

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 5, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

All Saints 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 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 Communion and Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

BMPC Members Art Exhibit

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

Evening Worship

5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Elegy

Herbert Sumsion

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather on this All Saints Sunday as people of faith.

All: We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so it will be for those who have died in Christ.

One: We gather before the promises of God with hope.

All: God will raise us to be with the Lord forever.

One: We gather around the Communion Table with thanksgiving,

All: For the great cloud of witnesses who join our voices singing "Alleluia" to God of heaven and earth.

† HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

INTROIT

Ubi Caritas

Nick Strimple

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have called your people to faithfulness. We confess our faith does not always live up to your intention for our lives. You call us to do what is just, but we remain caught up in our own affairs. You call us to live as bold disciples, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may live toward the vision of your glorious redemption of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ.

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 444

Lord, cleanse the depths

DETROIT



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.

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (pg. 508 in pew Bible)**ANTHEM**

Pie Jesu

Malcolm Archer

Elizabeth Weigle, soprano

Merciful Jesus. Grant them everlasting rest.

SECOND LESSON Revelation 7:9-17 (pg. 249 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Heaven's Great Community

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 500**

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Kirby Lawrence Hill

OFFERING &

"O Nata Lux" from Lux Aeterna

Morten Lauridsen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O born light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us to be made members of your holy body.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION****THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*During The Great Thanksgiving, we remember those in our
community of faith who have died in the past year.*

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

*As the bread and cup are distributed, you are invited to take the bread
and cup and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.
All bread is gluten-and casein-free.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Song of the Sojourner Edward Landin Senn
World Premiere

The mountain pass grows steep and our eager vision fades as pilgrimed feet skid and slow. Where is hope? Who can help? God! God! The sculptor of summits, the spanner of skies—God! God! Our solid ground in shifting shale, our shadowed wing in scorching heat, our guiding star in shrouded skies. God! God! Our wakeful watch who does not sleep, our guard, our rock, our shield, our keep on every path, on every path, on every path until our journey's end.

All Saints Kim André Arnesen
World Premiere

Was the holy, human? The love, divine? The holy stood long after nightfall, preparing the food: they comforted the child in the deep of the night, then they woke again in the deep winter dark to make the child ready for school: they swept, rested only when exhausted. And day after day. Everyday life. And nobody knew, suspected such love. The people who gazed into the heart of Christ, knew what he asked. Not just Sunday coins, but all we claim we own, our everything, the comfort of a home. The Holy Spirit wingbeats over our heads, in tender, ceaseless love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Agnes W. Norfleet

CHORAL BENEDICTION Let My Love Be Heard Jake Runestad

Angels, where you soar up to God's own light, take my own lost bird on your hearts tonight; And as grief once more mounts to heaven and sings, let love be heard whispering in your wings.

POSTLUDE Before Your Throne I Now Appear J. S. Bach

The congregation is encouraged to depart in silence following the postlude, and gather in the Atrium for a time of fellowship.

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Carol Boslet ~ October 28, 2023

Grace Hopkins ~ October 29, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Flora MacDonald Turner

MUSIC NOTES

Guest Musician
Antonello DiMatteo, clarinet

The music chosen today includes works by British, American, and Norwegian composers, all written since 1993. Nick Strimple's setting of **Ubi Caritas** for three-part choir and clarinet beautifully interprets the text reminding us that wherever love and charity are, God is there. Malcolm Archer's **Pie Jesu** movement comes from a largescale "Requiem" and highlights undulating harmonies on the organ, cantabile singing from the choir, and a soaring soprano solo, sung by Elizabeth Weigle. **O Nata Lux** by Morten Lauridsen also comes from a larger work entitled "Lux Aeterna," a work that focuses on light. The close harmonies of the choir, a trademark of the composer, draw one into the texture and text of this significant American choral work. During communion, two World Premieres will take place. **Song of the Sojourner** by Edward Landin Senn utilizes a new text based on Psalm 121 by David Bjorlin and written in memory of Susan Rittenhouse Joseph (1948-2023), a longtime and beloved member of the Sanctuary Choir. **All Saints** by Kim André Arnesen is one of the seven commissioned anthems in celebration of BMPC's 150th anniversary year. The incredibly meaningful text by Euan Tait and tone poem created by the composer perfectly showcase that new music is indeed alive and well. The service concludes with Jake Runestad's **Let My Love Be Heard**, a moving prayer for peace so very much needed in the world we are all living and experiencing together. May this music serve as peace and comfort to you as we come together to celebrate and remember the saints in our lives that are no longer with us.

IN MEMORIAM

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| Madeleine Fisher | Susan Joseph |
| Audrey Ingram | Joan Robinette |
| Elia Buck | Virginia Price |
| Joseph Hill | Sally Castle |
| Eleanor Deaver | William Sanders |
| Walter Milbourne | Joan Wood |
| Aurora Grifone | L. Kent Babcock III |
| Richard Dillon | Marilyn Stringer |
| Elizabeth Warner | Roberta MacGregor |
| J. Robert Herd | David Hall |
| Carol Brown | John Young |
| Webster Dawley | Winfield Foreman III |
| Dolores Martell | Florence Zeller |
| Roberta Taylor | Eleanor Donato |
| Maria Wolf | Robert Walter |
| Diane VanderVeer | Heatly Sebring |
| Lois Powell | Nancy Ligget |
| John Burd | Patricia Cordray |
| Eileen Haller | Robert Bergen |
| Alice Nacey | Charme Walter |
| Peter Joseph | John H. Ball |
| Barbara Clarke | John Huffaker |
| Philip Sullivan | Kenneth Sweet Jr. |
| M. Donald Wright | Carol Boslet |
| Christopher Brown | Grace Hopkins |

Today

CARING CORNER. Our staff Caring Ministries Team is now fully in place: Carol Cherry, parish nurse, Kiki McKendrick, director of Middleton Counseling Center, Kathryn West, social worker, and the Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill will be available after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Atrium. Look for them by the Caring Ministries banner to get updated about BMPC Caring Ministries and to welcome Kathryn, our newest staff member.

BMPC MEMBERS ART EXHIBIT. Opens today, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Come and view the artistry of our BMPC members! This exhibit features works in paint, and ceramics. Some of the pieces are for sale and would make excellent Christmas gifts! The gallery is open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit runs through Sun., Dec. 17, 2023. To purchase any of the works, please contact mfa@bmpc.org

FOR ALL THE SAINTS. Does one have to be canonized and Catholic to be a saint? Or can one simply live one's best life, manifesting the Christ spirit in service to peace and justice and being an inspiration to others? Are there saints among us today? Come to Converse in the Court, Converse Library's reading corner, and meet some (maybe) surprising and (certainly) inspiring folks...like Mother Cecilia, the Canadian nun who risked excommunication for her work with animal rescue. (A Nun Goes to the Dogs... what a story!) Who are YOUR saints?

EVENING WORSHIP. 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This monthly worship service welcomes worshippers of all ages and includes musical and liturgical leadership from across the congregation. Using the traditional elements of worship, Evening Worship focuses each month on a particular part of the church calendar or our common worship. Join us this evening on November 5th as we celebrate communion.

This Week

PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT. Sign up by Mon., Nov. 6 to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant during the 4:30 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve. Our youngest participants must be at least three years old. Email MaryRichards@bmpc.org indicating if your child would like to read, speak, or act.

PASTORS' BOOK GROUP. Wed., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this conversation on the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston's new book *Elusive Grace*, a collection of sermons on topics related to public life and dialogue in a conflicted world. Johnston, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, was our Theologian in Residence last weekend. For more information and to purchase a book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Nov. 10, 6:00 p.m., Home of Jean Reynolds, Bryn Mawr. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion "Just Say Yes," led by the Rev. Elizabeth W. Colton. RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/HolyLeisure11-10-23> Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net

Next Sunday

THE COMMON PLACE. Sun., Nov. 12, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Chris Holland will share with us the vital and growing ministry of The Common Place, our longstanding partner that plays an important role in offering holistic care to families in Southwest Philadelphia. The organization is a recipient of a 150th Anniversary grant, partners with the Hunger Committee, Outreach Council and Anti-Racism Committee, and has been a recipient of the Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry.

Upcoming

WHICH MEDICARE DRUG PLAN IS BEST FOR YOU IN 2024? Tues., Nov. 14, 10:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Do you have a Medicare Drug Plan? The Medicare Open Enrollment Season ends on December 7. This is a vital time to compare plans to be sure which will be the best for you in 2024. BMPC member Louisa Mygatt, a volunteer Medicare counselor, leads a workshop on How to Do a Drug Plan Comparison online. The workshop is open to all, so bring your laptop, your list of medications, and your questions.

GOING INSIDE: A MEDITATION SAMPLER. Wed., Nov. 15 and 29, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for these classes to demystify meditation and make it more accessible for people. This class will be taught and guided through an ecumenical approach to breath work, meditation, and mindfulness by BMPC member Terry Charlton. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT. Fri., Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a movie night with pizza, popcorn, and hot chocolate! RSVP to MaryRichards@bmpc.org with how many adults and children, and any food allergies or considerations.

CARILLON TRAINING CLASSES. Sat., Nov. 18, and two additional dates TBA, 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. options, 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

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sun., Nov. 19 at 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening Market Festival of our annual alternative giving program. Representatives from committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives will be in the Atrium after worship on successive Sundays to take your orders. Orders also may be placed online: www.brynmawragm.com

SOUP AND STOCKINGS. Sun., Nov. 19, 3:00 p.m. Join women from our congregation for an afternoon of fellowship and service. We'll help make 60 Christmas stockings for Gemma Services and homemade soup for our Caring Ministries team to deliver to church members. RSVP to MaryRichards@bmpc.org, or email RachelPedersen@bmpc.org if you would like to help with prep for the afternoon.

LIVE NATIVITY AND ADVENT WORKSHOP. Sun., Dec. 3, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Youth and adult volunteers and actors needed! Please email MaryRichards@bmpc.org to sign up to help. Families are invited to dress for the weather and experience the Christmas Story, meeting live animals and actors while creating ornaments and simple gifts to share.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Nov. 18, 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 working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Upcoming dates: Dec. 16, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17, 2024. Please use RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

TURKEY COLLECTION. Frozen turkeys may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November, but donations must be received by Sun., Nov. 19. Turkeys may be dropped off in any of the freezers on the lower level of the Ministries Center. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BMPC TUTORING DINNERS. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the school year to serve students from the William Dick Elementary School who attend the BMPC Tutoring Program most Tuesday evenings. All food, supplies, and instructions are provided at the church. Volunteers help with set up, provide welcome and hospitality, and do light clean up. Tuesdays from 6:00–7:00 p.m. Contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org to choose a date or multiple dates to volunteer this year.

ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER TEAM. The BMPC Mission Council is seeking volunteers to be part of a small team to assist our neighbors at the Ardmore Food Pantry. This team will be asked to regularly volunteer with their food distribution programs, their new "Help Center" efforts, partially funded by BMPC, and with ongoing administrative work related to fundraising and community engagement. As we seek to be more deeply engaged in the life of our local community, this is a new and exciting opportunity for us to be better connected in Lower Merion. To learn more, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE-ISRAEL/PALESTINE. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the humanitarian needs developing in the Middle East following the terror attacks and military action in Israel and Palestine. If you would like to contribute in support of their work, please send a check to the church, with "Disaster Response" in the memo line. You can also give online at <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/disaster> RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Calendar

Sunday, November 5

- 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. **Worship with Communion and 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. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
Caring Corner, Atrium
Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.
5:00 p.m. **Evening Worship, Sanctuary**

Monday, November 6

- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge
7:00 p.m. *What Kind of Christianity*, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, November 7

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. *Teilhard's Mysticism*: Book Group, Virtual
Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, November 8

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
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. Student Serve, Youth Lounge
Pastors' Book Group, Fullerton Room

Thursday, November 9

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, November 10

- 10:00 a.m. No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

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

Worship Staff

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