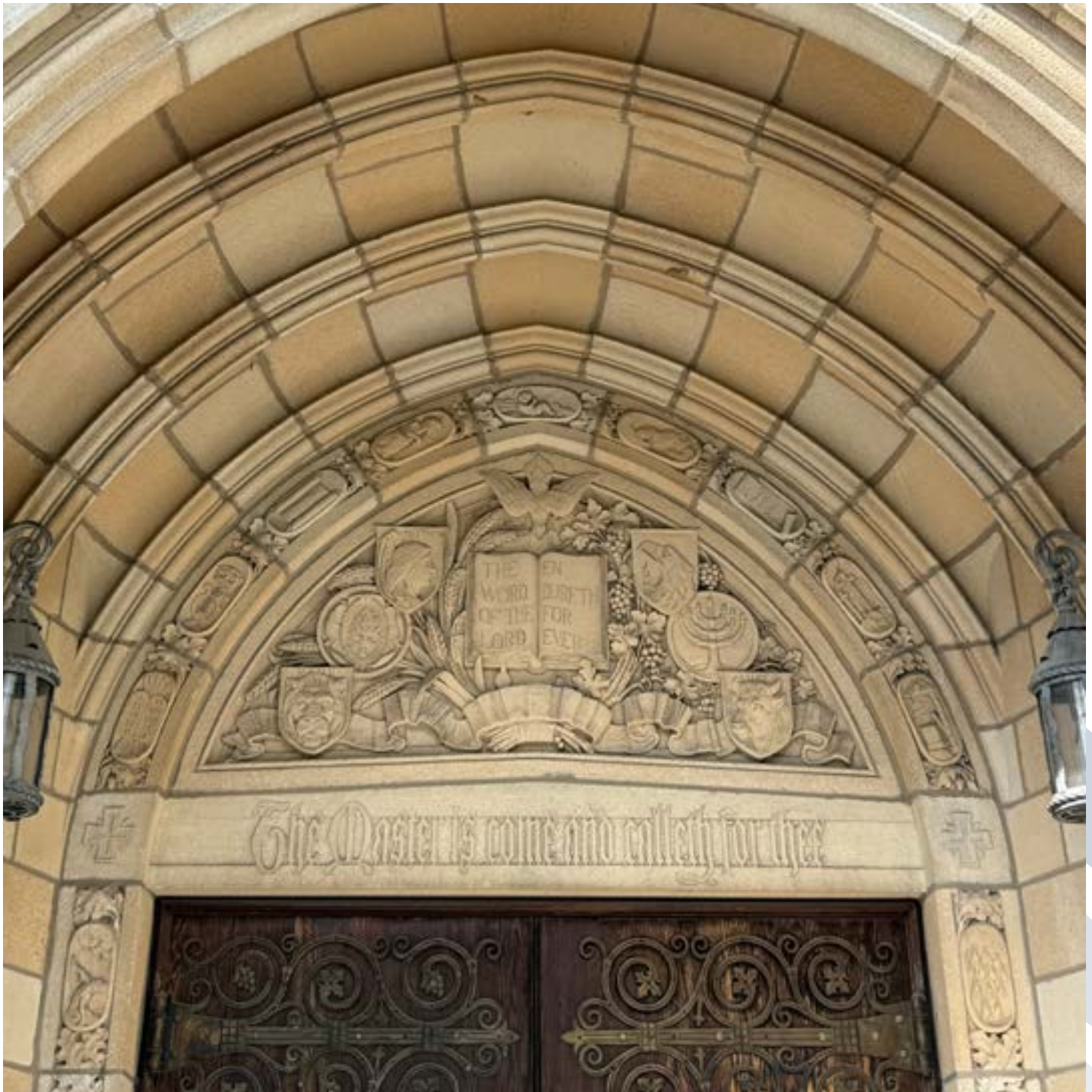




Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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 Prière, Opus 37, No. 3

Joseph Jongen

Jeffrey Brillhart, organist

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One We rejoice, O God, that you call us to this place

All **to sing your praise and offer our lives in loving service.**

One For you have searched for us and found us,

All **and we rejoice in our salvation.**

HYMN 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain-bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Holy God, we confess that our sins are great, and we bear them like a heavy burden. We turn away from you and stray from your paths of righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. Help us receive the tender mercy of Christ who seeks the lost and brings us home to you. May we be forgiving as you are forgiving, gracious as you are gracious, and loving as you are loving so that our very lives show forth your salvation.

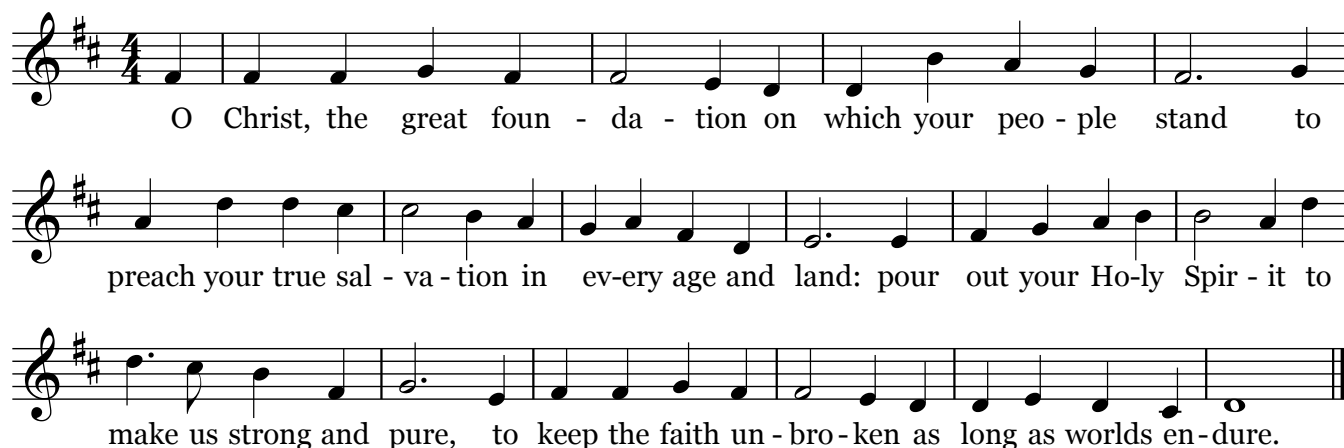
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

SUNG RESPONSE

AURELIA



Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 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 these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

All We do.

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes,
Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Exodus 32:7-14

(pg. 78 in pew Bible)

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have

worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against

them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn

from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

ANTHEM Locus Iste

Ernst von Dohnányi

Blessed God who made this holy place, no price can claim your sacred temple; it is without fault or blemish. Lord, God who now stands before the angel chorus, hear now the prayers of thy humble servants. Alleluia. I will worship towards thy holy temple: I will give glory unto thy blessed name. Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON Luke 15:1-10

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 78 in [pew Bible](#))

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell

you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 691 Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkparick

One You, O God, are supreme and holy.

All **You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.**

One You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

All **You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.**

One You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

All **You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**

~ from A Liturgical Affirmation

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Sing Community, Sing Peace

Mark Hayes

Sister, brother, live in harmony. Same and other, live in harmony. Human family, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace. Simple song, sacred call; dare to sing and live in peace, and love for all. Against the silence, against the shouting, dare to sing and live in peace and love for all. With your neighbor, live in harmony, with the stranger, live in harmony. With the refugee, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace. For the children, live in harmony. With the frightened, live in harmony. With the enemy, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace.

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

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

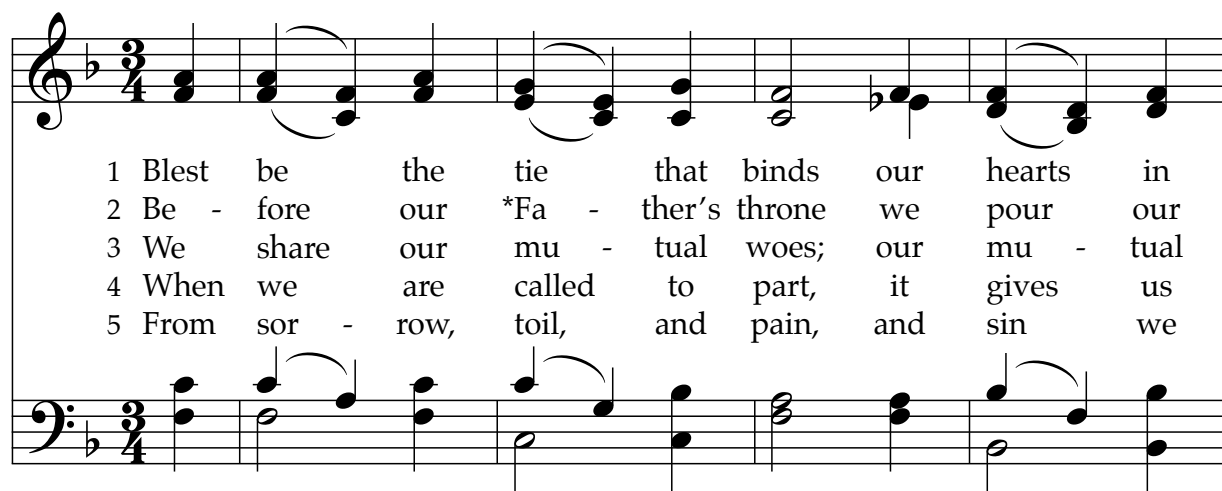
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

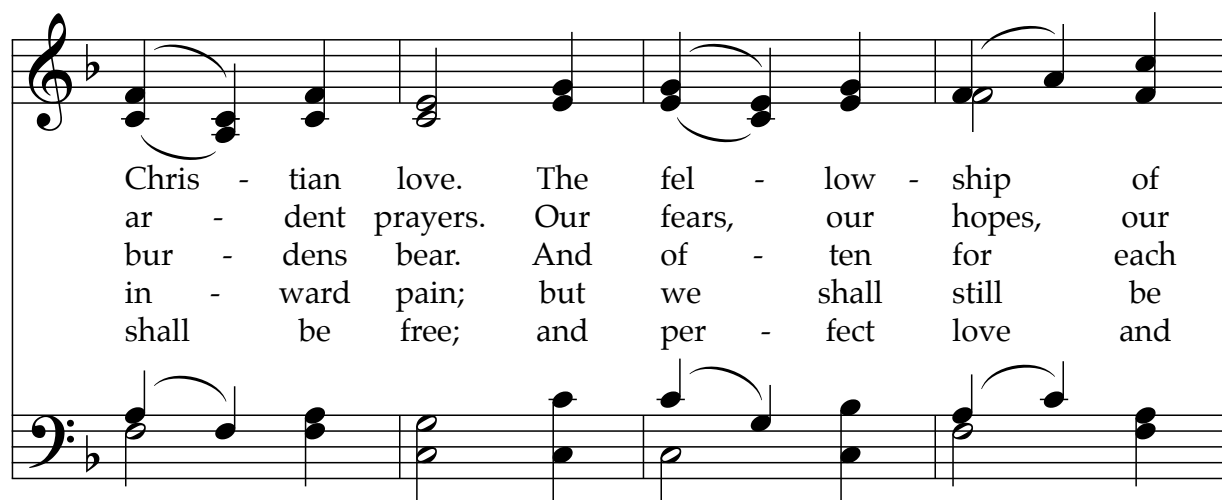
Rebecca Kirkpatrick

HYMN 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

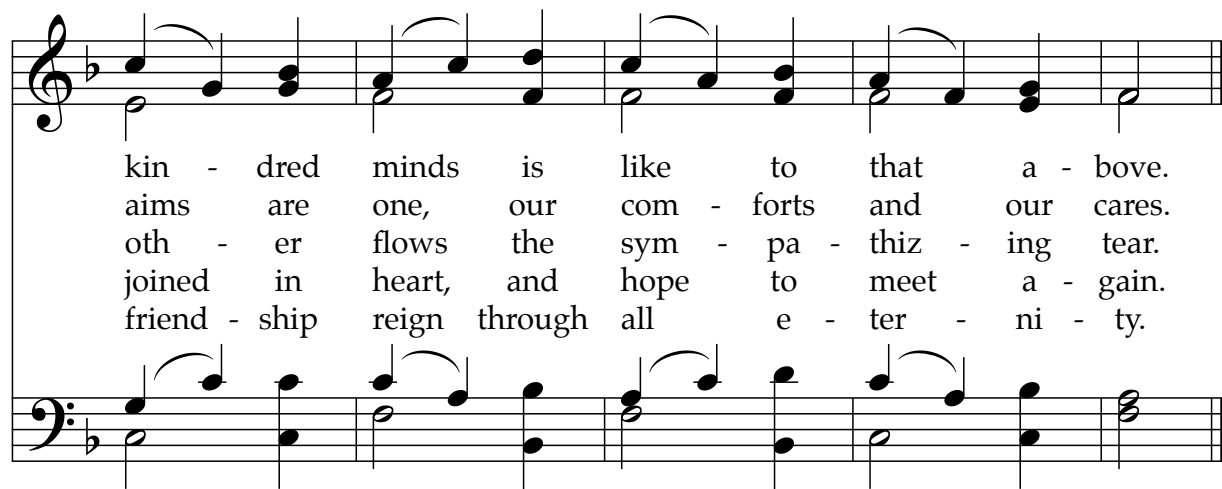
DENNIS



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
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 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

James Mackie - September 5, 2025

Judith Steck - September 5, 2025

Elizabeth Wilkins - September 8, 2025

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Gilman Scott.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Carter Graham Gerland, son of Meredith & Scott Gerland

Luca Patsy Mathews, son of Maddy & Steve Mathews

Wesley Jon Piper, son of Jill & Ted Piper

Miles Jeffrey Wasmuth, son of Gabby & Andrew Wasmuth

TODAY'S MUSIC

As we journey through sacred texts for beloved community, we focus this week on our communal role; the work of the church and the hands of the people that make it so. Our hymns this morning speak clearly to this theme, a reminder that we are the church, even through times of change and transition, in our own lives, in the life of this storied congregation, and in our world. Of particular note today is the first anthem, by the Hungarian composer Ernst von Dohnányi, 'Lous Iste.' Locus Iste is the gradual for the anniversary or dedication of a church, translating as "this place was made by God." As we gather to Worship, may we be in awe of this place, and thankful for those within it.

-James Kealey, Co-Director of Music & Fine Arts

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Liturgical Affirmation– *A New Zealand Prayer Book/Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa* (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia 1997)

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church as we enter this vibrant season of gathering, growing, and reconnecting. In these weeks, our ministries come alive with opportunities to learn, serve, and share in fellowship. Whether you are returning after the summer or visiting for the very first time, we are grateful for your presence in this community of faith.

Together, we seek to follow Christ with open hearts and willing hands. Inside this bulletin, you'll find ways to participate in worship, programs, and mission. May this season be a time of renewal and joy as we journey together in faith.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
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 in the Atrium 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 Worship 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

Sunday Morning Discussion Group.

Starting Sun., Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room. Join us as we explore Apostle Paul's Greatest Hits. This longstanding Sunday morning class is led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. This fall, this class will explore the letters of Paul as a guide for navigating the life of faith and discerning our calling amid the uncertainty and complexity of today's world. For information about joining the class, contact Paul MacMurray at katrmac2@icloud.com

Filling The Well. Starting Sun., Sept. 14, 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. This Sunday morning class for women will read and discuss a collection of writings by social activist Dorothy Day. In *The Reckless Way of Love*, we will reflect on Day's personal faith and how she sustained in the midst of the work of justice and change. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this class. For more information and to reserve a copy of the book, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmmpc.org

Youth Kickoff. Sun., Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Families will learn about upcoming programs this academic year, meet youth volunteers, complete waivers and informational forms for the year, and fellowship with other youth families throughout the church. Sunday morning programming for youth continues through May. Contact AndyGreenhow@bmmpc.org

Flora & Fauna Gallery Talk. Sun., Sept. 14, 11:15 a.m., Gallery. Artist Alice Dustin will be

in the gallery to discuss her new exhibition *Flora and Fauna*, a series of intimate, 6-inch-square oil portraits reflecting her bond with animals and concern for the environment. Painted *alla prima*, the works feature pets, farm animals, and imagined creatures, with a portion of proceeds supporting climate action. Many of the works are for sale. To inquire about purchasing a piece, please email ToriFisher@bmmpc.org

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Microaggressions in the Church. Sun., Sept. 28, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join Dr. Cody Sanders, of Lutheran Seminary, for a powerful conversation based on his book *Microaggressions in Ministry*, exploring how subtle acts of exclusion and bias show up in faith communities. This class will invite us to reflect on our own practices and learn how to cultivate more just, inclusive, and compassionate spaces for all. This class is sponsored by the BMPC Anti-Racism Committee.

Installation of Our New Associate Pastor. Sun., Sept. 21, 4:00 p.m., Chapel. Join us as we joyfully celebrate the installation of the Rev. Andy Greenhow as our Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families. All are warmly invited to attend and to stay for a reception following the service.

Mind, Body, Spirit: The What, Why, and How of Managing Anxiety. Wed., Oct. 1, 8, 22, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Feeling anxious has become an increasing issue for many of us. We will explore a variety of

solutions, including mindset management tools, meditation, contemplative prayer, and breathwork, among others, to allow us to self-manage anxious feelings. This class will be taught by BMPC member Terry Charlton. Contact, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Doing Good Together Service Day. Thurs., Oct. 2, 9:00 a.m., BMPC Campus & Offsite. On Yom Kippur, help neighbors near and far during a day of service for 1st-7th Graders. 1st-3rd Graders will stay on campus from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. 4th-7th Graders will go off-site to work with our mission partners from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Registration required by Sept. 26: bit.ly/DoingGoodTogether2025 Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Join a Connection Group. You are invited to be a part of our growing small group ministry, where weekly small gatherings of about ten BMPC members nurture faith, friendship, and meaningful conversation. Together we share life, grow spiritually, and build a community rooted in Christ's love. Join a group by contacting RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Men's Discussion Group. 2nd & 4th Wed., starting Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Join us as we explore *Why Religion?* by Dr. Elaine Pagels, a renowned Princeton religion scholar, whose powerful memoir weaves personal loss with profound insights into the enduring role of faith in human experience. This group will be led by the Rev. Andy Greenhow. To register and find out how to purchase the book, contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Community Garden Work Day. Sat., Sept. 20, 9:00 a.m., Bethel AME Church of Ardmore.

Join the Outreach Council for a Community Garden Work Day at The Bethel AME Church Community Garden. Together, we'll install herb and flower beds, plant fig trees, and care for the vegetable garden - all in support of community wellness, intergenerational learning, and food sovereignty. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org by Sept. 15 to sign up.

Digging Deeper. Sundays, Sept. 21 - Nov. 9, 8:45 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. This fall's class will explore the topic, Creation, Covenant, and Christ: Genesis and Christian Belief. Jesus, his disciples, and the early church treasured the scriptures we call the Old Testament. Reading the book of Genesis along with early Christians, we will explore the ties between its themes – of creation and covenant, sin and redemption, suffering and providence – and the Church's developing understanding of God as known in Christ. This fall's class will be led by Dr. Joshua Yoder. To sign up and receive the reading packet for the class, contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

The Role of Jesus in Islam. Sun. Sept. 21, 11:15 a.m. Fullerton Room. We are glad to welcome educator and interfaith advocate Naila Haider. Together, we will learn about key beliefs in Islam, including how Muslims understand God, the role of Jesus as a prophet, his miraculous birth, and his place in the story of faith alongside the Prophet Muhammad. We'll also explore how the Qur'an encourages respect across faiths and shared values.

Chorister for a Day. Sun., Sept. 21, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Curious about singing in the BMPC Children's Choirs? Come experience a fun, music-filled

morning at Chorister for a Day with singing, movement, fellowship, our brand new piano lab, and pizza. Children from Pre-K through 12th grade are welcome, with age-appropriate groups led by our music staff. Whether your child is brand new to singing or already has experience, this is a great opportunity to get involved and make new friends. Sign up at bit.ly/BMPCchoristers

Church Officer Nominations. Please submit your recommendations to the 2025 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 21, 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.

Looking for a Church Home? Sun., Oct. 5, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Liz Ellis for our “Discover BMPC” new member class, which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, Presbyterian heritage, and mission. Inquirers welcome. Visit bit.ly/DiscoverBMPC to register. Questions? Contact LizEllis@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Fall Food Drive. Sun., Sept. 28. The Hunger Committee invites the congregation to bring non-perishable donations to the Narthex on Sun., Sept. 28, before worship. Donations will be distributed among six of our local partners. Suggested donations include cold

cereals, spaghetti sauce, canned meals, soups (particularly hearty ones), peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruit or vegetables, canned beans, applesauce, dry pasta or macaroni and cheese, crackers, instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars, and single-serving snacks. To promote sustainability and at the request of our partner pantries, we encourage you to bring your donations in reusable grocery bags. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

BMPC Prayer Partners 2025-2026. We are so grateful to our Prayer Partners from this past year! Would you like to continue being a Prayer Partner or start being a Prayer Partner? Please sign up here so we can plan for our 2025-2026 prayer partner team: bit.ly/PrayerPartnerSignUp2025 For more information, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Flower Ministry. The BMPC Flower Committee needs volunteers to re-arrange the Sanctuary flowers after worship so the Deacons can deliver them to at-home members. This meaningful ministry takes about an hour following the 10:00 a.m. service and is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and creativity. New members are especially encouraged to join! If interested, contact MargoBennett@comcast.net

Soup Needed. We are replenishing our Soup Ministry supply! Please consider dropping off some soup of your favorite comforting recipe to be given to those in the congregation who need it. We have quart & pint containers with spill-proof lids and freezer-proof labels that you can pick up from the church. Please include the kind of soup, ingredients, and date made. For more information, please contact KathrynWest@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 105
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir & Baptism, Sanctuary & Livestreamed**
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Kickoff (Gr. 6-12), Gymnasium
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Flora & Fauna Gallery Talk, Gallery

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 10:30 a.m. TaiChi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room
- 4:30 p.m. Connection Group Facilitators' Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:00 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program Tutor Training, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fullerton Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. **Judith Smith Memorial Service, Chapel**
- 4:00 p.m. Judith Smith Memorial Service Reception, Congregational Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- 4:00 p.m. **Installation Service for the Rev. Andy Greenhow, Chapel**

Giving

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