



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 1, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

World Communion Sunday

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

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

COVER IMAGE

Sketch of the burgeoning Bryn Mawr village from the viewpoint of the train station. Note the newly built Keystone Hotel (now the Baldwin School) on the left and the original BMPC Chapel on the right.

Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

The Legacy of Presbyterian Women

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

BMPC at 150 Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Evening Worship with Blessing of the Animals

5:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

All: To the rising of this life itself.

One: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

All: The hand of God between us and each hand.

One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

All: The love of Christ between us and each love.

One: With Christians around the world this day, let us worship God.

† HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, forgive us for failing to be humble when we are called to regard others with dignity and respect. We admit to building dividing walls while we look to our own self-interests. We mouth liberation, yet we live within structures of oppression. We shout peace, yet we condone systems of violence. We cry out for justice, yet we participate in realms of injustice. We proclaim love, yet we sometimes practice hate. Through your compassion have mercy on us and make us better servants of the world you so love. Enable us to discern your voice among dissonant voices and to live your word of grace and truth.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,
by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dottie Bowen

FIRST LESSON Psalm 131 (*p. 574 in the pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 (*p. 197 in the pew Bible*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joy in Humility

Agnes W. Norfleet

The Joy in Being Christ's Church, Third in Series

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 AND 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 515** I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

† **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.”
John Ball ~ September 23, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Anne and Bradford Smith

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Dottie Bowen, Elder

USHERING

Keith Brinks

150th Anniversary Celebration Events

Church Birthday Party

Saturday, October 14, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Celebrate the church's birthday with cake, fun mission project, games for children and families, and fellowship!

Celebration of Former Pastors

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Atrium. This informal open house will honor former BMPC clergy and their families.

150th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Pre-paid reservations are required by Mon., Oct. 2. Tickets \$20. Featuring the premiere of the BMPC anniversary video.

Go to <https://bit.ly/150Dinner> (case sensitive) or scan the QR code for registration.



Organ Concert

Saturday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Philippe Lefebvre, principal organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, will perform.

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, October 15, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. This service will feature music by the Sanctuary Choir singing a newly-commissioned anthem by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen in celebration of BMPC's 150th anniversary, with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet.

Announcements

150th ANNIVERSARY DINNER. Sat., Oct. 14, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Pre-paid reservations are required by Mon., Oct. 2. RSVP online: <https://bit.ly/150Dinner> (case sensitive) or at the registration table in the Atrium after worship this Sunday. Tickets are \$20 per person. Featuring the premiere of the BMPC anniversary video. Please call 610-525-2821 if you have any questions.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT. Join in celebrating BMPC's 150th Anniversary by purchasing this newly-created Christmas ornament featuring our renovated church property. Designed and crafted by Wendell August Forge, this ornament is a beautiful way to celebrate the past and the future of our congregation. Ornaments will be on sale for \$20 each on Sun., Oct. 15, following worship.

BMPC AT 150: FAITHFUL ENGAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD. Exhibit runs through Sun., Oct. 29, Art Gallery. This exhibit offers glimpses of the church's history through the changing realities of society and culture. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday. For information, please contact mfa@bmpc.org

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available for Sun., Nov. 12 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

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS. The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our gallery. The "Members Only" exhibit will run from Nov. 5 to Dec. 17. Applications to show your work will be accepted through Sun., Oct. 29. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org, or download an application by visiting the Visual Arts webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFineArts>.

Today

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room, and via Zoom. Join us for a thoughtful and comprehensive reflection on the New Testament: From Beginning to End. In troubled times we need to be grounded in the way we have chosen to live our lives together. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding class which has a discussion format. Please note that homework will be required. .

FILLING THE WELL. 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. All women are welcome to join this longstanding Sunday morning class. This fall we will spend time reflecting on portions of Don Fisher's and Tom Allender's classic book, *God Loves an Unmade Bed: Spirituality for the Imperfect*. In the book they share how God is always present, especially in the midst of the messes and struggles of life.

DIGGING DEEPER. 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This eight-week study will be guided by the book, *Whence and Whither: On Lives and Living*. In this collection of essays on death and the meaning of living, funeral director, poet and National Book Award finalist Thomas Lynch has an uncanny knack for writing about death in ways that are never morbid, always thoughtful, often humorous, and quite moving. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this class.

CARILLON TOUR. 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and then leads you out after services. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. If you have keyboard skills and wish to take lessons with one of our carillonneurs, or if you want to become a BMPC carillonneur, please send an email to mfa@bmpc.org

THE LEGACY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Throughout our history, women have shaped and guided the mission and ministry of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us for a special presentation about the legacy of Presbyterian Women and the different roles women have held over the past 150 years.

EVENING WORSHIP WITH BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. 5:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. Tookany Creek Bluegrass Band will provide music for the service.

This Week

EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY TOUR. Tues., Oct. 3, 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join this 60-minute guided tour which highlights Eastern State's history, revolutionary architecture, and stories of people who lived and worked in the building. Tour cost: \$10. Participants will meet in the BMPC parking lot behind the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. To register, please email MonicaDevane@bmpc.org or call 610-525-2821.

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S CLASS. Tuesdays through Dec. 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. For more information, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>

YOGA206 BONE BOOST CLASS. Wednesdays through Oct. 18, 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. Email YOGA206@icloud.com for registration information.

BRAIN BOOST CLASS BY YOGA206. Wednesdays through Oct. 25, 11:00 a.m., Gymnasium. A 60-minute yoga class to boost your brains with breathwork and safely-adapted yoga poses. Geared to persons who have mild memory loss or are proactive about preventing memory loss. Participants also benefit from increased strength, balance and mental well-being. For information, email instructor Abby Contract, YOGA206@icloud.com or call 215-292-9350.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER. Wed., Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and students.

SINGING FOR LIFE CHOIR RESUMES. Thursdays, Oct. 5 to Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m., Fine Arts Center. The Singing for Life Choir is open to anyone 55 years or older. Cost is \$75. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining this choir, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org by Mon., Oct. 2.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays through Oct. 26, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, we will spend five weeks discussing the classic book, *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times* by Henri Nouwen. In this collection of some of Nouwen's unpublished writings, he focuses not only on how we can survive hard times but on how we can live fully in the midst of them and beyond. To register and purchase the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

TEILHARD'S MYSTICISM: SEEING THE INNER FACE OF EVOLUTION. Tuesdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon leads a three-week conversation on Kathleen Duffy's introduction to the writings of French Jesuit priest and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Duffy, a physicist herself, examines Teilhard's mysticism, showing how science can help to illuminate the mystical path, while also demonstrating the compatibility between Teilhard's thoughts and current frontiers in scientific exploration. To sign up, please contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Next Sunday

THE LEGACY OF MUSIC AND FINE ARTS. Sun., Oct. 8, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. One of the most defining aspects of BMPC is a strong and creative legacy of music and fine arts programming. From bells to stained glass, pipe organs and choirs, to a full-scale art and music program, join us as Jeff Brillhart, our Director of Music and Fine Arts, takes us back to the beginning.

Upcoming

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and Livestream. Amanda Tyler, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and lead organizer of Christians Against Christian Nationalism, will speak about the rise of Christian Nationalism in the United States and how it threatens democracy and Christianity. A question-and-answer session follows her talk. No registration is required for this free event. Tyler's presentation will be livestreamed at www.bmpc.org/livestream. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org

FLU SHOTS. Wed., Oct. 11, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. BMPC is partnering with Main Line Health to help us care for ourselves and one another by offering a flu vaccine clinic for individuals 19 and older. The high-dose vaccine for those 65+ will not be offered at this clinic. Please note that if you receive a COVID-19 booster shot, it will not interfere with your flu shot. Registration is required by contacting Carol Cherry, Parish Nurse, at 610-520-8832 or CarolCherry@bmpc.org. You will be assigned an appointment time and provided with additional instructions.

PHILIPPE LEFEBVRE ORGAN CONCERT. Sat., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. A special evening performance during BMPC's 150th Celebration weekend, Lefebvre, one of three Titular Organists of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, returns to BMPC to perform a program featuring French masterworks by Jehan Alain, Claude Debussy, Marcel Dupré, César Franck, and Louis Marchand. The program will conclude with an improvisation based on Gregorian chant themes. For information, please contact mfa@bmpc.org.

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Oct. 20, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion, "Down at the Border with the Nuns." RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/BMPCHolyLeisure10-20-23>
Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net

THE LEGACY OF GLOBAL MISSION. Sun., Oct. 22, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Since 1889, BMPC has been sending and supporting mission workers around the globe. In this next season of global mission, BMPC is partnering with the Joining Hands Peru Network, which brings together the Church and civil society to support vulnerable populations in many ways. The Rev. Jed Koball, who has been living and working in Peru for over 10 years, will share with us what it means to be thoughtfully engaged in global mission in this next generation.

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY: A HISTORY OF SLAVERY AND ANTI-BLACK RACISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Mondays, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. As our church celebrates its 150th anniversary, we will reflect upon our Presbyterian legacy and our work toward justice and reconciliation. In *What Kind of Christianity*, William Yoo argues that to understand how Presbyterian Christians can promote racial justice today, they must first acknowledge and understand how deeply racial injustice is embedded in their history and identity as a denomination. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this class. To sign up for the class and reserve a copy of the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

CARILLON TRAINING CLASSES BEGINNING SOON. Saturday mornings, dates TBA, Sanctuary Carillon Room. Intrigued by making music with 20 tons of bronze? Princeton University carillonneur Lisa Lonie will teach free classes on how to play the carillon. Prerequisites for the lessons: the ability to read treble and bass clefs and a minimum of three sharps and flats. Must be able to climb stairs and be comfortable with confined spaces. If you want to learn how to play the carillon, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this offering through envelopes in the pews today, or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You also may give online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering>

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while preparing casseroles for area shelters. Fall dates: Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Please use RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

Calendar

Sunday, October 1

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir,
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.
Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Brunch, Pastor Leigh's Manse
Legacy of Presbyterian Women, Congregational Hall
5:00 p.m. **Evening Worship with Blessing of the Animals,
Ed. Bldg. Lawn**

Monday, October 2

- 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
Middle School Monday, Youth Lounge
7:00 p.m. Discover BMPC Class, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, October 3

- 9:00 a.m. Joint Budget Management Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Ed. Bldg., Lawn
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium

Wednesday, October 4

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
11:00 a.m. YOGA206 Brain Boost Class, Gymnasium
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Chapel
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
Student Serve, Youth Lounge

Thursday, October 5

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00 a.m. Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
6:00 p.m. Refugee Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00 p.m. Sacred Threads: *Help, Thanks, Wow*, Virtual
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 7

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

Sunday, October 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir,
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

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