

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



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

Romance, WoO. 28

Clara Schumann

Romance sans Paroles, Op. 17, No. 3

Gabriel Fauré

Susan Ricci Rogel, organist

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16: 1, 11

One Keep me, O God.

Behüte mich, Gott

All For I trust in you.

Ich vertraue dir

One You show me the path of life.

Du zeigst mir den Weg zum Leben

All With you there is fullness of joy.

Bei dir ist freude, freude in Fülle

HYMN 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

All God of compassion, you come to seek us out wherever we are. By your Holy Spirit, heal our wounds, set right our wanderings, and lead us towards green pastures. And turn our eyes always towards the Good Shepherd, Jesus, your Son.

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

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
6 Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now; and ev - er shall be,
11 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3 depart for their Sunday School classes.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 3:5-12

(Old Testament pg. 306 in pew Bible)

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant

is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give

you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and

no one like you shall arise after you.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
(New Testament pg. 14 in pew Bible)

Andy Greenhow

He put before them another parable:
“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value,

he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?”

They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Some Parables from Taizé*

Andy Greenhow

Please stand, if able.

Response to the Word

HYMN Kingdom of God

KINGDOM OF GOD

We sing this hymn, from the Taizé tradition, five times,
allowing the music and words to “fall from our head to our hearts.”

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly
Spir - it. Come, Lord and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Melanie Hardison

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Robert J. Powell

Holy God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow before thee; all on earth thy scepter claim, all in heaven above adore thee. Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim in chorus praising: holy, holy, holy Lord! Three in One we name thee; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord our God we claim thee. Holy, holy, holy Lord, let us all adore thee; holy, holy, holy Lord! Lord of all, we bow before thee.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Melanie Hardison

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All bread is gluten and casein free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Going Home

Simple Gifts

Susan Ricci Rogel, organist

arr. Brad Nix

arr. Joseph Martin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Andy Greenhow

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Andy Greenhow

POSTLUDE Appalachian Praise

arr. Brad Nix

Susan Ricci Rogel, organist

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 summer 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 ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

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.

Worship & Music Notes

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's call to worship is the English paraphrase of a song sung in German throughout the week of the youth and young adult pilgrimage to the ecumenical community at Taizé, France. The prayer of confession is Taizé's prayer of the day from July 15, 2026.

GUEST MUSICIAN

Susan Ricci Rogel, organist

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

The church in Taizé, France taken by the Rev. Andy Greenhow on the Youth and Young Adult pilgrimage, July 2026.

Announcements

TODAY

Toddler Tailgate. Sun., July 26, 3:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Join young families for fun and a community BBQ! We'll provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. Designed for families with children ages 3 and under, but older siblings are welcome. Sign up at bit.ly/ToddlerTailgate Contact: MaryRichards@bmpe.org

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Church Officer Nominations. Please submit your recommendations to the 2026 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 20, for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large via the nominating form: bit.ly/BMPCNominations Paper copies of the form are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully

participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

Summer Choir. Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Choir Loft. All singers ages 12+ are invited to join! Come any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a brief rehearsal, then sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. We sing one anthem, hymns, and a closing response - no robes, no sign-up, no long-term commitment. On July 26 and Aug. 16, the Summer Choir will sing from the front of the Sanctuary. These dates may be especially convenient for anyone who prefers to avoid stairs, as the front chancel is accessible without them.

Nurturing New Life: Playground

Playdates. Fridays through Aug. 21, 9:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Playground. (Rain location: Gym.) Summer is a great time to connect, play, and explore! Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Education Building for a story and activity before

playtime outside. We'll have space set up for babies and toddlers, and the playground available for older siblings. Sign up at bit.ly/NurturingNewLife Contact: ColleenCatania@bmpc.org

James Kealey in Concert. Thurs., Aug. 13, 10:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary. James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts, will play a recital at BMPC as part of the Organ Historical Society's convention this August. Join him at either 10:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. for a recital on our Rieger organ, featuring Dupré's "Symphonie-Passion", originally an improvisation at the Wanamaker organ.

CARING AND SHARING

New Life Care Initiative. BMPC's New Life Care Initiative, a cross-ministry collaboration, is collecting infant formula, diapers, postpartum supplies, and new and gently used baby supplies and small equipment to support families in need. Through partnerships with local nonprofit organizations, we will help provide essential items to parents, grandparents, and caregivers in our community. Drop off donations at the front desk or bring them to the Caring Ministries table on Rally Day! Questions? Contact ColleenCatania@bmpc.org or JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Gemma Backpack and School Supply Collection. Drop off by Sun., Aug. 2, Narthex. Help children served by Gemma Services start the school year strong by participating in our Backpack and School Supply Collection! You can donate a "completed backpack" filled with supplies or purchase

individual items from our Amazon list: bit.ly/GemmaBackpacks2026 A complete backpack checklist can be found at bmpc.org/BackpackCollection Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Every Shelf Filled Matters. A gift of \$125 can cover the cost of a freezer shelf of casseroles prepared during one of our casserole blitzes. These meals provide comfort and nourishment to families facing food insecurity. Donate at onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger or through the Hunger envelopes in the pews.

Thank You! Thank you to everyone who supported last Sunday's special Lemonade on the Lawn fundraiser. Our Summer Sunday School students raised awareness and collected donations for Alex's Lemonade Stand and Kisses for Kyle, organizations that support children with cancer and their families. Thanks to your incredible generosity, our congregation raised more than \$1,842—far surpassing our goal of \$500. We are grateful for your support and proud of our young people for leading this meaningful ministry of compassion.

Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:55 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Ages 3 and 4), and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Families (Rising Gr. 4-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Rising K-Gr. 3), Ed. Bldg.
- 11:15 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn, Front Lawn
- 3:00 p.m. Toddler Tailgate, Front Lawn

MONDAY, JULY 27

- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, JULY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 206, Gymnasium

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- 1:00 p.m. **Phillip Polillo Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- 9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Playground Playdate, Ed. Bldg. Playground

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Youth Summer Camp, Montreat

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

Worldwide Ministries Partners

Each year, the BMPC Worldwide Ministries Committee grants funding to national and international organizations that support the education of children, youth, and church leaders, invest in medical mission networks, and empower community leaders to promote justice and transformation. Below are the 2026 recipients, along with a snapshot of their work.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Association for a More Just Society

asj-us.org

Seeking justice, working for peace, and leading systemic reform in Honduras.

Beyond Borders

beyondborders.net

Working to prevent violence against women and girls and end child slavery in Haiti.

Okra Abby

okraabbey.com

Offering holistic responses to food insecurity and fostering community through the love of Christ in the Pigeontown neighborhood of New Orleans.

Rabbis for Human Rights

rhr.org.il/eng

Providing a platform for open and respectful dialogue as a means to promote social and economic justice within Israel and Palestine.

EDUCATION

Friends of Forman Christian College

friendsofforman.org

A Christian College located in Pakistan, providing liberal arts education to interfaith students.

Haiti Partners

haitipartners.org

Helping Haitians change Haiti through education.

Pfunanane Ministries

pfunanane.org

A Christian school in South Africa providing quality education to students in PreK-7th grades.

RiseMalawi

risemalawiministries.org

Providing a structured learning environment, including nutritious meals through their feeding program, for vulnerable children in rural Malawi.

St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS)

stars-egypt.org

The largest service providers for refugees, asylum seekers, and other vulnerable migrants in Cairo, and seven refugee congregations that worship at the church.

MEDICAL

Emmanuel Hospital Association

eha-health.org

Establishing a palliative care facility for Chinchpada Hospital, which serves residents of Maharashtra, India.

Faith in Practice

faithinpractice.org

A Christ-centered medical ministry serving poor and vulnerable patients in Guatemala through volunteer-led surgical and medical clinics.

Support of organizations like these is possible because of your generous contributions through our annual Stewardship campaign. Thank you for your gifts.

If you would like to learn more about the work that we do in mission around the world, please contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

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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