

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 6, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Tenth 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!

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 live-streaming 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

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

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

Stories Through Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Meditation

Ken Yukul

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this place, in this time of worship,

All: We feel the presence of God.

One: In our words, in our song,

All: We sing the beauty of God.

One: In each person, in each soul,

All: We see the face of God.

† HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of compassion, we have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

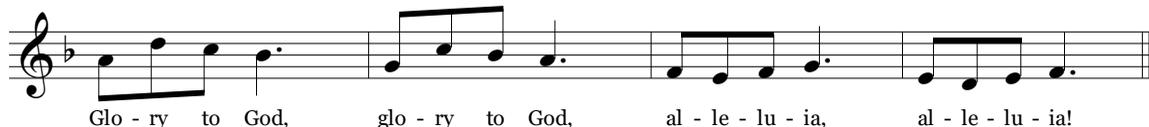
During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE 583

Glory to God

GLORIA

Sung twice.



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre - sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON Psalm 17 (*pg. 496 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Genesis 32:22-31 (*pg. 30 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Wrestling with God

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 410**

God is Calling Through the Whisper

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rachel Pedersen

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 Life Has Many Rhythms

Jody W. Lindh

Life has many rhythms, every heart its beat, everywhere we hear the sound of dancing feet. Life is this world's secret. Lord of Life, forgive, if we never asked you what it means to live. Life is meant for loving. Lord, if this is true, why do millions suffer without help from you? Some who fought injustice added wrong to wrong. Can it be that love is stronger than the strong? It was you who promised: "All who seek shall find." What we find lies deeper than our reach of mind. What we found was you, Lord, you, the God above. You had come, as a victim, to the world you love! Life is meant for loving. Lord, if this is true, love of life and neighbor spring from love of you. Give us your compassion, yours the name we bear, yours the only victory we would serve and share. Life is meant for loving.

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

† Please stand, if able.

† DOXOLOGY 609

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

Rachel Pedersen

† HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE

Postlude on LEONI

Pamela Decker

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in honor of
Jane and Jeff Wilber's 40th Wedding Anniversary

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

MUSIC NOTES

Today's prelude and postlude selections are pieces by husband and wife, Ken Yukl and Pamela Decker. A lyrical piece in A-B-A form, "Meditation," was composed in 2005 by Yukl and is dedicated to his wife. The first lone note of the melody signifies the singular voice of his wife. Overall, the work is a musical meditation imbued with both the gentleness and power of love. Decker's piece is a recently composed arrangement of the hymn tune Leoni, typically set to the text of "The God of Abraham Praise." In this arrangement, the melody appears in the right hand with undulating harmonies in the left hand. There is a brief middle section that hints at aspects of the melody before the strong reeds of the organ are added to the ensemble and the figuration of the opening brings the piece to a dramatic close.

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@bmipc.org

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for Aug. 27 and Sept. 24 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 bmipcflowers@gmail.com

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Sun., Sept. 17 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2023-2024 via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominationForm>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

Today

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 today, Sun., Aug. 6.

YOUTH CAMP AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA. Sun., Aug. 6 - Fri., Aug. 11. Our rising sixth through 12th graders will be leaving for summer camp at Massanetta Springs today. Please keep the youth and adult volunteers in your prayers this week.

Upcoming

YOGA206 BONE BOOST CLASS. Begins Wed., Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m., Gymnasium. This is an all-levels mat and chair yoga class focusing on bone strength with safely-adapted poses. Geared to persons proactive about strengthening their bones due to diagnosed bone loss. Participants, age 50+, must be able to safely sit on and rise from a mat. Class runs through Oct. 18. Email YOGA206@icloud.com for registration Information.

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S CLASS. Begins Tues., Sept. 12, 1:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Our Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) class is open to those living with PD and their care partners. This session runs through Dec. 12. For more information, contact CarolCherry@bmpe.org or visit <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>

Calendar

Sunday, August 6

7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
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**
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

Monday, August 7

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

No Events Scheduled.

Thursday, August 10

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center

Friday, August 11

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, August 12

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. Searching For Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, August 13

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. Rachel Pedersen 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

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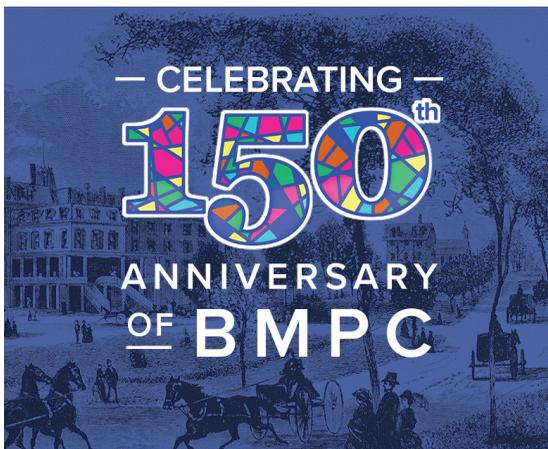
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