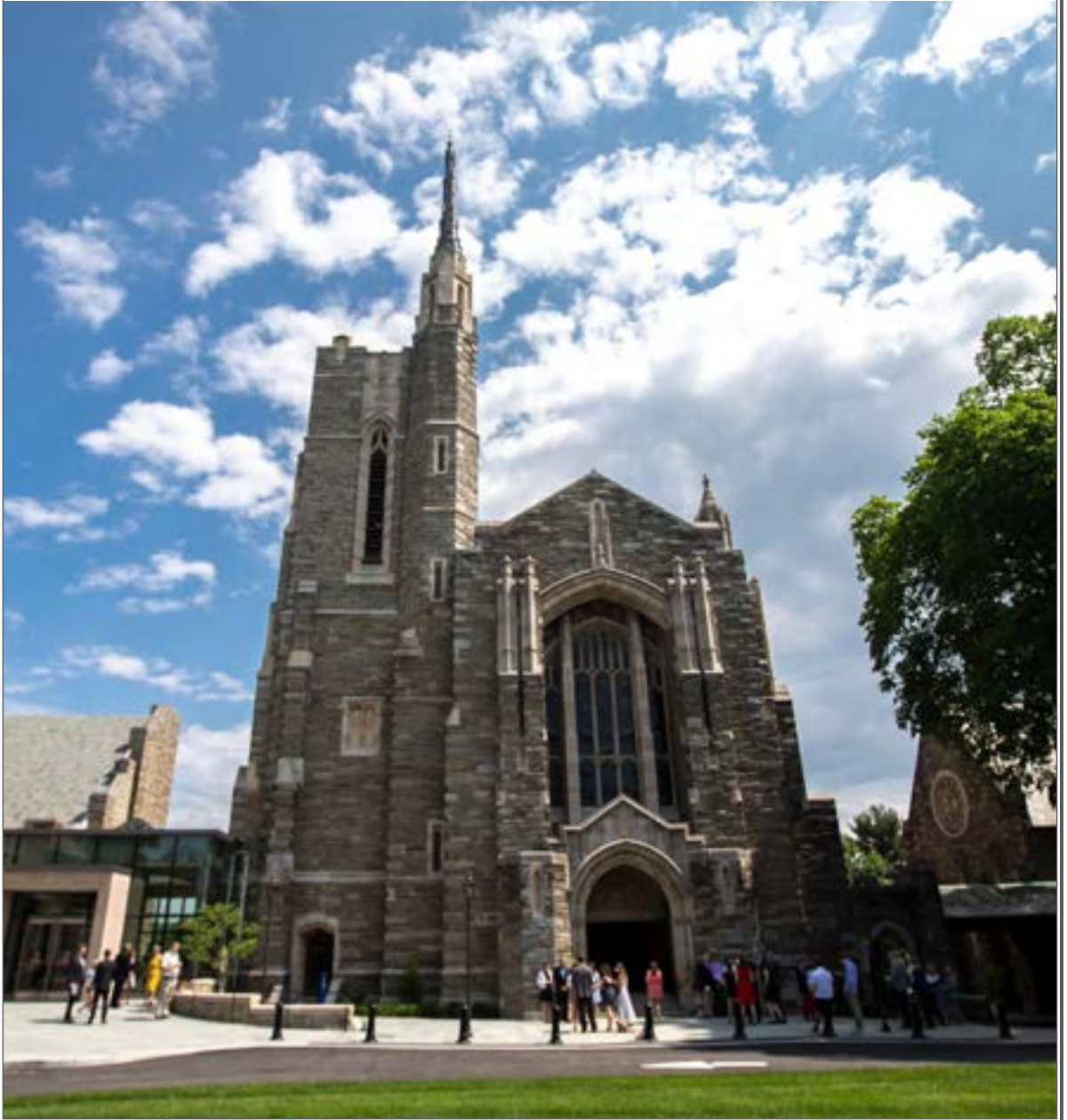


# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, November 26, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Christ the King



# 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](http://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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry at [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)

# Today's Schedule

## Childcare (infant - age 5)

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

## Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

## Sunday School Classes

### Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Education Building

### Grades K - 3rd

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

## Youth in Worship

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

## Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

## BMPC Members Art Exhibit

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

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: For the Lord is a great God;

**All: A great ruler over heaven and earth!**

## † HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations, we confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you, and all the saints in this world, and in the world to come.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### 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.

# HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kay Kerr

**FIRST LESSON** Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24 (pg. 803 in pew Bible)

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 29 in pew Bible) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*How to be Good*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kirby Lawrence Hill

*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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

# WORSHIP NOTES

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Stephen Paul McConnell, Sr.

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## ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Kay Kerr, Deacon

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## USHERING

Brian Kerr

## **Announcements**

**BMPC MEMBERS ART EXHIBIT.** Through Sun., Dec. 17, 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. To purchase any of the works, please contact [mfa@bmpc.org](mailto:mfa@bmpc.org)

**CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION: STEWARDSHIP 2024.** We are at 70% of our pledge goal. Thank you to those of you who have made such generous and thoughtful commitments to this church! "Give, and it will be given to you..." Luke 6:38 There is still time to get those pledges in online, by mail or by plate. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS.** Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: "In memory of," "In honor of," or "In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism)." Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or online. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons' flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Dec. 3.

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** 11:00 a.m., Atrium. AGM representatives will be in the Atrium after worship to process orders. Online orders also may be placed via the AGM website: [www.brynmawragm.com](http://www.brynmawragm.com)

**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 are on sale in the church office during the week. If you are not able to shop during regular office hours, please contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org) to reserve an ornament to be picked up on Sundays.

## **Next Sunday**

**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](mailto: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.

## **Upcoming**

**STORIES OF A YOUNG JESUS: AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY.** Sundays, Dec. 3 & 10, 11:15a.m., Fullerton Room, Ministries Center. There are a variety of stories surrounding the earliest years of Jesus of Nazareth's life. In this Advent season we will explore these traditions, what they teach us about the earliest understandings of who Jesus was and would become, and how they inform or challenge our faith today. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Dr. Joshua Yoder will teach this class together. For more information, contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

**ADVENT HARPSICHORD RECITALS.** Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, noon, Sanctuary. Featuring Gabriel Benton, Silvanio Reis, Edward Landin Senn, and Jeffrey Brillhart performing free 30-minute recitals on BMPC's William Dowd harpsichord.

**QUIET PRAYER IN ADVENT.** Wed., Dec. 6, 13, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor or via Zoom. Amidst the busyness of the Advent season, this is a time for contemplative guided prayer which will include Scripture readings, space for reflection, and a time of communal silence. Deacons will lead these sessions. To register for zoom link: [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS VESPERS SERVICE.** Sun., Dec. 10, 4:00 P.M., Sanctuary. Advent, a time of hope and expectations as Christians all around the world anticipate the birth of the Christ Child. Led by BMPC's Sanctuary Choir, as well as the Singing for Life and Youth Chorale ensembles, scripture readings, carols, and anthems will surely draw you into the season. A free-will offering will be taken in support of Prevention Point Philadelphia – [www.ppponline.org](http://www.ppponline.org)

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Dec. 16, 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: Jan. 20, Feb. 17. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE.** Wed., Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and via livestream. This contemplative worship service is for anyone yearning for comfort amid personal grief, as we gather in hope for a more peaceful world. A meditation will be accompanied by prayer, the singing of carols and lighting candles to lead us through darkness toward healing and wholeness.

## **Caring and Sharing**

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS.** Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (three to five gifts per child). Gift cards in \$25 increments from Target, Walmart, Amazon, Five Below, Marshalls/TJ Maxx, ShopRite, and Best Buy are preferred. If you wish to buy a gift, you may sponsor a child's Christmas, [https://bit.ly/BMPC\\_XMAS\\_Angels\\_2023](https://bit.ly/BMPC_XMAS_Angels_2023), buy a general gift for a child (Legos, toiletry sets, Rubik's Cubes, makeup, cards and card games, board games, fidget toys, basketballs or footballs, remote controlled cars), or purchase from Gemma's Amazon Wish List: <https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds>. Gift cards and unwrapped gifts need to be delivered to the church by Sunday, Dec. 3. Betty Wu, [BMPCAngels@gmail.com](mailto:BMPCAngels@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

# **Calendar**

## **Sunday, November 26**

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
		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.	<b>Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b>
		Worship Together Sunday 4-12th Grade, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-3rd Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.

## **Monday, November 27**

6:00	p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

## **Tuesday, November 28**

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
11:00	a.m.	<b>Kenneth Sweet Jr. Memorial Service, Chapel</b>
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room
6:45	p.m.	BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

## **Wednesday, November 29**

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
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.	Going Inside: A Meditation Sampler, Witherspoon Parlor
		Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

## **Thursday, November 30**

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
11:00	a.m.	<b>Carol Pendergrass Memorial Service, Chapel</b>
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

## **Friday, December 1**

10:00	a.m.	Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual
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## **Saturday, December 2**

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
11:00	a.m.	<b>Carol Boslet Memorial Service, Sanctuary</b>

## **Sunday, December 3**

8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
10:00	a.m.	<b>Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b>
		The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
4:00	p.m.	Live Nativity and Advent Workshop, Front Lawn
5:00	p.m.	<b>Evening Worship, Sanctuary</b>

## **Worship Staff**

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Leigh DeVries**, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

**Kirby Lawrence Hill**, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

**Franklyn C. Pottorff**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music & Fine Arts

**Edward Landin Senn**, Assistant Director of Music



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