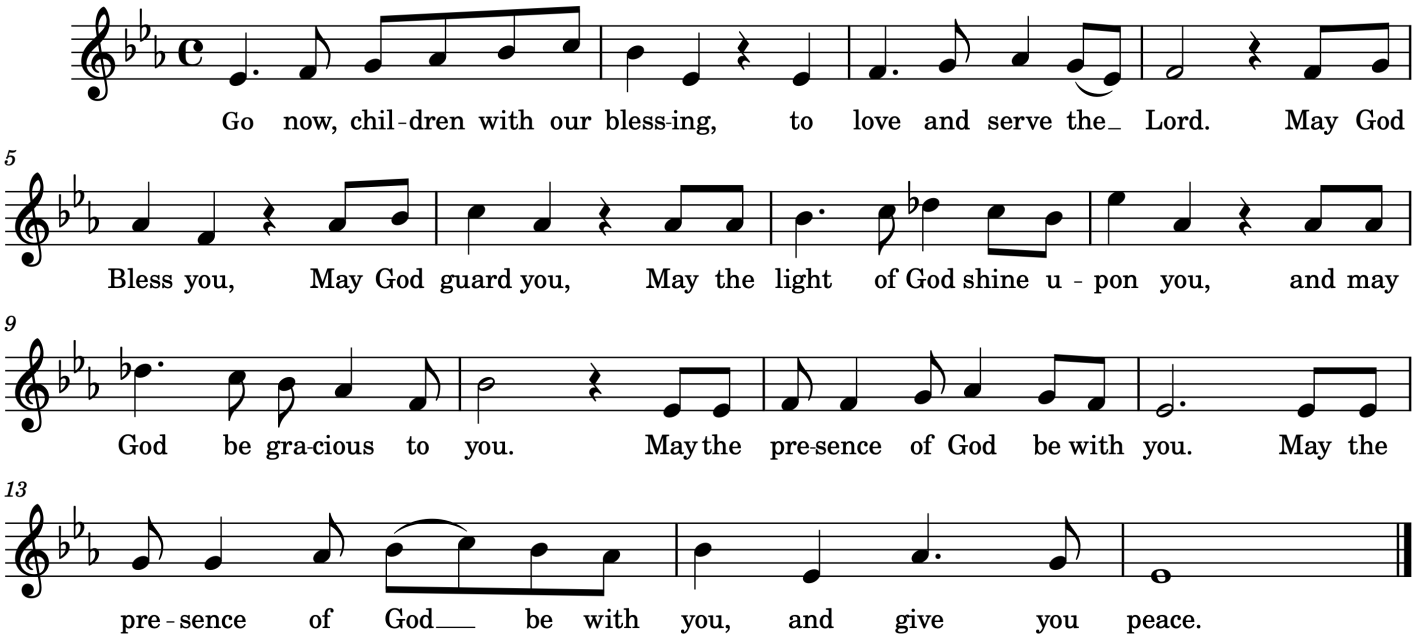
Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with our Blessing



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Willingham

FIRST LESSON Psalm 121

(Old Testament pg. 571 in pew Bible)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

ANTHEM They That Wait Upon the Lord — Gerald Near

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 15:29-31 — Agnes W. Norfleet

(New Testament pg. 17 in pew Bible)

After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the maimed, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *On the Ground* — Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 45 I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

DUNDEE



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — John Willingham

All **We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

- from A Brief Statement of Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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

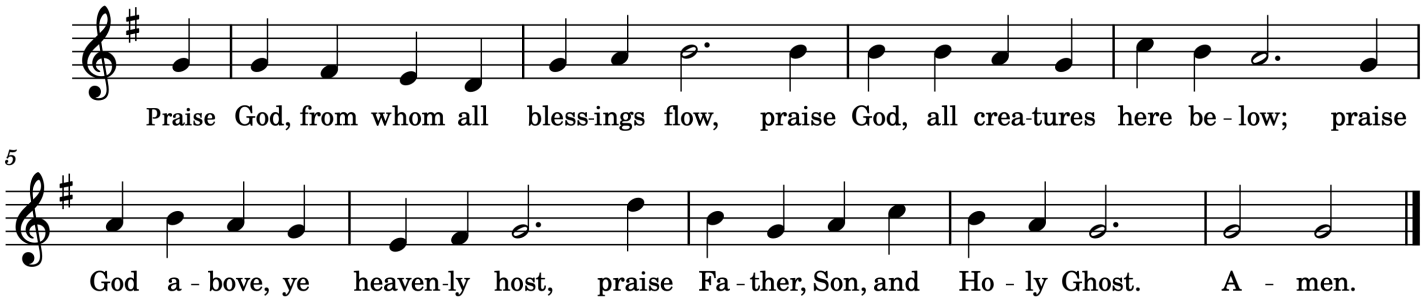
Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Behold, the Tabernacle of God — William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with us, and the spirit of God dwelleth within you, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are, for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY — OLD HUNDREDTH



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA



BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE — Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Finale from Symphonie No. 6 — Louis Vierne

James Kealey, organist

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Christine Beck - November 1, 2026

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Grace and John Huffaker.

GUEST PREACHER AND CHORAL AMEN

We are delighted to welcome back the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet, our former Senior Pastor and Head of Staff, as we celebrate the unveiling of her portrait and express our gratitude for all she has meant to this community of faith. The Choral Amen at the conclusion of worship was composed by Jeffrey Brillhart, BMPC's Director of Music & Fine Arts Emeritus, upon Agnes' retirement, in honor of her ministry and years of service to this congregation.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today, music from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean seeks to complement the scripture readings that focus our attention on God. *Behold, the Tabernacle of God* is a beloved anthem in the English choral repertoire by William H. Harris, the 20th-century composer and organist who spent most of his career at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, an esteemed choral foundation tied to the royal household. Its quietly cheerful atmosphere invites God here with us. Gerald Near studied with famed composer Leo Sowerby and has a very healthy output of choral music for the sacred sphere. *They That Wait Upon the Lord* pairs nicely with the Harris piece and invites us to consider our role in being disciples of Jesus Christ. We're gently invited to continually seek God, even in times of uncertainty.

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Klaus Volpert

BULLETIN COVER

Fall in the Appalachian Mountains by hokietim. envato.com

WELCOME TO
BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church during this season after Pentecost, when we are reminded that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, sustain, and renew the church. In these weeks, we gather to worship, reflect, and grow together in faith, trusting that God is at work in every season of our lives.

Whether you are a longtime member, returning after time away, or visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to follow Christ with faithfulness and joy. May our time together today deepen your sense of God's presence and strengthen our shared calling as Christ's disciples in the world.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

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 following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. If childcare would make it possible for you to attend a class or event outside of Sunday morning, please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Announcements

TODAY

Agnes Norfleet's Portrait Unveiling. Our former Senior Pastor and Head of Staff Agnes Norfleet is with us today. Join us for a reception in Congregational Hall immediately following the 10:00 service, where we will unveil her portrait, which is to be added to those of her predecessors. We welcome Agnes and Larry back to BMPC as we mark this significant event of gratitude.

Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag. Sun., Nov. 8, 6:00 p.m., Gym & Harcum College Lawn. Current 6th-12th graders are invited to the annual Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag event. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. in the gym for pizza; games begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring your friends! Registration required: bit.ly/GlowCTF2026 Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Bryn Mawr Gives to the Glory of God! Stewardship 2027. What is a pledge? A pledge is a statement of your intention of annual support to the church. It is a grateful response to the gifts of God that each of us receives, but it also reflects what you receive from BMPC in its creative and diverse offerings. The church budget draws from Foundation support and other contributions and gifts, but the majority consists of pledges from our members. Having reliable and predictable pledge income allows BMPC to develop a robust budget. Every gift matters!

Women's Holy Leisure Potluck and Discussion. Fri., Nov. 13, 6:00 p.m., Home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Lori Willingham will join us to share her journey from a career in nursing to becoming a volunteer lay chaplain. RSVP online with a shared food item: bit.ly/BMPCHolyLeisure Contact: bmpc.holy.leisure@gmail.com

Kareem Rosser, Work to Ride. Sun., Nov. 15, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a conversation with activist Kareem Rosser, author of the award-winning memoir *Crossing the Line*. Rosser will share how Work to Ride transformed his life and continues to create opportunities for Philadelphia youth through mentorship, education, and horsemanship. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to purchase a copy of the book.

Code Blue Shelter Volunteer Training. Sun., Nov. 15, 4:00 p.m. Congregational Hall. As we prepare for another winter of providing warmth, safety, and hospitality to neighbors experiencing homelessness, all Code Blue Shelter volunteers are asked to attend this important township-wide training. We will review new shelter procedures and expectations for all locations for the coming season. BMPC will again host in January. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Family Movie Night Featuring "The Star." Fri., Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are welcome for a family movie night with pizza, popcorn, and hot chocolate! Wear your PJs and bring comfy blankets and pillows.

Friends are welcome. RSVP requested so we can plan for the correct amount of food: bit.ly/TheStarMovieNight2026 Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Advent Giving for Mission. Sun., Nov. 22, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening celebration of our annual alternative giving program. Representatives from committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives will be in the Atrium after worship on successive Sundays to take your orders. Orders may also be placed at BrynMawrAGM.com starting November 15.

Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast. Thurs., Nov. 26, 8:30–11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Start your Thanksgiving morning with a delicious tradition. Our annual Pancake Breakfast, hosted by BMPC youth and their families, helps raise funds for youth trips throughout the year. All are welcome to enjoy a hearty meal of pancakes, sausage, fruit, and more, while supporting our youth ministry. Sign up as a volunteer: bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakes2026 Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Christmas Flower Donations. Each Christmas, the beauty of our Sanctuary is enhanced by the generous gifts of flowers contributed by members and friends of the congregation. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone special, or in celebration of a joyful milestone such as a marriage, retirement, birth, or baptism. These gifts not only adorn our worship spaces for Christmas Eve but also support our year-round flower ministry, bringing comfort and care through the Deacons' flower deliveries. To participate, please complete the form at 1 by Sun., Nov. 29. **Advent Harpsichord Recitals.** Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22, noon, Sanctuary. Free, 30-minute concerts during Advent, featuring BMPC's exquisite 1966 William Dowd-built Robert Hauptfuhrer Memorial Harpsichord. Performers include Gabriel Benton (Dec. 1), John Walthausen (Dec. 8), Alden Wright (Dec. 15), and Bálint Karosi (Dec. 22).

Camp Johnsonburg Middle School Retreat. Fri., Dec. 4–Sun., Dec. 6. Grades 6-8 are invited to a Middle School Retreat at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. The cost is $200, with scholarships available. Register by Mon., Nov. 23 at bit.ly/MSCampRetreat Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Youth Mission Trip to Tucson, Arizona. Sun., July 11–Fri., July 16, 2027. Current 5th-12th Graders will travel to Tucson, Arizona, for a unique opportunity to serve and learn what it means to welcome our immigrant neighbors. Cost: $850, with scholarships available. Registration required by Mon., Feb. 1 at bit.ly/BMPCYouthMission Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Casserole Blitz. Sat., Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz — a fun, family-friendly event (for ages 5 and up) to make casseroles and new friends! Work alongside fellow BMPC members to prepare casseroles for area shelters and help feed neighbors in

need. Next Blitz: December 12. Sign up here: bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP

Turkey Collection. Help ensure every family has a Thanksgiving meal this year. The Hunger Committee is collecting frozen turkeys (up to 15 lbs.) for distribution throughout November. Donations should be received by Wed., Nov. 18, but early contributions are especially appreciated to help meet community needs. Turkeys may be dropped off in the Ministries Center, using any of the freezers located downstairs. Contact kathyla@bmpc.org

Serve Dinner at the Ardmore Food Pantry. The Ardmore Food Pantry offers a community meal on Monday evenings during pantry hours. On the second Monday of each month, they serve BMPC Hunger Casseroles. Two to three volunteers from BMPC are needed on those Monday nights to serve dinner from 5:00–7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for one month or on a regular basis, sign up at bit.ly/AFPDinner Contact: RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Help Support Local High School Students. BMPC's Mission Council seeks monthly volunteers to provide snacks for 50 English Language Development students at Lower Merion High School, helping fill a gap left by Narberth Food Bank's closure. Volunteers purchase and deliver snacks at the beginning of the month. Reimbursements available. Sign up: bit.ly/LMHSsnacks Contact: WhitneyHoffman@yahoo.com

Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant–age 5), 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
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 105
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K–5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
11:15 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet Portrait Unveiling, Congregational Hall
11:30 a.m. Senior Chorister Rehearsal, Youth Rehearsal Room
6:00 p.m. Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag, Gymnasium

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:30 p.m. Congregational Life Council Meeting, Cannon Room
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, virtual
7:30 p.m. Children and Family Ministry Council Meeting, Ed. Bldg. Library
7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
11:00 a.m. **Christine Beck Memorial Service, Sanctuary**
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 a.m. Yoga Bone Boost, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Discussion Group, Fullerton Room
4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
4:30 p.m. Piano Lab A, Fine Arts Kitchen
5:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
5:30 p.m. Senior Chorister Piano Lab, Fine Arts Kitchen
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
6:00 p.m. Piano Lab B, Fine Arts Kitchen
6:00 p.m. Senior Chorister Rehearsal, Youth Rehearsal Room
6:30 p.m. Adult Ed. Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
6:30 p.m. Youth Environmental Justice Committee, Gym Youth Lounge
7:00 p.m. 4th–7th Grade Fellowship, Gym Classroom
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Monthly Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00 p.m. Heartstrings Quilters Meeting, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Support Group, Converse House Parlor
6:00 p.m. Women's Holy Leisure Potluck and Discussion, off campus

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Witherspoon Parlor
11:00 a.m. **Thomas Gadsden Memorial Service, Sanctuary**
4:00 p.m. **Emily Heebner Memorial Service, Chapel**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. John Willingham will preach.

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available throughout the year for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. For more information, contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

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