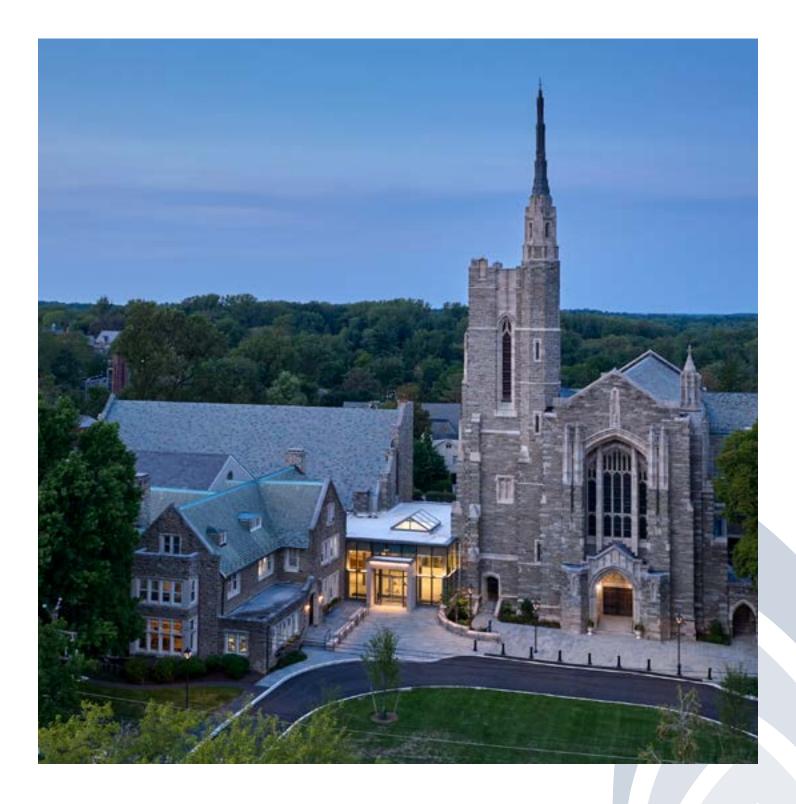


Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 16, 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

Meditācija Lucija Garūta

Daniel Carroll, organist

Father, We Praise Thee Jacob B. Weber

Bells of Bryn Mawr

WELCOME Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Sing to the Lord a new song.

All Make a joyful noise, all the earth!

One Shout with the waves and the crashing seas!

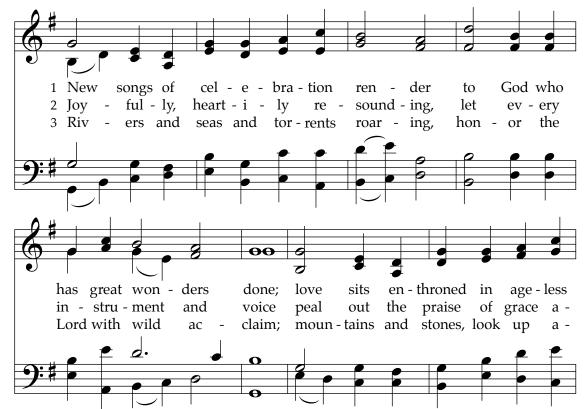
All Rejoice with the mountains and the hills!

One Let us worship the Lord who has done marvelous things;

All Whose steadfast love endures forever.

HYMN 371 New Songs of Celebration Render

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CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim your good news, but we often remain silent. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we get distracted by our concerns. Forgive us, Lord. Call us again and by the power of your Spirit give us the courage and the strength to follow where you lead.

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 Gloria

James Kealey



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



FIRST LESSON Psalm 98:1-9

(pg. 551 in pew Bible)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with

ANTHEM All You Works of the Lord, Bless the Lord

Kenneth Jennings

Valerie Haber, soprano, and Mike Hogue, tenor

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever. You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord; you heavens bless the Lord; all you pow'rs of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever. You sun and moon, bless the Lord; you stars of heaven, bless the Lord; you showers and dew, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever. You winds of God, bless the Lord; you fire and heat, bless the Lord; you winter and summer, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever. You dews and frost, bless the Lord; you frost and cold, bless the Lord; you ice and snow, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever. You nights and days, bless the Lord; you light and darkness, bless the Lord; you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever. Let the earth bless the Lord; you mountains and hills, bless the Lord; all you green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever. You wells and springs, bless the Lord; praise him and magnify him forever, you rivers and seas, bless the Lord; you whales and all who move in the waters, bless the Lord. Praise him and magnify him forever. All you birds of the air, bless the Lord; all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord; all you children of mortals, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forever. You people of God bless the Lord; you priests of the Lord bless the Lord; you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise him and magnify him forevermore. You spirits and souls of the righteous: you pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord; let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, praise him and magnify him forever. Amen.

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SECOND LESSON Haggai 1:15b-2:9

(pg. 878 in pew Bible)

On the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twentyfirst day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: "Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say: Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land,

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON How Long is "A Little While?"

says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land, and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts."

Rachel Pedersen

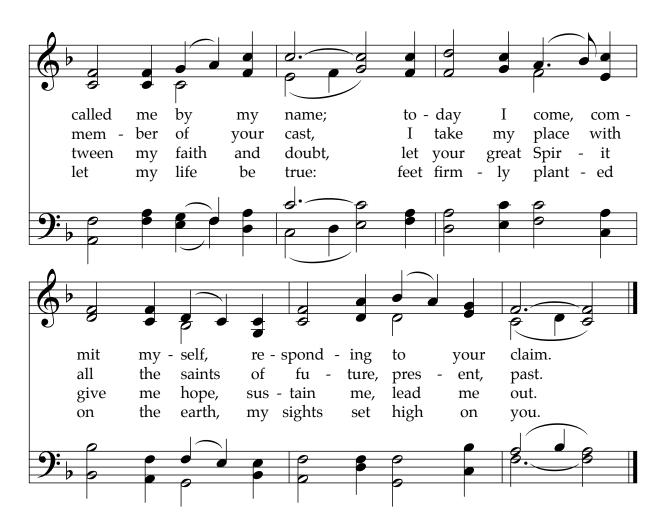
Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.



LAND OF REST





AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

All Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgement and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to the present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the Kingdom of God on earth, nor does it dispair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

- from The Confession of 1967

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

ADVENT GIVING TO MISSION MINISTRY MOMENT

Susan Swanson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar L. Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

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

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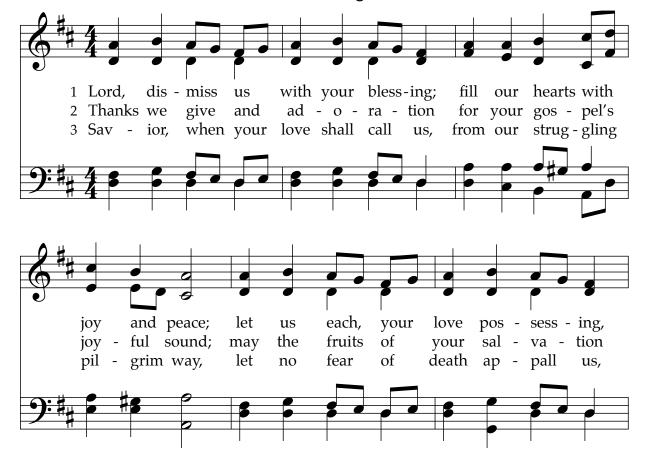
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

HYMN 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS





BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE Concert Overture in C minor

Alfred Hollins

James Kealey, organist

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Barbara Stelwagon - November 6, 2025

Worship Notes

BELLS OF BRYN MAWR

Bill Adelhelm, Tony Brown, Linda Butz, Rebecca Everett, Beverly Fleuter, Linda Gamble, Adrienne Lucas, Paul McConnell, Peter McConnell, Rob Mygatt, and Holly Stafford. Tori Fisher, Director.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Kenneth Jennings was the third director of the renowned St. Olaf Choir, which he led from 1968–1990. As a composer, he was noted for consummate craftsmanship and meticulous attention to the text. All You Works of the Lord was composed in 1981. The text is a paraphrase of the Song of the Three Young Men, which has often been included in later Greek versions of the Book of Daniel. The authenticity of this text, along with other books called the "Deuterocanonical" books or the "Apocryphal" books, has been called into question throughout history. This vivid text invites us to open our eyes to the new creation, which has its beginning with the resurrection of Jesus. Edgar Bainton's And I Saw a New Heaven takes its text from the opening verses of Revelation, Chapter 21, where John speaks of his awe at seeing the new heaven and new earth. The imagery of Revelation is exceptionally rich: the sea, which had been home to the Beast of Revelation (Revelation 13:1), is no more; there is no more death, no more pain, "for the old things are passed away." Apart from the words of Jesus that are spoken from His throne—His words that proclaim, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men"—Bainton's setting of this memorable text is warm and contemplative. Written in 1928, And I Saw a New Heaven has achieved status as one of the most beloved and frequently performed of all choral anthems, both in England and the United States.

- Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Nancy Lawrence Hill

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church! As the leaves turn and our ministries come alive with new energy, we rejoice in the many ways the Spirit gathers us together in worship, learning, and service. Whether you have been part of this congregation for years or are visiting for the first time, we are grateful for your presence.

This is a season of renewal and reconnection—a time to grow in faith, build relationships, and share in God's work in the world. Inside this bulletin, you'll find opportunities to participate in the vibrant life of our church. May our worship today strengthen your spirit and remind us all of the joy of belonging to this community of faith.

— The Pastors of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

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 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

The Meaning of Midrash. Sun., Nov. 16, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Join Rabbi David Straus for a thought-provoking class on the meaning and significance of midrash—the ancient Jewish tradition of interpreting Scripture through storytelling, questions, and imagination. Together, we'll explore how midrash can deepen our understanding of the Bible and enrich our own faith today.

Open Gym for Youth. Sun., Nov. 16, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Youth are invited to join the Rev. Andy Greenhow, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families, and Andrew Reeves, Facilities Specialist, for friendly games of H.O.R.S.E., trick shot attempts, and maybe an informal 1-on-1 tournament. Come as you are for some basketball fun.

Organ Recital, Jeffrey Brillhart: These Are My Favorite Things. Sun., Nov. 16, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary and livestreamed. Join us for an inspiring afternoon as Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts at BMPC, presents *These Are My Favorite Things*, a personal selection of organ works that have shaped his musical journey. This free recital offers both longtime organ enthusiasts and new listeners a moment of reflection and joy. All are welcome to this free event. Contact ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Bryn Mawr Gives Love. Stewardship 2026. Stewardship is our response to God's love that is extended to us every moment of every day. Mission and outreach are our tangible

extension of that love. UCHC, the University City Hospitality Coalition, gets casseroles, financial assistance, and volunteer time from BMPC to help address hunger in West Philadelphia. Thank you for helping BMPC to show our love!

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Urban Suburban Book Group. Tues., Nov. 18, 12:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. All are invited to join us in discussion about the memoir, *Crossing the Line* by Kareem Rosser. A memoir of defying the odds, West Philadelphian Kareem Rosser becomes captain of the first all-Black squad to win the National Interscholastic Polo Championship. Please bring your lunch and beverage; dessert will be provided.

LGBTQ @ BMPC. Wed., Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Come as you are and find connection in a welcoming, affirming space for all. This biweekly gathering (first and third Wednesday evenings each month) offers a judgment-free environment to build community, share experiences, ask questions, and receive support. For more information or to connect with our volunteer facilitators, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@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 at bit.ly/MiddleSchoolRetreat2025 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Family Movie Night Featuring "The Star."

Fri., Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a family movie night with pizza, popcorn, and hot chocolate! RSVP requested so we can plan for the correct amount of food: bit.ly/TheStarMovieNight Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Advent Giving to Mission. Sun., Nov. 23, 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

Chapel Piano Rededication Concert. Sun., Nov. 23, 2:00 p.m., Chapel. Join us for a special afternoon of music celebrating the restoration of the Chapel's beloved 1926 Steinway Model-A grand piano. Gifted to BMPC by May Toren and newly restored in 2025, this historic instrument once again shines with its rich tone and craftsmanship. Experience its renewed brilliance in a rededication concert featuring beautiful piano works in the warm, intimate setting of the Chapel.

Advent Harpsichord Series. Tuesdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, noon, Sanctuary. Take a midweek musical break this Advent with our Tuesday at Noon Harpsichord Series, featuring performances by John Walthausen, Silvanio Reis, Jeffrey Brillhart, and Gabriel Benton. Enjoy beautiful early and Baroque music on BMPC's exquisite 1966 William Dowd-built Robert Hauptfuhrer Memorial Harpsichord. Experience a peaceful and inspiring pause in the Sanctuary each Tuesday of Advent.

CARING AND SHARING

Turkey Collection. Help ensure every family has a Thanksgiving meal this year. The Hunger Committee is collecting frozen turkeys (up to 15 lbs.) for distribution throughout November. Donations should be received by Wed., Nov. 19, but early contributions are especially appreciated to help meet community needs. Turkeys may be dropped off in the Ministries Center, using any of the freezers located downstairs. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

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/BMPCChristmasFlowers by Sun., Nov. 30.

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, NOVEMBER 16

SONDAT, NOVEMBER TO	
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.	Member Perspectives Exhibit, Gallery
9:55 a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m.	Youth Gathering (Gr. 6-12), Gymnasium
10:00 a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary & Livestreamed
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
11:00 a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15 a.m.	The Meaning of Midrash, Fullerton Room
11:15 a.m.	Open Gym for Youth, Gymnasium
2:00 p.m.	Organ Recital: Jeffrey Brillhart, Sanctuary
3:30 p.m.	Recital and Gallery Reception, Gallery and Court
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17	
7:00 p.m.	Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:30 p.m.	FIT4MOM DELCO, Gymnasium
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18	
9:00 a.m.	Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30 a.m.	TaiChi (hybrid), Gymnasium
12:00 p.m.	Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Rom
1:00 p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
6:00 p.m.	Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

6:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

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. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

7:00 p.m. LGBTQ@BMPC, Converse House Parlor

7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night: "The Star," Congregational Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 a.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

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 23

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed

The Rev. Andy Greenhow will preach.

Giving

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