



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 2025

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



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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 Air

Gerre Hancock

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Through the seas and over the deserts, in the face of danger and fear,

All God leads us to life!

One In the heart of the city, high on the hills, on roadways, and in the wilderness,

All God calls us to serve!

One Calming the storms, turning over the tables, rescuing the lost, and healing the sick,

All God makes a new way!

One Family of God, gathered and redeemed, we come into the presence of the Almighty.

All Let us worship the Lord together.

HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Source of Wisdom and Giver of Life, you call us your disciples, but we doubt our credentials. You send us to serve, but we hold back, uncertain that we have enough. You ask for our lives, but we give only a portion. Forgive our hard hearts and our stiff necks. Turn our eyes so that we may look again and learn from your Son, the perfecter of our faith.

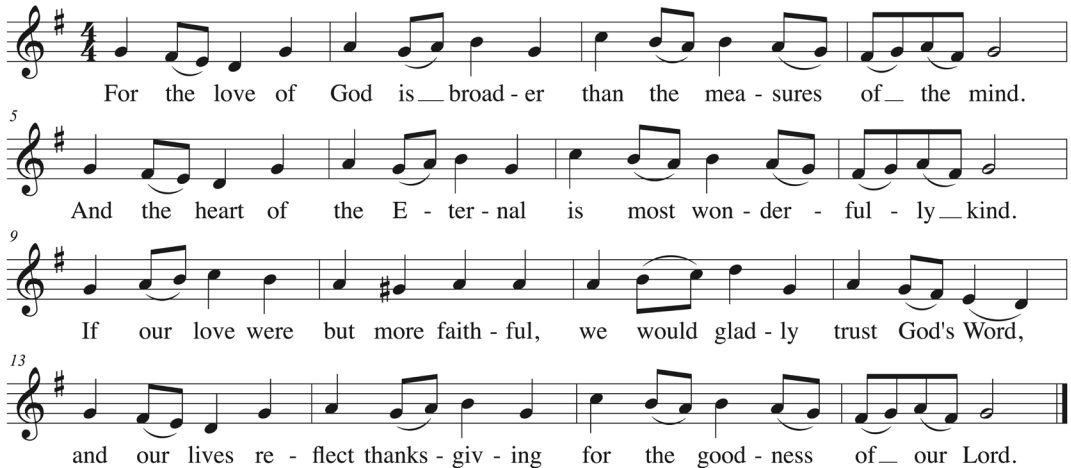
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

SUNG RESPONSE

IN BABILONE



For the love of God is__ broad - er than the mea - sures of__ the mind.

And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly__ kind.

If our love were but more faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word,

and our lives re - flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of__ our Lord.

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

(pg. 540 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Rachel Pedersen

(pg. 226 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Time Would Fail Me*

Rachel Pedersen

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 326 For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Andy Greenhow

All We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

~ from a *Brief Statement of Faith*

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 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON
arr. Roland Martin

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood;

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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

Andy Greenhow

HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE Processional

William Mathias

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Bob and Bryan Hauptfuhrer.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

BMPC Sanctuary. Photo by Dave Tavani.

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church during this season of Pentecost—a time of growth, learning, and deepening discipleship. Just as the Spirit empowered the early church, we trust that same Spirit is moving among us now, calling us to live out our faith with courage and compassion.

Whether you've been part of this community for years or are worshiping with us for the first time, we're grateful for your presence. Through worship, fellowship, and service, may we be renewed and inspired to follow Christ more faithfully. Inside this bulletin, you'll find opportunities to grow in faith and engage more fully in the life of the church.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased 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. 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/livestream 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

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunger Doesn't Take a Break in the Summer! While donations to the BMPC Hunger Fund drop off in the summer months, the needs remain steady for our partners throughout the year. A larger donation of \$1000 to the Hunger Fund this summer can help a pantry partner replace a refrigerator or freezer. Make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift to the Hunger Fund online: onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger

Blessing of the Backpacks. Sun., Aug. 24, 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

Child & Youth Protection Training. Wed., Aug. 27, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room & Zoom & Fri., Sept. 5, 10:00 a.m., Cannon Room & Zoom. Annual training is required for all volunteers working with children and youth. Register at bit.ly/BMPCChildandYouthTraining. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Bone Boost Yoga. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 3, 9:30 a.m., Gymnasium & virtual.

This 60-minute mat & chair yoga class focuses on bone strength and is geared for persons with osteopenia, osteoporosis, or those proactive about bone health. While intended for participants of all levels, aged 50+, you must be able to sit on and rise from a mat. Cost: \$105 for 7 week class. Register at bit.ly/45F1fg3Register
Contact YOGA206@icloud.com

Rally Day and Ministry Fair. Sun., Sept. 7, 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, then stick around for a morning full of food, fellowship, and fun where you can explore ways to get connected. All are welcome!

Great Decisions. Mondays, Sep. 8, Oct 6., Nov 3, 10:00 a.m., virtual. BMPC member Bob Martin leads our monthly programs based on the Great Decisions curriculum, a nonpartisan global affairs education program that explores pressing international issues through expert analysis, discussion questions, and policy options for informed civic engagement. The classes are free and open to all, but registration is required to receive materials and the Zoom links. Contact TiaraHarris@bmpc.org

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Sanctuary Communion Table. Our beloved Communion Table is currently being restored and refinished off-site over the next several weeks. We give thanks for our Facilities Team and Property Committee for the ways that they help us care for our sacred spaces.

Summer Choir. Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary. All singers ages 12+ are invited to join our informal Summer Choir! Come any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal, then sing in the 10:00 a.m. service. We sing one anthem, hymns, and a closing response - no robes, no sign-up, no long-term commitment. Come lend your voice and help lead worship!

Join the Sanctuary Choir. Sun., Aug. 17 and 24, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The Sanctuary Choir invites new members to sing during the upcoming 2025-2026 season. If you are interested in joining, please go to the choir loft following the postlude to learn about this opportunity and audition. Contact ToriFisher@bmpc.org

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

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.

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

CARING AND SHARING

BMPC Tutoring Adult Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to support our longstanding peer tutoring program held on Tuesday nights here at BMPC. Local high school students provide literacy support to students from the William Dick Elementary School in Philly. Volunteer opportunities include classroom support, rotating meal preparation, and other behind-the-scenes assistance for the program. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Help Lead Our Mission Efforts. BMPC has eight different committees that lead the church in its mission work, both locally and in partnership with global organizations worldwide. If you are interested in joining a mission committee or exploring other hands-on ways to get involved in mission at BMPC, please contact LizEllis@bmpc.org, our Director of Engagement.

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in August 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. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 9:00 a.m. COLOR! Where Music and Art Meet Exhibit, Gallery
- 10:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School 3s and 4s, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 206
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Together Sunday (Rising Grades 4-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary & Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Rising K-3rd Grade), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Interim Pastor Search Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

No events scheduled.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. **Frank Bowen Memorial Service, Sanctuary**
- 12:00 p.m. Frank Bowen Reception, Congregational Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- The Rev. Andy Greenhow 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!



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Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Andy Greenhow, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Kirby Lawrence Hill, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts

James Kealey, Co-Director of Music & Fine Arts