

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 29, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fourteenth 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 outside the Sanctuary doors following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Given the rise in cases due to the Delta variant, masks are now required for both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people inside church buildings. Masks are not required for outdoor spaces. 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 also will be posted on our Worship Services page on the following day.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available on Sundays from 9:40 - 11:15 a.m. for children ages six months to five years old. Summer Sunday School classes are being offered for kindergarten students. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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

Today's Schedule

Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Backpacks
11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Minuetto

Eugène Gigout

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Way beyond all journeying, truth behind all mystery, life within all living,

All: We praise you.

One: Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness, midwife of a better future,

All: We praise you.

One: Ground of all being, judge of all nations, conscience of the universe,

All: We praise you.

One: Maker, Redeemer, Confessor, Companion, Befriender, Inspirer, God beyond all names,

All: We praise you.

† HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

† Please stand, if able.

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

James 1:17-27

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

The Lord's my Shepherd
Cody Müller, soloist

Bob Chilcott

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again; And me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill: For thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes; My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me: And in my Father's heart always my dwelling-place shall be.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 7:1-23 (*p. 42 in pew Bible*)

Leigh DeVries

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Both-And

Leigh DeVries

† HYMN 429

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

INWARD LIGHT

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ From a *Brief Statement of Faith*

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 708** We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Leigh DeVries

POSTLUDE

Scherzo

Eugène Gigout

WORSHIP NOTES

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Announcements

UPDATED COVID POLICY. With the rise of the Delta variant and an increasing local positivity rate, the BMPC Regathering Taskforce is now requiring masks for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, while inside buildings on the church campus. We will continue to socially distance in worship.

DRIVEWAY CLOSURE UPDATE. The closure of the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel has been postponed due to a change in the construction schedule. Look for updates in the bulletin and weekly eNews.

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.

SUMMER PODCAST. The second season of the BMPC Summer Podcast is completed, but if you missed any episodes, you may listen to them online: <https://bit.ly/SummerPodcast> or subscribe to the podcast via Apple Podcast, Google Podcast or Spotify.

This Sunday

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING. Sun., Aug. 29, 11:00 a.m., BMPC Lawn. Join us for a special blessing before the start of the school year. Students are welcome to bring their backpacks or school bags to the front lawn for a time of blessing and fellowship. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

This Week

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.

LEARN HOW TO HELP AFGHAN REFUGEES. Thurs., Sept. 2, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. BMPC's Refugee Support Committee has invited Leyla Dursonova from the Nationalities Service Center, one of the organizations in Greater Philadelphia working with incoming refugees to our region, to share details about how we can help. If you are interested in attending this meeting and learning more about supporting Afghan refugees who are arriving in the United States, contact Mary Bond at bondongrouse@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Next Sunday

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Sundays, Sept. 5 and 12, 11:00 a.m.-noon, Sanctuary Choir Loft. Walk-ins welcome. Other times available by appointment. Contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org to schedule.

Upcoming

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 12, 11:00 a.m., Education Building Lawn. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and afterward, enjoy food truck fare and fellowship on the lawn. All are welcome; bring a friend!

REACHING OUT: THE THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE. Tuesdays beginning on Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Directors Patricia Danzon and Betty Wright-Riggins in an exploration of the spiritual life using Henri Nouwen's classic book, *Reaching Out*. Meeting every other Tuesday evening this fall, this class will help you get to know our spiritual directors while taking some simple steps on a journey toward an engaged and curious spiritual life. For information about joining this class, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

LETTERS TO MY PALESTINIAN NEIGHBOR BOOK DISCUSSION. Tuesdays, Sept. 14 - Oct. 12, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. In preparation for Yossi Klein Halevi's Community Forum presentation on Oct. 18, we will meet online to discuss his bestselling book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*. In a series of letters, Halevi endeavors to untangle the ideological and emotional knot that has defined the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for nearly a century. The discussion, co-led by Dr. Joshua Yoder and Rabbi David Straus, also includes members of Main Line Reform Temple. Register via this link, <https://bit.ly/letters-book>, or contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. starting on Sept. 16, via Zoom. Join the Rev. Brian Ballard in a six-week discussion of Chris M.M. Brady's new book, *Beautiful and Terrible Things: A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief and Hope*. Brady reflects on his own grief after the death of his son and the perseverance of hope in our Christian tradition. Contact BrianBallard@bmpc.org for information about joining this online class.

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Education Building, Room 204, and via Zoom. Resuming on Sept. 19, the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding Sunday morning class. You are invited to join this fall in reading Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. For information about joining the class and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray at paulcmac2@gmail.com.

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., via Zoom. Resuming on Sept. 19, this class for women provides an opportunity to be in fellowship and study with one another each Sunday morning as we discuss issues of life and faith. Our time together this fall will be shaped by a series of videos created by The Bible Project as we explore topics such as generosity, holiness, covenants, justice, atonement and Sabbath. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org for the Zoom link.

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. Sessions with start dates in September are available. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or view a flyer online here: <https://bit.ly/2021-smokefree-summer>. To register for any SmokeFREE class, call 484-227-FREE (3733).

Caring and Sharing

HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working closely with Presbyterian World Mission to respond to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. The most effective way we can support this work is through financial contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you wish to make a donation, you may do so through BMPC, by indicating Earthquake Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations may be given through today's offering or sent directly to the church office.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TUTORING. The BMPC Tutoring Program is restarting this fall with fewer students, but we still need adult volunteers to help in the classrooms. The tutoring sessions will be held in the Education Building on Tuesday evenings starting on Sept. 21. All participants will be masked (children, youth and adults), and this reduced program will allow for increased social distancing. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, contact Jackie Henisee at tutoringontuesday@gmail.com.

NEW AND GENTLY USED SHOE COLLECTION IN SEPTEMBER. BMPC is accepting donations of new or gently used shoes in support of The Welcome Church and their work with Sanctuary Village, a tiny house project in Philadelphia. Donations may be dropped off in the collection bin located outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. Contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org with questions.

Calendar

Sunday, August 29, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks, Ed. Bldg. Lawn

Monday, August 30, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting Orientation, Congregational Hall

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Virtual
2:00 p.m. **Bill Bates Memorial Service, Chapel
or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, September 2, 2021

- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Committee Meeting, Virtual

Friday, September 3, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council, Virtual

Saturday, September 4, 2021

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library
10:00 a.m. **Katherine Walton Memorial Service, Sanctuary
or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
2:00 p.m. **Joseph Long Memorial Service, Sanctuary
or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**

Sunday, September 5, 2021

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

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

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