

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 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

There is a Happy Land, & Amazing Grace from "Sacred Sounds"

George Shearing

James Kealey, organist

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One O give thanks to the Lord,

All **call on God's Holy name!**

One Proclaim God's deeds among the peoples.

All **Sing praises and declare all of God's wonderful works.**

One Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All **Let our lips confess the living God is in our midst!**

HYMN 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Loving God, we call upon you. We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Lord Jesus, search our hearts again, lift us from sin and help us to follow you in faith, humility, and love.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you.

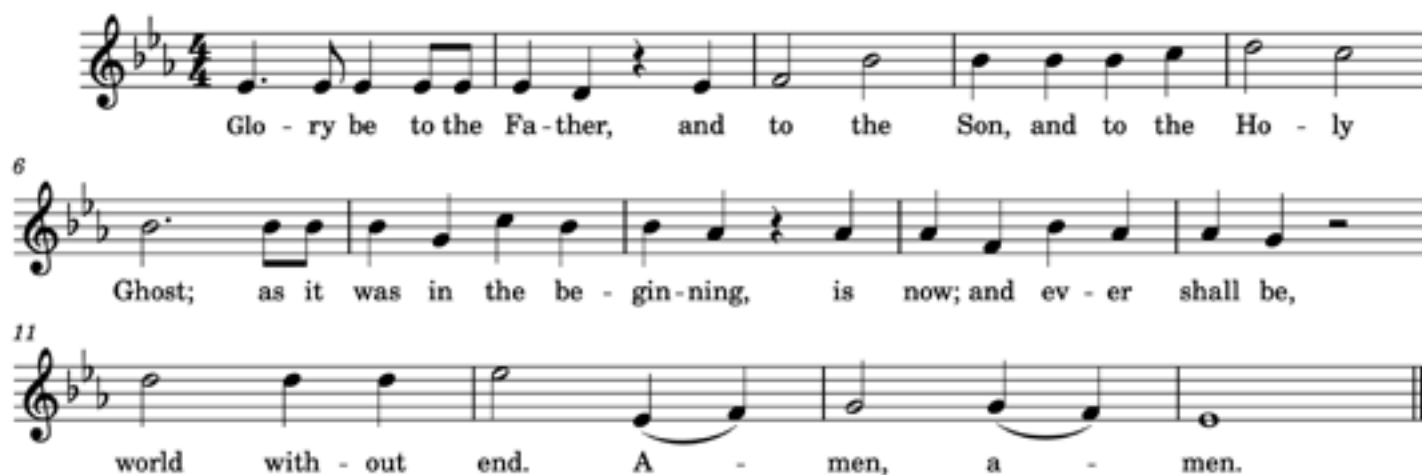
All And also with you.

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.

Please be seated.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andy Greenhow

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

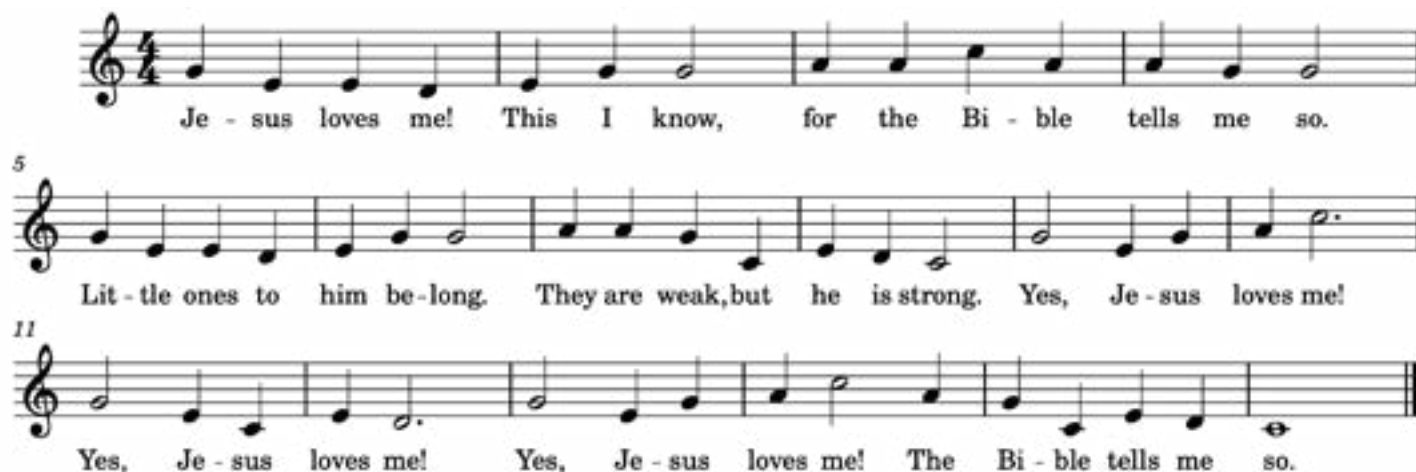
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

All We do.

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME



Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
5 Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Je - sus loves me!
11 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

FIRST LESSON Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

(Old Testament pg. 556 in pew Bible)

O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
When he summoned famine against the land and cut off every supply of

bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who had been sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him. The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, to instruct his officials at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom. ...that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!

SECOND LESSON Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

(New Testament pg. 34 in pew Bible)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob.
Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak

peaceably to him.
Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.
He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said,

Rachel Pedersen

“They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers,

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

SERMON *From the Bottom of the Pit*

Rachel Pedersen

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F[#]) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



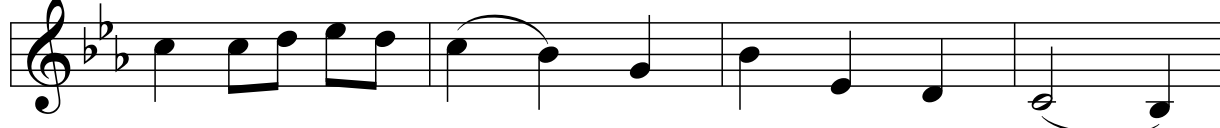
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F[#]m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F[#]) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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 Lead Gently, Lord

Clif Cason

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for oh, my steps are weak,
and ever as I go, some soothing sentence speak;

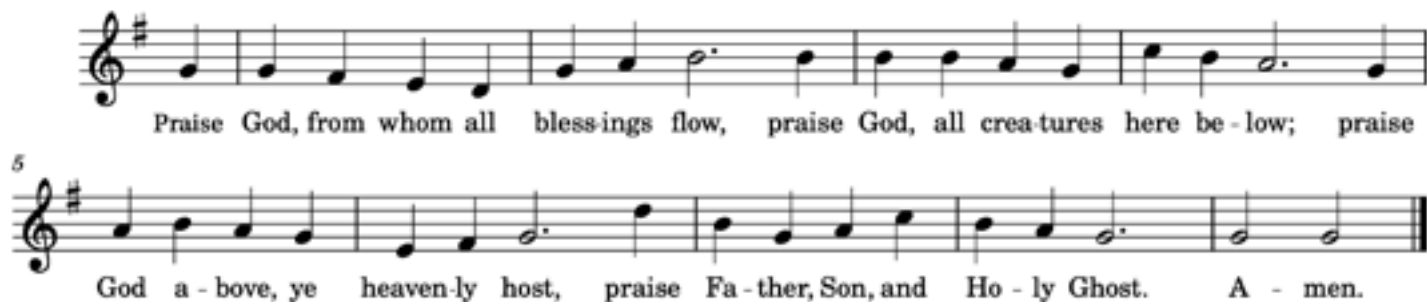
That I may turn my face through doubt's obscurity
toward thine abiding-place, e'en tho' I cannot see.

For lo, the way is dark; through mist and cloud I grope,
save for that fitful spark, the little flame of hope.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for fear that I may fall;
I know not where to go unless I hear thy call.

My fainting soul doth yearn for thy green hills afar;
so let thy mercy burn—my greater, guiding star!

Please stand, if able.



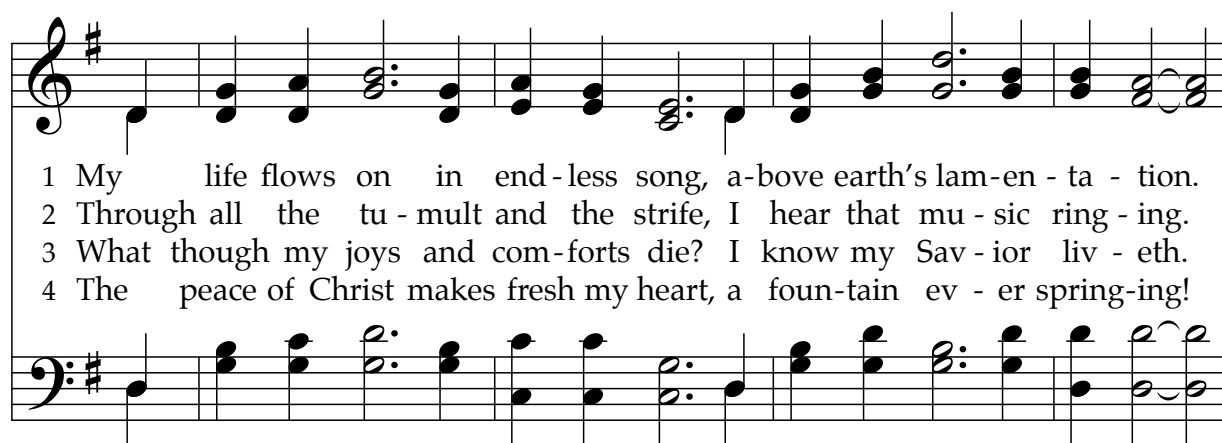
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here be-low; praise
 5 God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

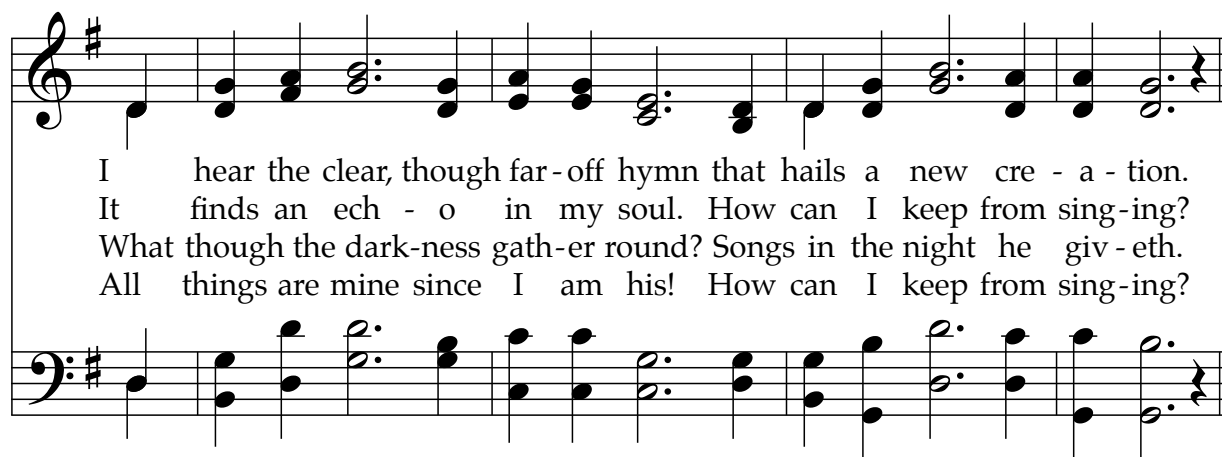
Andy Greenhow

HYMN 821 My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

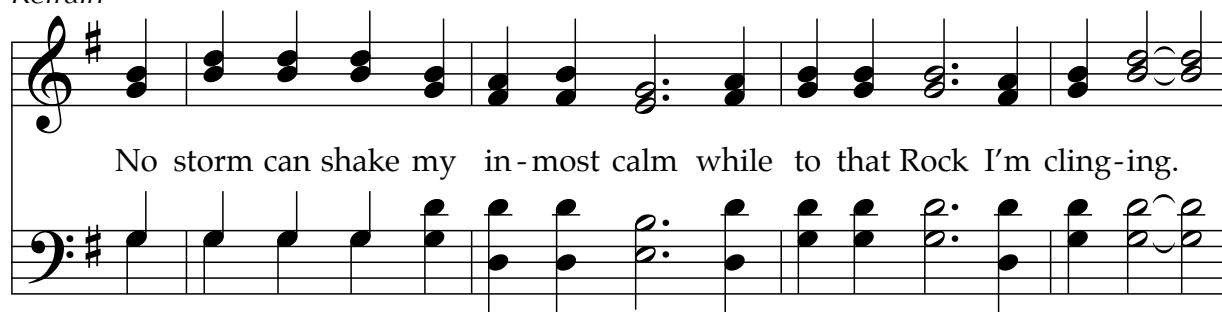


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552/ii
Mitchell Miller, organist

Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship & Music Notes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today's Call to Worship was adapted from Psalm 105 and Romans 10.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's prayer of confession was adapted from Feasting on the Word Companion for Worship.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James Beckett Raver, son of Danielle Pakradooni & Chad Raver

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

From Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church's Art Collection. "Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors." Maritza L. Morgan, Croatian (1920-1997).

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.

Announcements

TODAY

Welcome Mitchell Miller! We are delighted to welcome Mitchell Miller as BMPC's new Assistant Director of Music & Fine Arts. Mitch joins us from the Church of the Ascension in Rochester, NY, while completing his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Eastman School of Music. He brings a wealth of experience in sacred music, organ performance, and choral leadership, and will oversee our Choristers program, serve as assistant director and principal accompanist for the Sanctuary Choir, and share in leading music for worship. We are thrilled to have Mitch with us and invite you to join us in welcoming him to the BMPC community on his first Sunday!

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 Aug. 16, the Summer Choir will sing from the front of the Sanctuary. This date 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 1:00 p.m. for a recital on our Rieger organ, featuring Dupré's "Symphonie-Passion," originally an improvisation at the Wanamaker organ.

Blessing of the Backpacks. Sun., Aug. 16, 11:15 a.m., Front Lawn. Join us on the front lawn after worship for a special blessing before the start of the school year. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Religion and Public Life. Wed., Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Concerned about the rise of White Christian Nationalism? Join the first gathering of a conversation group, sponsored by the BMPC Peacemaking Committee, on Religion and Public Life, to share resources and build community. At this first gathering, we will discuss Tim Alberta's book, "The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory." Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org to join the conversation and pick up a copy of the book.

CARING AND SHARING

Habitat for Humanity Workday. Friday, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m., Offsite. Looking for a meaningful way to volunteer? Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia works alongside volunteers toward a vision of a city where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat is proud to introduce the Pope Leo Village campaign. Inspired by Pope Leo XIV's commitment to justice and service, this interfaith, multi-city movement will unite people of all identities and backgrounds to build 26 new homes for families in Philadelphia. Email RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org to register. Register today - limited spots available!

Every Gift Helps Fight Hunger. Donations of every size help address food insecurity in our region. During the summer months especially, your support allows our hunger ministry partners to continue serving families consistently and compassionately. Give at onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger or through the Hunger envelopes in the pews.

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 Ministries Center reception desk, Ed. Bldg. lobby, or bring them to the Caring Ministries table on Rally Day! Questions? Contact ColleenCatania@bmpc.org or JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Email Scam Alert. An email scam has resurfaced and may target members of the BMPC community. Posing as Pastor John Willingham, the scammer asks for financial help. Please be assured that no member of the BMPC staff will ever contact you with an urgent financial request, and they will never ask you to buy gift cards. If you receive such a message, do not respond. When in doubt, always check with us before replying to any suspicious communication. Contact the church office directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- 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 Baptism, 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- 10:15 a.m. James Kealey in Concert (OHS Convention), Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. James Kealey in Concert (OHS Convention), Sanctuary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

- 9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Playground Playdate, Ed. Bldg. Playground
- 11:00 a.m. **DeAnn Clancy Memorial Service**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick 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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