

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 4, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME

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 in the Atrium following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Masks are optional inside church buildings, although masks may be required in some areas of the Education Building. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and while COVID vaccines are available for children as young as six months (Pfizer), some children may not have been vaccinated.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

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

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. Please contact 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

Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten)

8:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Nursery

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday All Grades, Sanctuary

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m.

Lemonade & Fellowship
Atrium

Bryans – Tuten Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. – noon

Fine Arts Gallery,
Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us.

**All: And make your face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth.**

One: Let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

**All: For you judge the people with equity,
and guide the nations upon the earth.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

† HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of the lost and found,

your people have a long history of getting lost.

We lose ourselves in our resources and our time.

We lose ourselves in our priorities and misguided values.

We think we know the way, but the way of the cross is heavy,

and we would rather travel lightly, free from the burdens of discipleship.

Forgive us, O Lord. Help us follow the Savior in the way of your love and mercy,

and guide our living until we are all Home.

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.

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (*p. 186 in the pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Luke 14:25-33 (*p. 78 in the pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Does It Add Up?

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Leigh DeVries

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Have You Heard God's Voice?

Frederick Chatfield

Summer Choir

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred? Are you still prepared to follow? Have you made a choice to remain and serve, though the way be rough and narrow? Will you use your voice; will you not sit down when the multitudes are silent? Will you make a choice to stand your ground when the crowds are turning violent? Will you walk the path that will cost you much and embrace God's love and sorrow? Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow? Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith and believe it could be different? Will you share your views using words of grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint? In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless? Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless? Will you walk the path that will cost us much and embrace God's love and sorrow? Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.*

† **DOXOLOGY 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

†	PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Leigh DeVries
†	HYMN 546	Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing	SICILIAN MARINERS
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Franklyn C. Pottorff
	POSTLUDE	Improvisation	Jeffrey Brillhart

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the baptisms of
Vincenzo Samuel and Luciano Michael-Patrick Bond

BULLETIN COVER

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RESPONSE & DOXOLOGY

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Announcements

8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE TO RESUME. Beginning on Sun., Sept. 18, we will return to offering a worship service with communion at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel. This service will not be livestreamed.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for Sundays, Oct. 9 and 16 for a donor who wishes to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepf at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Sept. 18 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2022-2023 via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominationForm>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex. 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.

Today

BMPC SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITION. 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir is looking for new members to sing during the upcoming 2022-2023 season which includes performances of Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" and Carol Barnett's "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass." If you are interested in auditioning, please come up to the choir loft after the worship service this morning. No appointments required.

This Week

OUTDOOR LABYRINTH WALK. Fri., Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Walk for peace and to remember, reflect on, and honor September 11. A prayer booklet and meditation cards will be available.

Next Sunday

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 11, 11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. 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!

Upcoming

GREAT DECISIONS. Mon., Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Church member Bob Martin leads this group discussion. This month's topic is The Quad Alliance. The program is free, but registration is required. E-mail MonicaDevane@bmpc.org to register and receive the materials and Zoom link.

FITNESS AND SUPPORT OFFERINGS. The fitness classes and Parkinson's Support Group that BMPC hosts will be in full swing this month: Repose Yoga (Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., starting Sept. 13), Tai Chi (Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.), Dance for Parkinson's Disease (Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., starting Sept. 13), Yoga206 Bone Boost (Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., starting Sept. 7) and the Parkinson's Support Group (fourth Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.). For more information, contact Parish Nurse Carol Cherry at CarolCherry@bmpc.org or visit the Fitness Offerings webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>.

ILLUMINATED LIFE: MONASTIC WISDOM FOR SEEKERS OF LIGHT. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon in an exploration of Joan Chittister's *Illuminated Life* book. In this little dictionary of monastic wisdom, she shares how to "be in the world, but not of the world." For information about joining this class, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME. Beginning on Sept. 14 join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Congregational Hall for fellowship and fresh-ingredient meals catered by Chef Ruth. Food is served until 6:45 p.m. Reservations not required. Monthly menus are available on the church website.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING AND DESSERT. Sat., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. The congregation is invited to enjoy our shared hymn tradition with guests of nearby churches. Our guest pianist is Brenda Tildon, and Sandra Stouffer will lead the singing. Music helps us come together as a community; singing together makes us healthier and forges connections with others. The BMPC Anti-Racism Task Force is sponsoring this event.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, starting Sept. 18, 8:45 a.m., Cannon Room, and via Zoom. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding Sunday morning class. This fall we will compare Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with the teachings of Epictetus (b. 55 AD), the Greek Stoic philosopher. *The Art of Living* by Sharon Lebell is a modern English interpretation of the straightforward and

practical philosophy, where readers will learn to meet the challenges of everyday life successfully and to face life's inevitable losses and disappointments with grace. For information about joining the class and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray, paulcmac2@gmail.com.

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays, starting Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg, Children's Library. For more than seven years this small group for women has met weekly on Sunday mornings for conversation, support and study. This fall we will continue our conversations about *For Everything a Season*, Joan Chittister's book which explores the cycles of life described in the book of Ecclesiastes: the purpose and value of human life, the balance of joy and sorrow, work and rest, love and loss. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick facilitates this group. For information, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

CHANTICLEER GARDEN TOUR. Fri., Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. The Senior Adult Council invites all seniors to a guided walking tour of Chanticleer Garden in Wayne. The tour includes the first floor of the historic Rosengarten home as well as the surrounding gardens. Participants will meet at Chanticleer; transportation will not be provided. Cost: \$22 per person. To register, email MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. Begins Wed., Sept. 28, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are welcome to join this discussion group which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. This fall the group will discuss *The Misunderstood Jew* by scholar Amy-Jill Levine. In the book Dr. Levine helps readers understand the "Jewishness" of Jesus so that their appreciation of him deepens and a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Led by the Rev. Brian Ballard. To register, email MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP. Begins Thurs., Sept. 29, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. All are welcome to read and discuss *The Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister. The book is a wonderful celebration of the blessings of growing older, showing us that our later years are a gift, not a burden. Led by the Rev. Brian Ballard. To register, contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP MINI RETREAT. Fri., Sept. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., IHM Conference Center, Bryn Mawr. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCRetreat>. For information, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 2, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and livestream. Dr. Paul A. Offit, a pediatrician specializing in infectious diseases and an expert on vaccines, immunology and virology, will be our featured speaker. All are invited to attend Dr. Offit's presentation, "COVID: Where We Are and What We Can Do." A question and answer session follows his talk. No registration is required for this free event. Dr. Offit's presentation will be livestreamed at www.bmpc.org/livestream. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Mondays, Oct. 10 and 17, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Consider learning more about being in community at BMPC. Attending our "Discover BMPC" classes will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. Contact the Rev. Frank Pottorff at 610-525-2821 or via email: FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us this fall to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitzes! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Fall Blitz dates: Saturdays, Sept. 24 (please note date change), Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. We ask that participants be vaccinated, but masks are optional. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

PRAYER PARTNERS 2022-2023. BMPC has a team of more than 70 people who ensure that each child and youth in our congregation is prayed for. If you would like to serve as one of our Prayer Partners or want more information about this ministry, email RachelPedersen@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, September 4

- 8:30 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Nursery
9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir,
Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
All Grades Worship Together with their Families, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:30 a.m. **Baptism Service**, Front Lawn

Monday, September 5

No events scheduled today.

Tuesday, September 6

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
7:00 a.m. Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, September 7

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, September 8

- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall

Friday, September 9

- 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Labyrinth Walk, Ed. Bldg. Lawn
4:00 p.m. Worship Center Open House and Outdoor Rope Labyrinth

Saturday, September 10

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
11:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Virtual

Sunday, September 11

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

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

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