

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 23, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

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 introduce yourself to one of our pastors following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service is available to watch 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 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Summer Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday Grades 4-12

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Summer Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Ages 3 and 4, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 106

Rising K-Grade 3 begin in
Worship

Organ Demonstration

11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Stories Through Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's word is a lamp to our feet

All: And a light to our path.

One: God's decrees are our foundation forever.

All: They are the joy of our heart.

† HYMN 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we often miss glimpses of your heavenly realm. We do not live the truth that Jesus is Lord of us and Lord of all. Rather than allowing small seeds of grace to grow, we nurture weeds of resentment. Instead of waiting for the yeast of Christ's mercy to leaven our relationships, we hastily cast people aside in frustration. Forgive us for acting as if the reign of sin has not been broken. Once again conform us to the image of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sung twice.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tony Brown

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:6-8 (*pg. 673 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (*pg. 14 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wheat and Weeds Together

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle. Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Florence Zeller ~ July 15, 2023

Eleanor Donato ~ July 17, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Tony Brown

USHERING

Keith Brinks

Announcements

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY. We are looking for volunteers to serve at our Reception Desk on the ground floor of the Ministries Center during weekdays. This position serves as a “Minister of First Impressions,” helping to answer phones and welcome guests who visit our campus or church offices. To learn more, contact LizEllis@bmpc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for July 30 and Aug. 6, 20 and 27 for donors who wish 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

CONVERSE LIBRARY CARDS. On Sunday mornings following worship, library volunteers will be in the Atrium this summer to show you how to search the Converse Library catalog online and create your own card so you may check books out with ease. Need a card but won't be here this summer? Contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

Today

SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION: WHAT JESUS DID. 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. BMPC member David Heaton is leading a four-week conversation based on the classic book *What Jesus Did*, by Episcopal priest Theodore Parker Ferris. The book is a reflection on the most significant acts in the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth and how they shape our faith as Christian disciples. Class runs through next Sunday, July 30.

ORGAN DEMONSTRATION. 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Explore BMPC's Orgelkids organ, a small interactive organ kit designed to allow people to see what really happens behind all those pipes, and then enjoy a brief performance of a narrated set of variations for the organ entitled "Piping at the Circus" by Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921). John T.K. Scherch (WRTI's Morning Host) will narrate, and Edward Landin Senn will demonstrate the organ.

This Week

FINAL CARILLON CONCERT. Thurs., July 27, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary Parking Lot. All are invited to enjoy the talents of carillonneur Simone Browne. A video screen will be set up outside the Atrium entrance so you can watch her play the carillon. Seating also will be provided. Contact mfa@bmpc.org

Upcoming

YOUTH CAMP AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA. Sun., Aug. 6 - Fri., Aug. 11. Join us for our annual youth summer camp which is filled with fellowship, fun and faith! All rising sixth through 12th graders are invited to participate. The cost is \$650, and scholarships are available. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2023>
ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

2023 BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION. Help children served by Gemma Services start school on the right foot! Bring completed backpacks to the Narthex in the Sanctuary by Sun., Aug. 6. You may bring a “completed backpack” or help by purchasing individual supplies from our Amazon list: <https://amzn.to/3IYYOcq> or contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org for more information.

Calendar

Sunday, July 23

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:45	a.m.	<i>What Jesus Did</i> , Gloucester Room
10:00	a.m.	Sunday Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Worship Together Sunday for Grades 4-12, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Summer Sunday School: Threes - Rising 3rd Graders, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15	a.m.	Organ Demonstration, Sanctuary

Monday, July 24

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, July 25

10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
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Wednesday, July 26

No Events Scheduled.

Thursday, July 27

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Carillon Concert Series, Sanctuary Parking Lot

Friday, July 28

8:30	a.m.	Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, Virtual
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Saturday, July 29

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
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Sunday, July 30

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Sunday Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.

Worldwide Ministries Partners

Each year the BMPC Worldwide Ministries Committee grants funding to national and international organizations supporting the education of children, youth and church leaders, investing in medical mission networks, and lifting up community leaders to support the work of justice and transformation. Below are the 2023 recipients along with a snapshot of their work.

Education

Haiti Partners - www.haitipartners.org

Improving educational culture and experiences for children in Haiti.

Nurturing Minds/Sega School - www.nurturingmindsinafrica.org

A boarding school for girls in Tanzania focused on providing quality education so that students can escape poverty and exploitation.

Pfunanane Ministries — www.pfunanane.org

A Christian school in South Africa providing quality education to students in PreK-7th grades.

Friends of Forman Christian College — www.friendsofforman.org

A Christian College located in Pakistan that provides liberal arts education to interfaith students.

Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary — www.jcsts.org

A historically Black institution in the United States focused on advancing communities of faith, justice and compassion through innovation in theological education.

Medical

Emmanuel Hospital Association – www.eha-health.org

Establishing a palliative care facility for Chinchpada Hospital which serves residents of Maharashtra, India.

Faith in Practice – www.faithinpractice.org

Developing a referral program for patients in need of surgery and other complex medical care in rural parts of Guatemala.

Medical Benevolence – www.mbfoundation.org

Creating a sustainable training program to meet the critical need for rural health clinics throughout Africa to practice and adhere to international standards of quality medical care.

Nabilala Community Development Clinic

Sustaining the Children Health Centre so it can continue providing necessary medical services to poor rural children and women in Uganda.

Social Justice

The Association for a More Just Society - www.asj-us.org

ASJ promotes peace and justice for the poor and marginalized in Honduras.

Beyond Borders - www.beyondborders.net

Working to prevent violence against women and girls and end child slavery in Haiti.

Presbyterian World Mission - www.presbyterianmission.org

Supporting our PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Lebanon, Syrian, the Philippines and Peru.

Rabbis for Human Rights - www.rhr.org.il/eng

Providing a platform for open and respectful dialogue as a means to promote social and economic justice within Israel and Palestine.

RiseMalawi - www.risemalawiministries.org

Providing a structured learning environment, including nutritious meals through their feeding program, for vulnerable children in rural Malawi.

Fundación Comunidad A.C. - www.comunidad.org.mx

Building sustainability for a community center that serves the poor and vulnerable in Mexico.

Support of organizations like these is possible because of your generous contributions through our annual Stewardship campaign. Thank you for your gifts. If you want to learn more about the work we do in mission around the world, please contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Worship Staff

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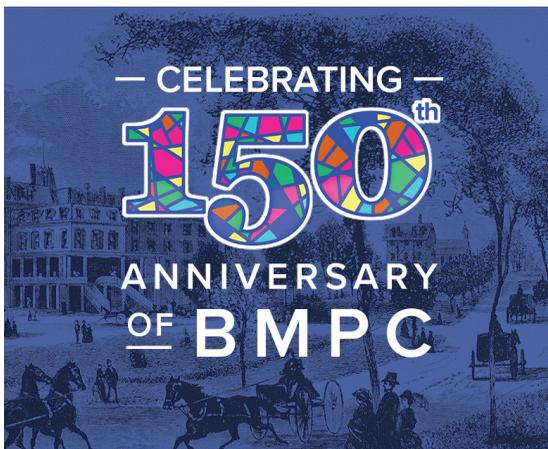
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