

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 14, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Second Sunday after Epiphany



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 the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, 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

“Seascapes” Exhibit

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

Worship with 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 (K)

10:15 a.m., Gymnasium (1-5)

Youth in Worship

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

O God of Love
arr. Richard Dirksen

John Corgliano

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world belongs to the Lord,

All: The earth and all its people.

One: How good and how lovely it is

All: To live together in unity.

One: Love and faith come together,

All: Justice and peace join hands.

One: Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

† HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord of all, you have called us to follow you faithfully, but we stay preoccupied with our own concerns and callings. You call us to see the needs of others, but we are hesitant to serve where we are needed. You call us to seek reconciliation, but we remain a divided people. Forgive us for insisting upon our own way, when you have called us to a better way. By your Spirit, give us the minds and hearts of true disciples, that we may live according to the way you put before us as followers of 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 698

Take, O Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;

summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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 gracious 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

Kirby Lawrence Hil

FIRST LESSON Psalm 139:1-12 (pg. 577 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM

O Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Eugene Butler

O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest when I sit down and when I rise up, Thou searchest out my path and my lying down and are acquainted in all my ways. Thou layest Thy hand upon me. Wonderful are Thy works, O Lord! If I ascend into heaven Thou art there! If I take the wings of morning, Thou art there! I praise Thee for thou art wonderful and I praise Thy name.

SECOND LESSON John 1:43-51 (pg. 92 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Called to See

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leigh DeVries

We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God supports the downtrodden, and protects the stranger; that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation, in and through Jesus Christ.

~ from the Confession of Belhar

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

My Lord, What a Mornin'

Harry T. Burleigh

My Lord what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways, joined that heavenly band. My Lord what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.

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

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†	PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Kirby Lawrence Hil
†	HYMN 744	Arise, Your Light Is Come!	FESTAL SONG
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Festal March	Florence B. Price

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 “I am the resurrection and the life.”
 Richard S. Schonwald ~ January 6, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY & CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS
 Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of H. Eugene Fisk

PLAYING THE CARILLON
 Rob Mygatt

MUSIC NOTES

Though authorship is anonymous, *My Lord, What a Mornin'* was written and composed by free Black people in the early nineteenth century. The text is full of biblical imagery of the second coming of Jesus. While it expresses awe and dread of the falling stars, it is also hopeful that God's promised justice has finally arrived, and even “the nations underground” are included in the promise. Harry T. Burleigh, one of the most renowned of the spiritual arrangers, creates a three part setting of this spiritual that has become iconic in the canon of spirituals.

Announcements

CODE BLUE SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. For the month of January, BMPC will host a Code Blue Shelter to house up to five men sleeping outside in Lower Merion on the coldest nights. Volunteers will work in shifts from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. the nights the shelter is open. To receive the sign-up link, a recording of the training/information session, or if you have questions, please contact the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Mondays, Jan., 15 and 22, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” classes which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. Contact the Rev. Dr. Franklyn Pottorff, FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

“SEASCAPES” BY JOÃO MAGALHÃES. 9:00 a.m., Ministries Center Art Gallery. Forget about the dark and gloomy days of winter and transport yourself into the sun and breeze of the summer months. The art 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 Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024. To purchase any of the works in the exhibit, please contact the Music and Fine Arts Department, mfa@bmpc.org.

Today

INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND. Sunday, Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m. Bethel AME Church of Ardmore, 163 Sheldon Ln, Ardmore, PA. Join your fellow BMPC members and members from other local churches and synagogues as we gather for this annual interfaith worship service in remembrance of the legacy of Dr. King and as we seek to build the beloved community, deepen our relationships, and recommit ourselves to our common work for racial justice.

This Week

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Jan. 19, 6:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion with BMPC social worker Kathryn West. RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/Holyleisurepotluck2024Jan19>. Questions may be directed to Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 20, 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: Feb. 19, Mar. 18. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>.

Next Sunday

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. A congregational meeting is called by the Session for next Sunday, Jan. 21, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a brief meeting to elect church officers and vote on changes to pastors' terms of call.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP. Sun., Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join volunteers of children and youth, parents, and community members for an important discussion around mental health. Laurel Roe (child and adolescent counselor) and Kathryn West (BMPC social worker) will walk us through key signs of emotional distress and tools for helping children and youth navigating challenging times. We can arrange childcare if that would allow you to participate. Lunch will be provided after the 10:00 a.m. worship service and Congregational meeting. Please RSVP to Mary Richards, MaryRichards@bmpc.org, including any dietary restrictions.

JAMES KEALEY ORGAN RECITAL. Sun., Jan. 21, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Mr. Kealey is the Laureate of the 2022 American Guild of Organists' "National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance." His program will feature Maurice Duruflé's tone poem, "Prélude, Adagio, et Choral varié" on the Pentecost chant theme of Veni Creator, and David Hurd's "On the name of MAURICE DURUFLÉ." Fifty percent of the free-will offering taken will benefit the AGO Philadelphia Scholarship Fund.

Upcoming

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 22, 1:00-6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood; register online: <https://bit.ly/2024-Blood-Drive>. Contact Monica Devane, 610-520-8823 or MDevane@bmpc.org.

150TH VISION COMMITTEE REPORT. Wed. Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m., and Sun. Jan. 28, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Come hear the outcomes of the visioning process around the question: *Where do we believe God is calling BMPC in ministry and mission?* This is the culmination of broad congregational input from the public forums, focus groups, and a church-wide survey. The final report, adopted by the Session to guide our ministry into the future, will be presented.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thurs. Jan. 25 - Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. This fully online book discussion group focuses on topics around faith, spirituality, and personal growth. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, this winter we will spend five weeks on John Philip Newell's book – *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World*. By embracing the wisdom of Celtic Christianity, we can learn how to listen to the sacred and see the divine in all of creation and within each of us. To register for this class and to purchase the book, contact Alicia Franklin, AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

THE WISDOM JESUS: TRANSFORMING HEART AND MIND. Tuesdays, Feb. 6-27, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon leads a four-week conversation on Cynthia Bourgeault's book. *The Wisdom Jesus* provides a new perspective on Christ and an expansive interpretation of his message. Cynthia Bourgeault creates a masterful guide to Jesus' vision and the traditional contemplative practices you can use to experience the heart of his teachings for yourself. To sign up, please contact Kiki McKendrick, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

BMPC MIDWINTER FESTIVAL. Sat., Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. "Life is a Cabaret!" Come spend an evening of fun, featuring the performance talents of the BMPC membership, and tables full of luscious desserts! Tickets are \$20.00 per person. There are only 120 tickets available so act fast! Tickets can be purchased at the table in the atrium after Sunday services, or by contacting the Music and Fine Arts Department, MFA@bmpc.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP. June 25-28. Rising 6th-8th graders will be traveling to Camp Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA for Middle School Camp! Youth will hear all about Jesus from the keynote speaker, swim, meet new friends, and play lots of games! The cost is \$650, with scholarships available. Sign up by March 15! The link to sign up can be found on the website, Realm, youth Enews, or by emailing Shayla Jordan, shaylajordan@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP. July 28- August 3, Montreat Conference Center. Rising 9th-12th graders are invited to join the youth group for the High School Summer Camp in Montreat, NC. Youth will learn all about Jesus, connect with new and old friends from across the country, and play games! Sign up on the website by March 15. Questions? Reach out to Shayla Jordan, ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, January 14

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
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.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Youth in Worship, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School Kindergarten, Ed. Bldg. Sunday School 1-5th Grade, Gymnasium
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.

Monday, January 15

Church Office Closed in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:00	p.m.	Discover BMPC, Gloucester Room
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Tuesday, January 16

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga(Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Class, Gymnasium
6:45	p.m.	BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg
7:00	p.m.	Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Wednesday, January 17

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
1:00	p.m.	Richard Schonwald Memorial Service, Chapel
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	High School Student Serve, Gymnasium Mission Council Committee Meeting, Cannon Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, January 18

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 19

6:00	p.m.	Holy Leisure, Witherspoon Parlor
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Saturday, January 20

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall

Sunday, January 21

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
11:00	a.m.	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

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