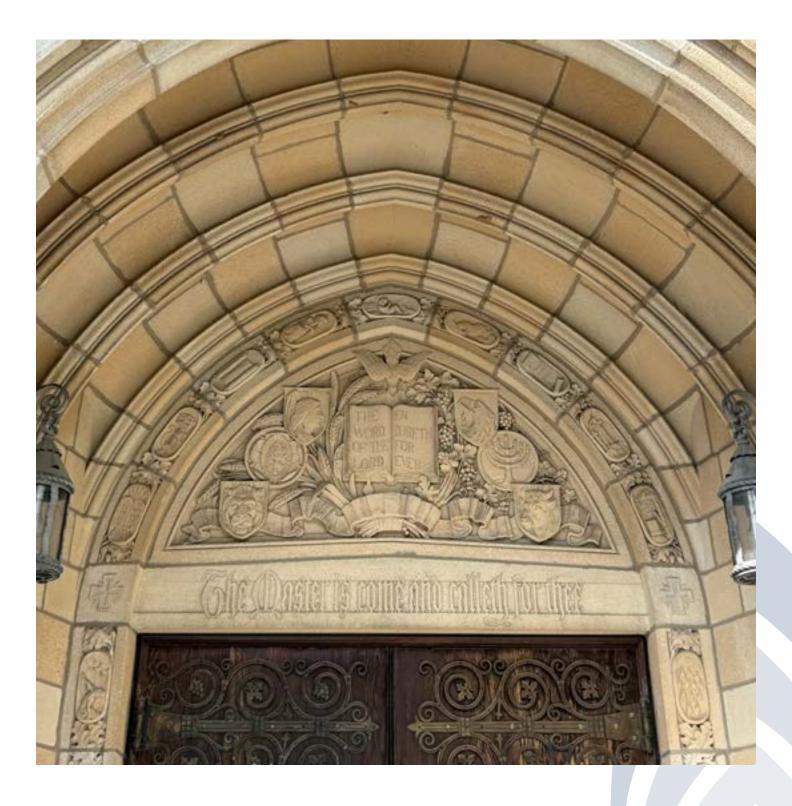


World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 5, 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 Suite du Troisième Ton

Jacques Boyvin

Daniel Carroll, organist

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating communion as one family dining together.

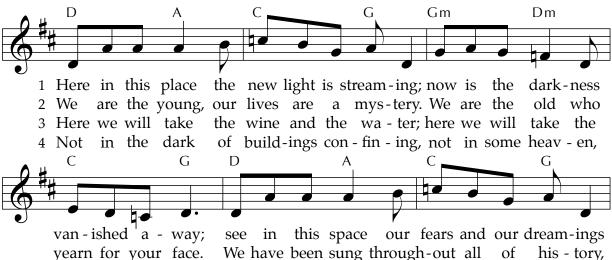
Our global sisters and brothers in Christ join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

One In Christ there is no east or west, no north or south, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

All May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

HYMN 401 Here in This Place

GATHER US IN



yearn for your face. We have been sung bread of new birth. Here you shall call light years a - way: here in this place

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings We have been sung through-out all of his - tory, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

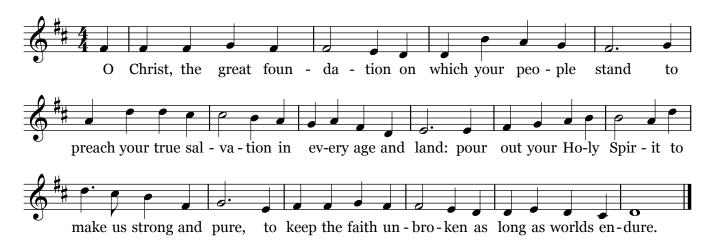
We gather at your table, O God, with Christians around the world today. You call us to be one body, united by one faith, one Lord, one baptism. And yet we are a fractured people amid a broken world. We cannot see beyond differences that divide us, and we feel helpless facing today's wars, violence and famine. Forgive us and embolden us to acts of love and service. Unite us in mission so that we may be instruments of your peace in the world.

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.

SENDING HYMN Go Now Children With Our Blessing



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 34:15-16, 25-31

(pg. 803 in pew Bible)

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and

I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild animals from the land, so that they may live in the wild and sleep in the woods securely. I will make them and the region around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. The trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. They shall be secure on their soil, and they shall know that I am the Lord when I break

the bars of their yoke and save them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They shall no more be plunder for the nations, nor shall the animals of the land devour them; they shall live in safety, and no one shall make them afraid. I will provide for them a splendid vegetation so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land and no longer suffer the insults of the nations. They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God.

ANTHEM Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from You. Your peace, You give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, You are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

SECOND LESSON John 3:11-17

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 94 in pew Bible)

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the

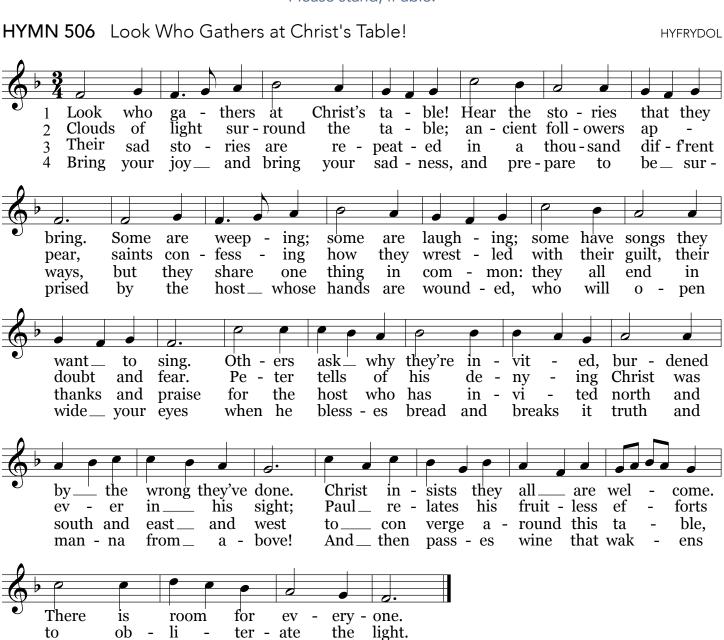
One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.



INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Unity

Glorainne Moore

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

At the conductor's cue, the congregation joins in singing:





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

Selections from "Suite in D minor"

Louis Marchand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 346 For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS (WADE)



POSTLUDE Voices of the World

lain Farrington

James Kealey, organist

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beverly C. & Albert L. Foster and Sarah Louise & Thor W. Johnson.

TODAY'S MUSIC

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Protestant denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It is a tradition initiated in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr, who ministered at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. In that spirit of unity, today's choral music comes from America's African American singing tradition. This repertoire, encompassing spirituals and, in the 20th century, gospel music, is sung all over the world. The choir witnessed its unique way of speaking directly to the human spirit in concert tours throughout Europe, South Africa, Cuba and Brazil. It was this repertoire that brought French audiences to their feet this past summer. Total Praise is a stirring setting of Psalm 121. Richard Smallwood wrote the song, during a time when he was serving as a caregiver to his mother who was experiencing dementia and a family friend who was dying of cancer. Smallwood explained, "I felt left by God, I was trying to write a pity-party song, but God pulled me to do a praise song. God said, 'I want your praise no matter what the situation you are in, good or bad.' It's about trusting him." Unity is an earnest plea for peace. "Lord, we pray for unity" becomes an endless refrain which in today's brokenness seems especially timely. (Note that you will be invited to join the choir during the chorus of Unity.) This morning's postlude, Voices of the World was composed for the 2023 Coronation of King Charles III in Westminster Abbey, London. It was commissioned as a tribute to the Commonwealth of Nations, and the piece quotes traditional melodies from a number of different Commonwealth countries. They are nearly all derived from popular or folk sources, and represent a tiny snapshot of the huge variety of global musical traditions. All the melodies are grouped together by their continents: Africa (Nigeria, Zambia, Ghana, South Africa), Asia (India, Pakistan), North America (Canada, Jamaica), Australasia (Australia), and Europe (UK).

- Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts

THE COMMUNION TABLECLOTH

Given to BMPC by the Near Eastern Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon, in 2008.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowksi 9

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

Agnes

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

Looking for a Church Home? Sun., Oct. 5, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. 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

What the Church Has to Learn from Internet Conspiracism. Sun., Oct. 5, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The rise of conspiracy theories on the internet presents many difficult challenges, especially for churches called to proclaim truth. This conversation will be led by the Rev. Andy Greenhow, who argues that through reclaiming the weirdness of our Christian tradition and loving those struggling to find community, the church can begin to address the harm done by internet conspiracism.

p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals, featuring the local folk band Midnight on the Water.

UPCOMING & ONGOING

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

The Labyrinth Ministry. Tues., Oct. 7, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to walk our Chartres canvas labyrinth. Quiet your mind, calm your anxieties, welcome insight and reduce stress. If your group is over five people, kindly let KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org know ahead of time.

Holy Leisure Potluck. Fri., Oct. 10, 6:00 p.m., Home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion. Page Talbott, M.A., Ph.D., Director of Museum Outreach, Lenfest Center for Cultural Partnership at Drexel University, will lead the topic: "Contemporary Stories; Historical Artifacts." RSVP online with a shared food item at bit.ly/HolyLeisureOct2025 Contact bmpc.holy.leisure@gmail.com

Environmental Justice and Racial Injustice in Southwest Philadelphia. Sun., Oct. 12, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. In his book, *Tinicum and Eastwick*, author and activist Will Caverly explores the entwined histories of ecological degradation and systemic racism, revealing how environmental and racial injustices have shaped the lived experiences of communities in Southwest Philadelphia. Join us as Will shares his work and engages us in a conversation around our own work as advocates for justice.

p.m., Witherspoon & Youth Lounge. For this monthly series, experts from the Middleton Counseling Center will offer positive parenting strategies for parents of 6th-12th graders, with concurrent programming for youth. Adults will meet in Witherspoon Parlor; youth meet in the Youth Lounge. Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance

Day. Wed., Oct. 15, 6:15 p.m., Chapel. We invite families and individuals affected by pregnancy or infant loss to join us in a day of quiet reflection, prayer, and remembrance. The chapel will be open throughout the day for anyone seeking a peaceful space to honor and remember the lives touched by loss. At 6:15 p.m., we will gather for a meaningful service to recognize and hold space for these precious lives. Come as you are. All are welcome to share in this sacred time of support and healing. Contact ColleenCatania@bmpc.org

Individualized Educational Program (IEP) Parent Gathering. Thurs., Oct. 16, 9:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor. If your family is navigating an Individualized Education Program (IEP), exploring early intervention, or considering related supports, join us for connection, encouragement, and practical resources. This gathering offers a welcoming space to share experiences, build strength, and support one another as we learn to advocate confidently for our children. Feel free to invite friends who are also seeking a caring community. Walking through the IEP process can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Contact MaryRichards@

Explore Our New Website Together. Sun., Oct. 19, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a Sunday morning forum introducing our church's new website, designed to keep you connected and informed. We'll walk through how to navigate key features, find important updates, and stay engaged with all that's happening in our church community.

Alice Dustin: Flora & Fauna - Gallery Reception. Sun., Oct. 19, 2:00 p.m., Gallery. Meet the artist one last time! Alice Dustin will be on hand to host a special gallery reception with light refreshments and snacks, sharing her intimate oil portraits of pets, farm animals, and imagined creatures. Enjoy this chance to see the work up close, talk with the artist, and celebrate creativity before the exhibition closes on Sun., Oct. 26. All works are for sale, with a portion of proceeds supporting climate action. To inquire about purchasing a piece, please email ToriFisher@ bmpc.org

Member Perspectives: Artists of BMPC.

Submission form due Sun., Oct. 19. BMPC invites members to share their creativity in Member Perspectives: Artists of BMPC, an exhibition on view Nov. 2 - Dec. 21. Artists may submit two-dimensional, hangable works in any medium by completing the intent-to-participate form and delivering installation-ready artwork on Tues., Oct. 28, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the BMPC Gallery. The show opens on Sunday, November 2, at 11:15 a.m. Submit works using the online form at bit.ly/ MembersShow2025

Rehearsing Scripture Bible Study.

Mon., Oct. 20, 27, and Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. In her book, *Rehearsing* Scripture, Dr. Anna Carter Florence, our fall Theologian in Residence, invites readers into a dynamic, participatory approach to reading the Bible, to engage Scripture with curiosity, imagination, and community. This three-week class, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Dr. Joshua Yoder, will draw upon these techniques for reading scripture with one another, as we look forward to Anna's time with us in November. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org to register for the class. No book required.

Sign Up for the Christmas Eve Pageant.

Sign up by Mon., Nov. 3 if your child wants to participate in the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Wed., Dec. 24. Our youngest participants must be at least three years old (our sheep!). Registration required: bit.ly/ChristmasParticipant2025 Volunteers needed! Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Middle School Retreat at Johnsonburg.

Fri., Dec. 5- Sun., Dec. 7. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to a Middle School Retreat at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. The cost is \$175, with scholarships available. Register by Thurs., Nov. 20: bit.ly/MiddleSchoolRetreat2025 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Youth & Young Adult Pilgrimage to

Taizé. Sat., July 10- Mon., July 20. Current Youth (Ages 15 years and older) and Young Adults (Ages 20-30 years), are invited to the Pilgrimage to Taizé, France. Register by Wed., Dec. 31. Current Youth: bit.ly/YoungAdultTaize Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Casserole Blitz. Sat., Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family-friendly activity (children over age 5) working with fellow BMPC folks to support a good cause while preparing casseroles for area shelters. Upcoming Dates: Nov. 15 and Dec. 13. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP

Front Desk Volunteers Needed. Be a welcoming presence for members and visitors! Front Desk Receptionists greet guests, answer and transfer calls, and use our online church directory. Shifts are flexible—just 2 hours or more—and a brief screening helps ensure a good fit. If you're comfortable with people, phones, and computers, this could be a wonderful way to serve.

Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this offering through envelopes in the pews today by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You may give online: bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering

Join Us in the Fight Against Hunger.

Through the BMPC Hunger Fund, our congregation supports more than eighteen food pantries and feeding programs in Greater Philadelphia and helps provide over 1,000 casseroles each year. Your gifts make this possible and strengthen the work of our partners serving neighbors in need. Give using the white Hunger Envelopes in your pew rack or make a one-time or recurring gift online: onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger

Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 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, Witherspoon Parlor 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 105 9:00 a.m. Flora & Fauna Exhibit, Gallery 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg. 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary** & Livestreamed Youth Gathering (Gr. 6-12), Gymnasium 10:00 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall Atrium Cafe, Atrium 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. What the Church Has to Learn from Internet Conspiracism, Fullerton Room 11:15 a.m. Discover BMPC, Congregational Hall Blessing of the Animals Evening Worship, Front Lawn 4:00 p.m. MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 Youth Ministry Council, Gymnasium Youth Lounge 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium 10:00 a.m. Monthly Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall 10:30 a.m. TaiChi (hybrid), Gymnasium Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium 1:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

4:30 p.m. Piano Class A, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

6:00 p.m. Piano Class B, Fine Arts Center

7:00 p.m. Mind, Body, Spirit: Managing Anxiety, Witherspoon Parlor

7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Cannon Room

5:30 p.m. Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, Off Campus

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00 a.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

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, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

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.

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