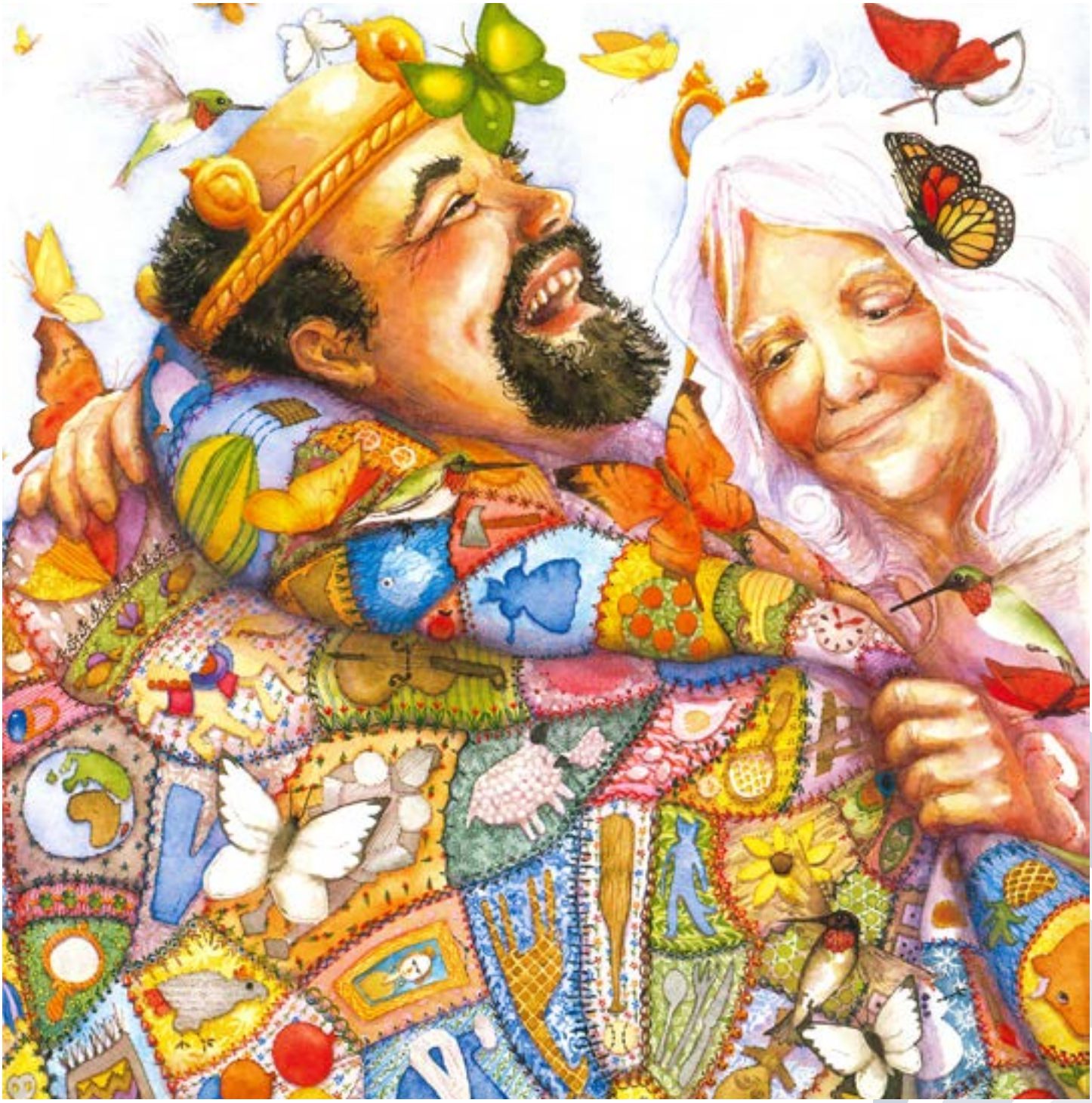
BrynMawr
Presbyterian Church

Christ the King

Sunday, November 22, 2026
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 | (610) 525-2821 | bmpc.org

Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Improvisation: Suite in the French Baroque Style
Daniel Carroll, organist

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

INTROIT King of Glory, King of Peace Mark Schweizer
Choristers & Senior Choristers

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One The Lord is our Shepherd.

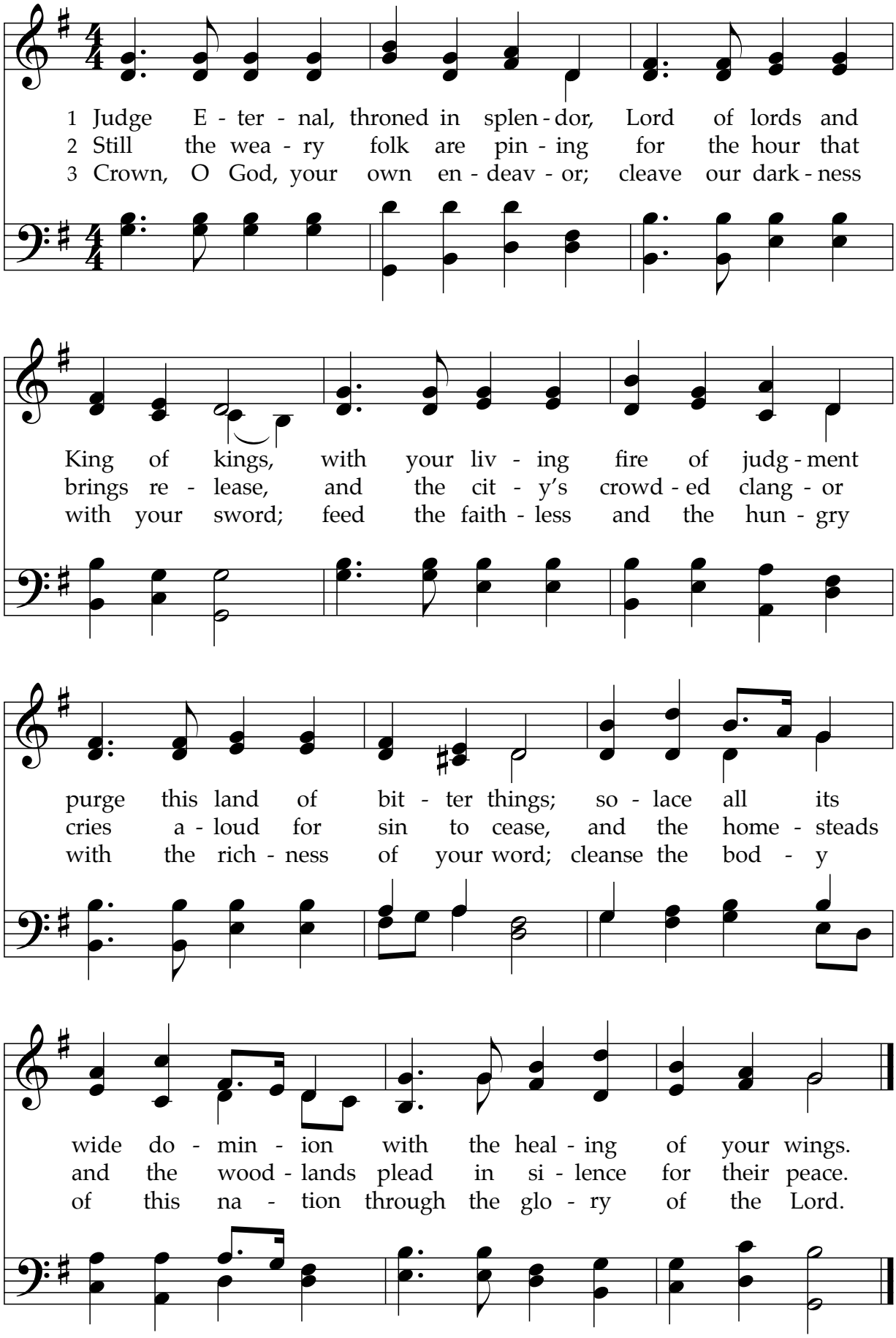
All **We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**

One God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

All **But the proud and the power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

HYMN 342 Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

RHUDDLAN



CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you.

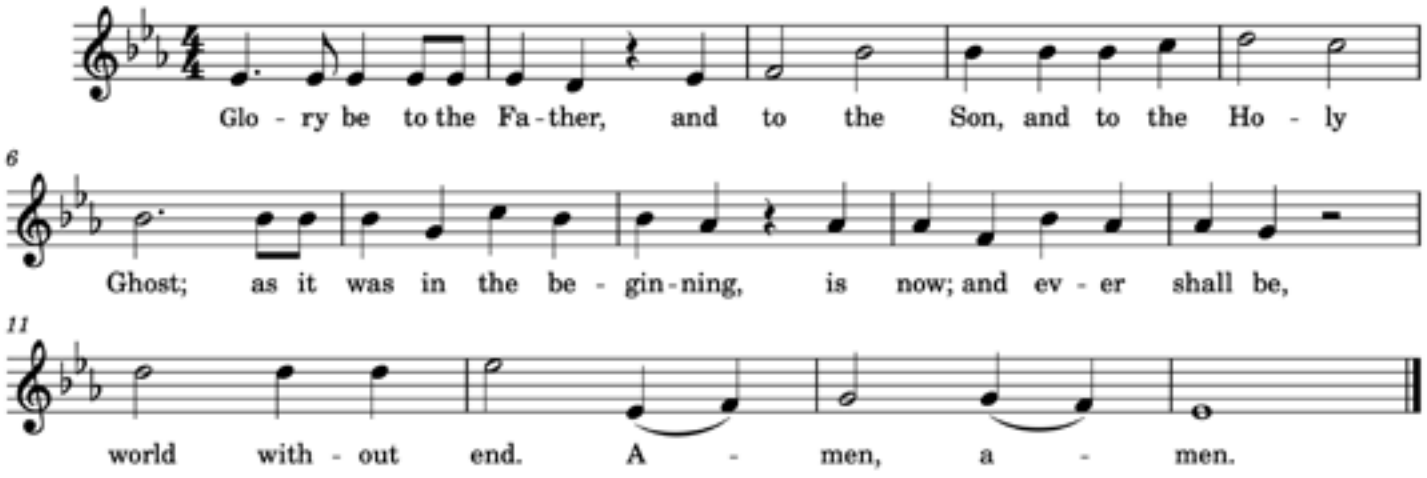
All **And also with you.**

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.

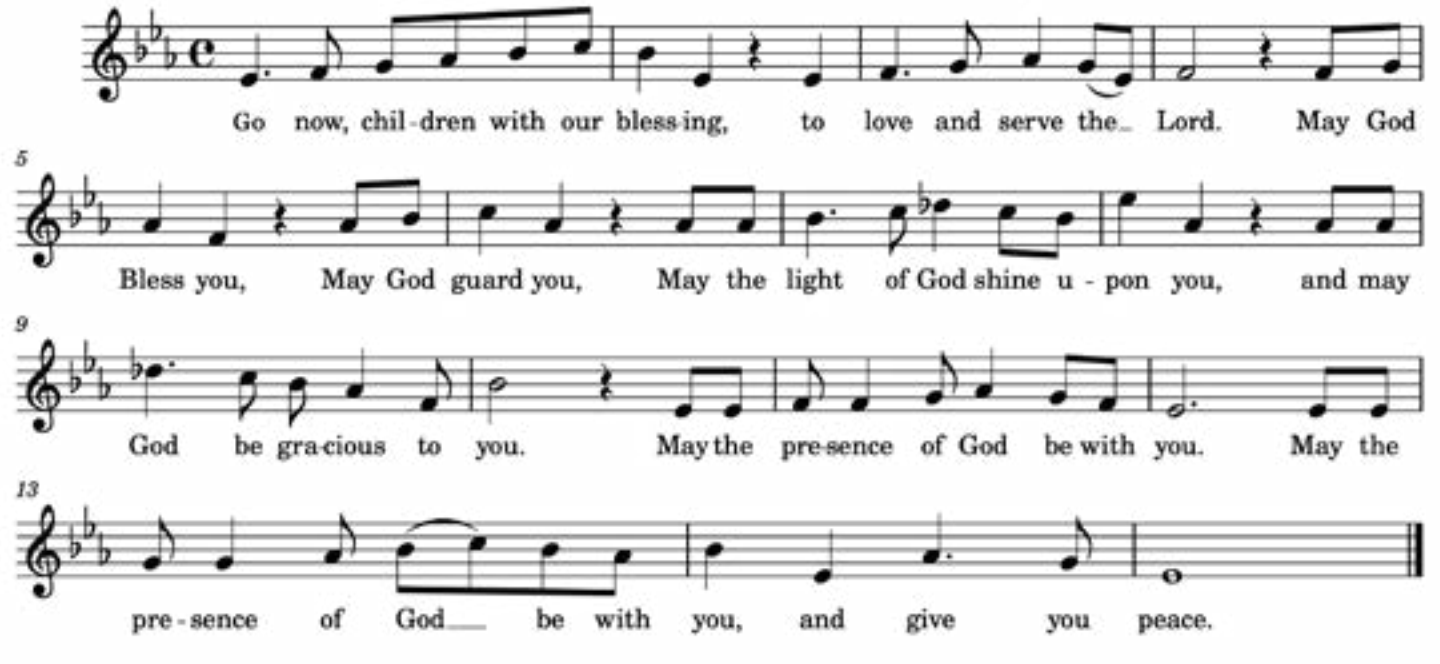
Proclamation of the Word

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

Rachel Pedersen

FIRST LESSON Luke 18:18-26

(New Testament pg. 81 in pew Bible)

A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.' " He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?"

ANTHEM Let All the World — Robert Baker

Nicholas Provenzale, bass; Kara Goodrich, soprano; Mindy Rubinlicht, soprano; Jeffrey Wilber, bass

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King! The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly! The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. The church with psalms must shout; no door can keep them out. But above all the heart must bear the longest part.

SECOND LESSON Psalm 72:1-14 — Rebecca Kirkpatrick

(Old Testament pg. 533 in pew Bible)

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's
son. May he judge your people with
righteousness and your poor with
justice. May the mountains yield
prosperity for the people, and the hills,
in righteousness. May he defend the
cause of the poor of the people, give
deliverance to the needy, and crush
the oppressor. May he live while the
sun endures and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations. May he be
like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth. In
his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is
no more. May he have dominion from
sea to sea and from the River to the
ends of the earth.
May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust. May
the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute; may the kings of
Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all
kings fall down before him, all nations
give him service. For he delivers the
needy when they call, the poor and
those who have no helper. He has pity
on the weak and the needy and saves
the lives of the needy. From oppression
and violence he redeems their life, and
precious is their blood in his sight.

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

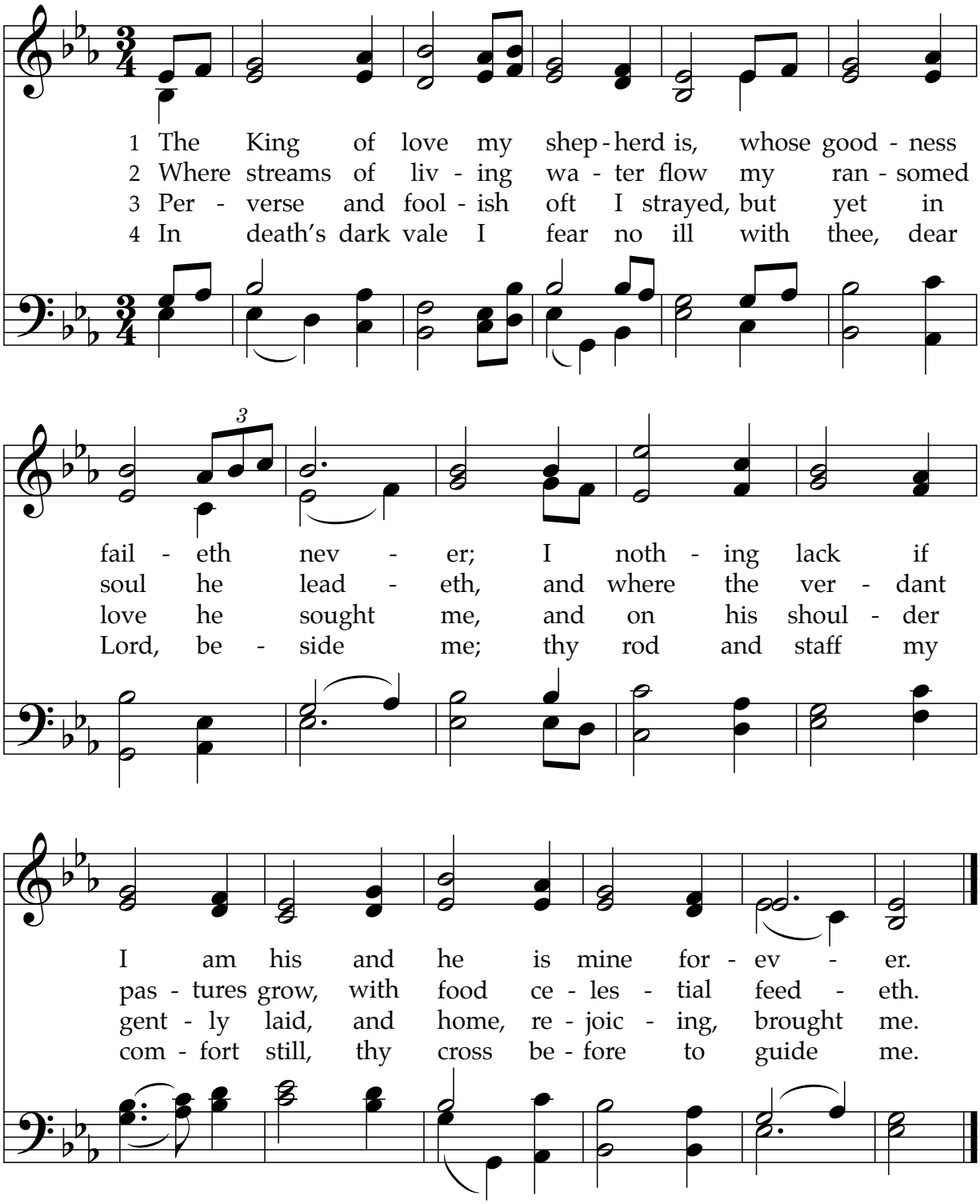
SERMON *The King of Love* — Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA



5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Rachel Pedersen

All **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

~ *The Apostles' Creed*

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

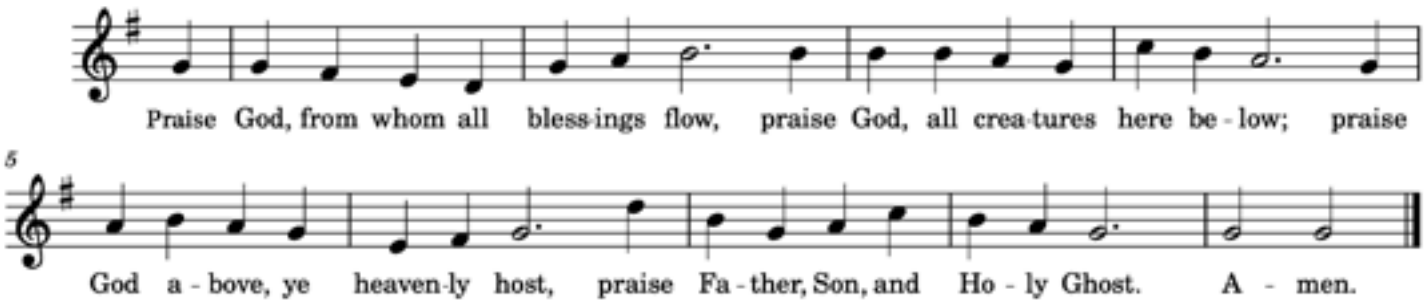
Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM — And He Shall Reign as King — Larry King

I am Alpha and Omega, the first, the last, and who was, who is to come. I will raise up a righteous branch and he shall reign as king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heav'n. King of kings! Lord of lords! Alpha and Omega. I am Alpha and Omega.

Please stand, if able.

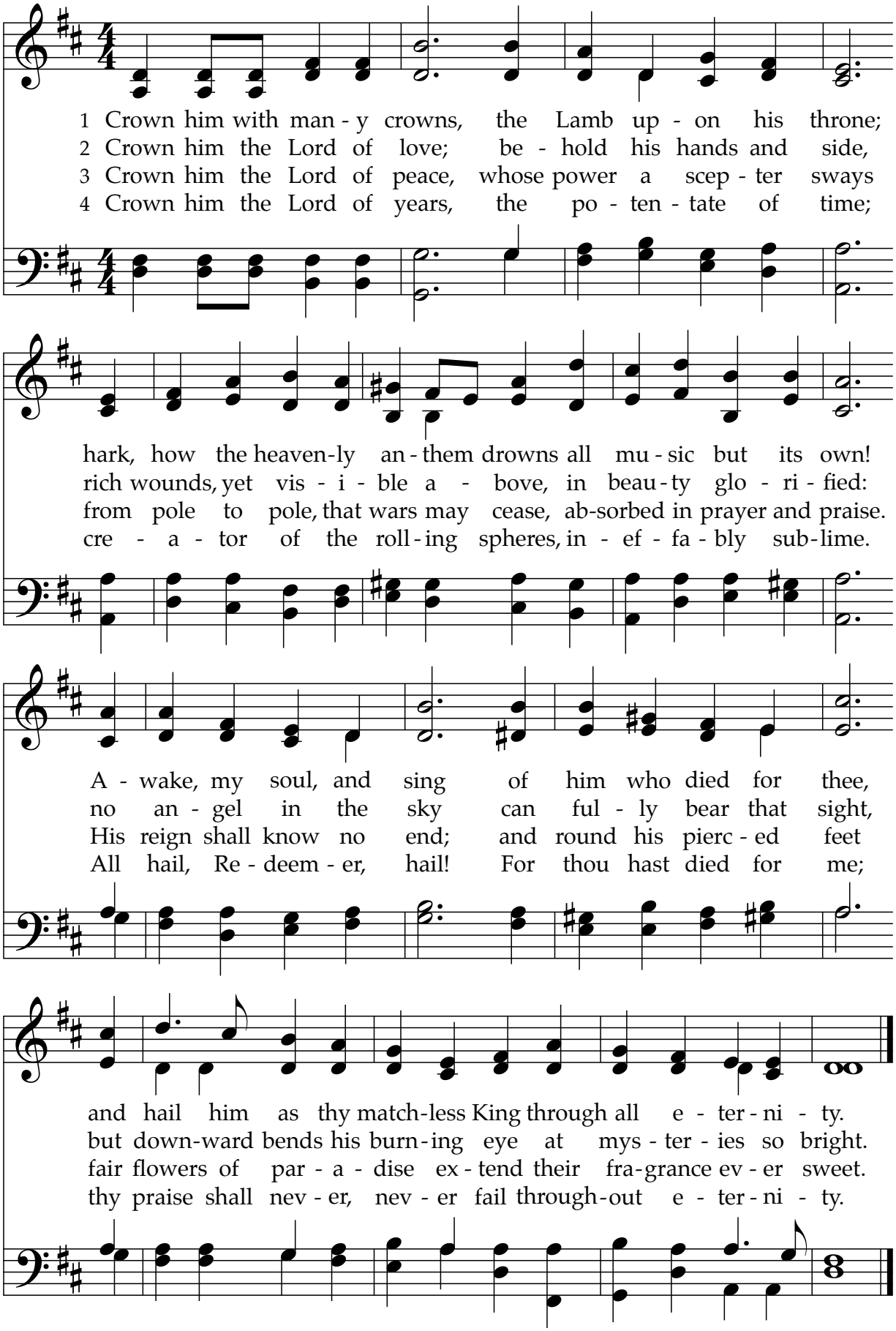
DOXOLOGY — OLD HUNDREDTH



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA



BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE — Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE Fugue in G major, Op. 188 — Charles H. H. Parry
Mitchell Miller, organist

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Stephen Paul McConnell, Sr.

TODAY'S MUSIC

I've always felt the role of music in Worship is to provide further commentary on the message delivered from the Pulpit. Our role is simply to enhance the Worship through congregational song, anthems prepared diligently by the choirs, and organ music by the organists. In all of this, one must be mindful and cognizant of the voice of the composer, too. It is their works we sing, and who's voice we give to those who listen. Two very different approaches to the celebration of Christ the King adorn our service today. Robert Baker's *Let All the World* is triumphant, filled with fanfares and exhuberant joy. Larry King was, for many years, the Director of Music at Trinity Church, Wall Street, and is known primarily for musical works that "push the envelope" (including a work for organ and electronics). One can see his forward-thinking approach to writing in his much more somber and mysterious anthem *The Lord is King*, asking choir members to engage in slightly different techniques to choral singing. In all of this, we hear two distinct voices that offer contrasting opinions to today's celebration, as we close out this liturgical year.

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowski

BULLETIN COVER

The Quiltmaker's Gift. Scholastic Books. Jeff Brumbeau, author. Gail deMarken, illustrator. 2000.

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

Stewardship Update. We are off to a wonderful start with our 2027 campaign. Through November 18, the totals and comparisons to last year are as follows:

	2027	2026
Commitment cards	334	257
Total amount pledged	$2,056,954	$1,494,343

In addition, 63 of the Commitment Cards indicated current ways members share their talents with the church and/or a commitment to try something new; nine specifically noted their resolve to pray for BMPC in the year to come. We are grateful to all who have shared their plans for 2027 and encourage those who have not yet done so to complete a Commitment Card today. Every gift makes a difference and demonstrates yet again our resolve at BMPC to give to the glory of God!

TODAY

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

Rieger Organ Tour. Sun., Nov. 22, 11:15 a.m., Choir Loft. Join us for a guided tour of the Sanctuary's magnificent Rieger Organ, built by Rieger Orgelbau in 2005. Featuring 59 stops and 89 ranks, the organ draws inspiration from the great organs of mid-19th-century France, particularly those crafted by renowned organ builder Aristide Cavaillé-Coll during the 1850s and 1860s.

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Bryn Mawr Gives to the Glory of God! Stewardship 2027 - What goes into the church budget? The Joint Budget Management Committee develops the church budget; it includes the Interim Senior Pastor, Director of Finance, and two members from the Session and Board of Trustees. The Trustees then endorse it, with final approval by the Session. About 30% of the budget comes from the Foundation. Non-pledge gifts and contributions provide about 10% of the

budget, with the remainder coming from member pledges. The anticipated budget for 2027 is $4,750,000. We need $2,300,000 in pledges for 2027 to fulfill our needs for the coming year – to pay for the salaries of our pastors and staff; support our mission work, programming for our children and families, youth and families, Christian education, music and fine arts, offer pastoral care; and maintain this beautiful campus. Every gift matters!

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

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 bit.ly/Flower-donation by Sun., Nov. 29.

Advent Story Path Labyrinth. Walking a labyrinth during the season of Advent provides a meaningful way to journey to Bethlehem. The small labyrinth is open daily during Advent, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Contact: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Advent Taizé Worship Services. Nov. 30–Dec. 4, 6:15 p.m., Chapel. The worship of Taizé is known for contemplativeness; repetition of short musical responses that move the text from our head to our heart, periods of silence, the lighting of candles, and a profound sense that the service never really begins or ends. We invite you to experience this humble liturgy in daily services this Advent. Join us on for a brief pause in your day, in the beautiful surroundings of the Chapel.

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).

How Can This Be: Reflecting on the Spiritual Gift of Confusion. Sundays, Dec. 6 & 13, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Can confusion become a gift? Join BMPC member and spiritual director Paul Burgmayer as we explore how seasons of uncertainty can become moments of conversion, drawing us more deeply into trust, faith, and the presence of God. Childcare available.

Live Nativity & Advent Workshop, followed by Evening Worship. Sun., Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m., Front Lawn & Sanctuary. Families are invited to dress for the weather and experience the Christmas Story, meeting live animals and actors while creating ornaments and simple gifts to share. Evening worship and carol singing will follow at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Volunteers needed! Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Carols and Cocoa. Wed., Dec. 9, 6:15 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for an evening of Christmas cheer! Come for Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (free will offering) with caroling and cocoa at 6:15 p.m. We'll sing favorite Christmas carols, both sacred and secular, while enjoying hot cocoa and cookies. Wear a festive sweater, bring cookies to share, and add your favorite carols to the song list! Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Congregational Meeting. Sun., Dec. 13, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary. The Session has called for a congregational meeting to take place immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on December 13. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. A brochure introducing the proposed slate will be mailed the week prior to the meeting. All members are encouraged to be present for that significant step in the search for BMPC's next Senior Pastor and Head of Staff.

Rainbow Reindeer Games. Sun., Dec. 13, 11:00 a.m., Gym & Lawn. Current 5th-12th Graders are invited to our fellowship event, Rainbow Reindeer Games. We will provide pizza and play ridiculously fun games. Come dressed for messy indoor and outdoor play. Bring your friends! Registration required: bit.ly/RRGames2026 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Darkness to Light Christmas Concert. Sun., Dec. 13, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This concert, with anthems and carols, takes us from Advent's darkness to Christmas's light and features all BMPC choirs and ensembles. Reception in the Court following the concert. Childcare is available. Parents/Guardians must RSVP by emailing Childcare@bmpc.org with the names and ages of their children.

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

Prayers for Pastor Melanie. The Rev. Melanie Hardison had surgery on her foot on Tuesday, November 17, and will be out for several weeks as she recovers. This is a standard outpatient procedure, and she expects a full recovery. We anticipate that Melanie will return to worship leadership in mid-December. Thank you for your prayers.

Christmas Angels. Gifts due by Sun., Dec. 6. Help share Christmas joy! Partnering with Gemma Services, BMPC provides gifts for children. Gemma has created a BMPC-specific Amazon Wish List: bit.ly/BMPCchristmas Each child's name appears in small print under the item description. You may choose one gift or all three for a child, and items will ship directly to Gemma. Please include "From BMPC" in the gift message so your gift reaches the intended child. Gift cards of $25 for Amazon, ShopRite, Target, Visa, or Walmart or more are also a wonderful way to help. Please include dollar amount in the gift message. Lastly, you can choose unwrapped gifts from bit.ly/Gemma2026WishList, then bring them to BMPC by Dec. 6 for volunteers to deliver to Gemma. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Soup Ministry. The next time you are making soup, please consider making extra to share with someone who will appreciate it as a gift of comfort and care from their church. We have quart/pint containers with spill-proof lids and freezer-proof labels that you can pick up from the church. Contact: KathrynWest@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

Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 105

9:00 a.m. *Perspectives: A Members' Show* Exhibition, Gallery

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. Advent Giving for Mission Opening Celebration, Congregational Hall

11:15 a.m. Rieger Organ Tour, Choir Loft

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium

11:30 p.m. Parkison's Support Group, Cannon Room

1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium

6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

No Wednesday Night Programming

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast, Congregational Hall

Campus closes at noon for the Thanksgiving holiday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Campus is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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 for 2027 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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