

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 11, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and introduce yourself to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

NO PRE-REGISTRATION OR CHECK-IN REQUIRED TO ATTEND SERVICES.

Per the CDC, masks are optional if you have been fully vaccinated for two weeks or more. Unvaccinated people are required to wear masks on the church campus and inside church buildings. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that COVID vaccines are not available to children under 12 at this time.

LIVESTREAM CHURCH SERVICES.

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service will be posted on our Worship Services page on the following day.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: www.bmpc.org.

Today's Schedule

Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Dialogue and Drinks

4:30 p.m., Foerderer House Patio

Registration required.

See announcement on page 8.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Benedictus

Max Reger

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.

**All: One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

One: Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**All: their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

One: Let us worship God with hymns of praise.

† HYMN 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Creator God, you invite us not to worry, but we tie ourselves in knots with anxiety. We worry about the welfare of the world, those we love and ourselves. We are anxious about yesterday's wrongs we cannot undo and tomorrow's uncertainties. Forgive our anxiety, O God, and fill our hearts with gratitude for all that we have been given for an abundant and joyful life. Direct our eyes toward the splendor of the natural world around us that we may learn from the lilies of the field and the birds of the air to depend on you and to become better stewards of your goodness.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21 (*p. 672 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM

By the Grace of the Spirit

Andrew Gant

Corinn Altomare, soloist

By the grace of the Spirit we find God in the mist of dawn, in the shadows of the forest, in the leaping of the fawn. We discover in hushed moments God's own pure serenity, and we sing Alleluia. By the grace of the Spirit we find God in music's air as both song and joyous anthem bind our hearts in concord rare. In the melodies of grateful praise we define God's sanctity, and we sing Alleluia. By the grace of the Spirit we find God in Bethlehem's stall, in Epiphany, in passion, on the Cross Christ bore for all. We acknowledge the ascension of the blessed Lamb of God, and we sing Alleluia. By the grace of the Spirit we exalt the Father's name when we validate in mission full redemption through Christ's claim. May the counsel of the Spirit guide us in God's holy way as we sing Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 24 (*p. 502 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Earth is the Lord's

Agnes W. Norfleet

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HYMN 30

O God, in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Rachel Pedersen

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

**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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†	HYMN 37	Let All Things Now Living	ASH GROVE
	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Improvisation	Jeffrey Brillhart

WORSHIP NOTES

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

J. Kennedy W. “Ken” Barclay ~ July 3, 2021

Jane McCombs ~ July 4, 2021

Gwen Clendenning ~ July 5, 2021

Announcements

UPDATE ON DRIVEWAY CLOSURE. On Mon., Aug. 2, temporary fencing will be put up along Montgomery Avenue, and the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel is expected to be closed for a month. The Sanctuary, Chapel and Education Building will be accessible via the back parking lot. All vehicles must enter the campus from Radnor Street.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2021-2022 via the nominating forms found here: <http://bit.ly/nominating-form-2021>. Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. While our Worship Committee looks for a new Sunday Flower Coordinator, we are grateful to the volunteers who have provided beautiful greenery and flowers inside and outside our Sanctuary this spring and summer. Now that we are gathering for in-person worship in the Sanctuary, we have spots available for donors who would like to give flowers in memory of or honor of loved ones. If you wish to donate flowers for a Sunday worship service, contact Lauren Ellis, LEllis@bmpc.org.

SUMMER PODCAST. Join us for a second season of the BMPC Summer Podcast, a limited podcast series during this time when we are coming back together slowly as a church. Subscribe to the podcast via Apple Podcast, Google Podcast and Spotify, or listen to episodes online: <https://bit.ly/SummerPodcast>.

ANTI-RACISM SUMMER SCHOOL. This summer we are launching an online platform to help members follow the important journey of anti-racism. You are invited to share resources with one another, engage in challenging conversations, and respond to new video trainings from a leading national anti-racism training organization. All of our online reflections and conversations will be asynchronous, meaning that you are invited to participate when you can throughout the summer, via a private online forum. For questions or more information, contact the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick at RKirkpatrick@bmpc.org. For registration, visit <http://bitly.ws/dMFU>.

Today

DIALOGUE AND DRINKS. Sundays, July 11 and 18, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Foerderer House Patio. BMPC pastors will lead informal conversations with neighboring clergy members as we explore one another's traditions, our community life, and the ways that BMPC is partnering with these congregations. On July 11 we are joined by Rabbi Geri Newburge who will become the new senior rabbi at Main Line Reform Temple.

All are welcome to bring their own drinks, alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Space is limited to 30 attendees, and pre-registration is required. Register for the following dates:

July 11: <https://bit.ly/DialogueDrinks-July11>

July 18: <http://bit.ly/DialogueDrinks-July18>

This Week

YOGA CLASSES. BMPC is hosting a new Gentle Hatha Yoga class on campus. Rosa Giletti brings more than 45 years of experience to her students. Classes are held on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Remaining dates: July 12, 19 and 26. Contact Rosa at 267-644-9685 for class details.

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years, at rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

PLAYGROUND MEETUP. Tues., July 13 at 3:00 p.m. and Tues., July 27 at 11:00 a.m., BMPC Playground. Come meet up with other young families for a time of play and fellowship. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

VIRTUAL SMOKEFREE PROGRAM. Main Line Health's SmokeFREE program is a free six-week behavior management program designed to help smokers/vapers quit. Participants may be eligible to receive free nicotine replacement therapy. Five different sessions with start dates in July through August are available. Flyers are available in the Narthex in the Sanctuary or view flyer online here:

<https://bit.ly/2021-smokefree-summer>. To register for any SmokeFREE class, call 484-227- FREE.

BMPC YOUTH CAMP AT JOHNSONBURG. Aug. 1-4. For rising sixth to 12th graders, our vibrant camp tradition is spearheaded by a team of BMPC staff and volunteer leaders. Camp provides a perfect opportunity for youth at all levels of church involvement to build lifelong relationships, experience the joy of the outdoors, and ask bold questions about life and faith in a safe and supportive environment. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/jburg-camp>. Scholarships available. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

DEACONS' RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Aug. 2, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. To sign up to donate blood: <http://bit.ly/2021-blood-drive>.

Calendar

Sunday, July 11, 2021

- 8:30 a.m. Digging Deeper Bible Study, Virtual
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
- 4:30 p.m. Dialogue & Drinks, Foerderer House Patio

Monday, July 12, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Thursday, July 15, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Book Group, Virtual

Friday, July 16, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Saturday, July 17, 2021

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library
- 11:00 a.m. **Hayley E. Craig Memorial Service, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**

Sunday, July 18, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

Introducing Jack Liskey, Youth Director



My name is Jack Liskey and I am from Crown Point, Indiana, and I am so excited to start working as BMPC's Youth Director! I have two hysterical brothers, a one-of-a-kind sister, and a huge extended family full of awesome characters, as well as an incredible girlfriend – all of whom have helped me get to this next journey in Bryn Mawr. I recently graduated with a degree in psychology and theology from Concordia University Chicago. At Concordia, I also was part of the men's lacrosse team as well as president of Lighthouse Ministries (a student-led ministry and Bible study group). I love all things related to youth ministry, and I am thrilled to begin working at BMPC and getting to know youth members and their families.

I am going to be working at BMPC for three years, as a participant in the Graduate Residency in Youth Ministry program at the Center for Youth Ministry Training. I'll also be earning my master's degree in youth ministry through Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

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