



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 18, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Eighth 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 "Plein jeu" and "Tierce en taille" from *Livre d'Orgue* Pierre Dumage

WELCOME Leigh DeVries

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather with Miriam, Hannah and Elizabeth
to celebrate God, singing songs of praise.

All: We gather to worship God.

One: We gather with Isaiah, Micah, Elijah and Hulda
to listen for God's word and be renewed.

All: We gather to proclaim God's steadfast love through the ages.

One: We gather with Peter, James, Lydia and Barnabas
to build the church God calls us to be.

All: We gather as the people of God.

One: We gather with one another and with the church
in every age to worship God this day.

† **HYMN 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **HYMN TO JOY**

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess how hard it is to follow you. You have called us to be your church and witness in the world, but we have fallen short. We confess that at times we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, calloused than compassionate, legalistic than loving. Gracious One, have mercy on us and forgive us. Stretch our hearts and strengthen our hands, so that we might be ready share your grace with one another and with the world.

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

Hebrews 11:1-7 (p. 225 in *pew Bible*)

Leigh DeVries

ANTHEM

Give to My Eyes, Lord

Ronald Corp

Corinn Altomare, soloist

Give to my eyes, Lord, the blessing of seeing your face in all around me the light of your glorious grace. Help me to see the needs of your people and be ready to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me. Give to my hands, Lord, the blessing of doing your will, bringing your touch where it's needed to soothe every ill. Help me to heal the pain of your people and be ready to serve, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me. Give to my feet, Lord, the blessing of walking your way, going wherever you lead me throughout the whole day. Show me the paths that lead where your people need me, mine your own footsteps, wherever your Spirit leads me. Give to my mouth, Lord, the courage to speak of your cross, boldly proclaiming your death was a gain not a loss. That through your blood, true justice and mercy may be building your Kingdom, wherever your Spirit leads me. Give to my heart, Lord, the grace to rejoice in your love, showing forgiveness and mercy and grace from above. That by your word I'll share in the joys you give free, help me to go, Lord, wherever your Spirit leads me. Jesus, Lord, take me, I offer my whole life to you and by my service I'll show that I'm faithful and true. Help me to live and praise you; please Lord set me free that you may use me, wherever your Spirit needs me.

SECOND LESSONGenesis 8 (*p. 6 in pew Bible*)

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**SERMON***The Stories We Tell*

Rachel Pedersen

† **HYMN 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Brian K. Ballard

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

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 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

† Please stand, if able.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE

“Grand jeu” from *Livre d’Orgue*

Pierre Dumage

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God, and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bickhart, Jr.

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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>.

Today

INTERFAITH VIGIL AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE. Sun., July 18, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Vernon Young Park/Playground, 124 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore. Join members of our interfaith community as we gather as people of faith to pray for our community and support one another in the wake of the deadly shooting in Ardmore this past weekend. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

DIALOGUE AND DRINKS. Sun., July 18, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Foerderer House Patio. For our final gathering we are joined by the Rev. Christopher Holland, pastor, New Spirit Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, and executive director of The Common Place, an organization that offers holistic care to children and families in Southwest Philadelphia. BMPC pastors have been leading 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. All are welcome to bring their own drinks, alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Space is limited to 30 attendees, and pre-registration is required. Register: <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 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; rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

Upcoming

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

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>.

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. Pick up a flyer 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

Calendar

Sunday, July 18, 2021

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| 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 19, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

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| 7:00 | p.m. | Trustee Meeting, Virtual |
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Thursday, July 22, 2021

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| 10:00 | a.m. | Thursday Book Group, Virtual |
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Friday, July 23, 2021

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| 8:00 | a.m. | Foundation Investment Committee, Virtual |
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Saturday, July 24, 2021

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| 7:00 | a.m. | Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library |
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Sunday, July 25, 2021

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| 10:00 | a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach. |
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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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