

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 4, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fifth 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 - Pre-K

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

Legacy of Medical Mission

- Medical Benevolence Foundation

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, give glory and praise!

All: Come into God's presence!

One: Come, worship the holy one with singing and gladness!

All: Come into God's presence!

One: People of God, your Savior meets you here.

All: Let us worship the One who saves.

† HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, you invite us to be healers and neighbors, but we are uncertain in our work, timid in our witness, and slow in our response. We see suffering and wonder what can be done. We hear cries and draw back. God forgive us and fill us with your gifts again, so that we might share your mercy, love, grace, and peace with all of your children. Help us join you in healing the brokenhearted and welcoming the lost home.

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Psalm 147:1-11, 20 (pg. 582 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM

True Light
Michael Hogue, tenor

Keith Hampton

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light. In the beginning out of the darkness God created light. He lives in us as True Light. Don't let the light that You've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. He lives in us as True Light. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. He lives in us as True Light. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I want the world to know. God gave the world True Light! Hold on to the true light.

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:29-39 (pg. 35 in pew Bible)

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

On the Search for Jesus

Rachel Pedersen

† HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Medical Benevolence Foundation

Andrew Mayo

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

My God is an Awesome God

Keith Hampton

Michael Hogue and Siddhartha Misra, tenors, Nicholas Provenzale, baritone

My God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let's give him the praise. My God is an awesome God. His wondrous acts let us proclaim. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. My God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let's give him the praise. God sent me to a distant land, and he showed his greatness and majesty. I was an empty cup and he made me full, and he ordained me to do his will. My God is good; he's always right on time. Let's take the time to glorify the Lord. Hold on and never let go. He is our friend indeed. Let's tell the world that he is our God. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Oh, my God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let's give him the praise. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and the King of glory shall come in! The Lord is strong and mighty in battle! Send me. Anoint me. Use me, Lord. Ooh! My God is an awesome God. Hallelujah! Let's give him the praise.

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

- † **DOXOLOGY 606** 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 Hill
- † **HYMN 550** Give Praise to the Lord LAUDATE DOMINUM
- † **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Rachel Pedersen
- POSTLUDE** Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

WORSHIP NOTES

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Call to Worship was written by the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

Announcement

150th VISION REPORT is available at the church and online. The Vision for the Future (pages 6-7) reflects priorities expressed by the congregation in Public Forums, Focus Groups, and congregational Surveys. Now these priorities invite increased participation. There are sign-up sheets for volunteers in the Atrium on Sundays and the Reception Desk on weekdays, or you can email Liz Ellis, LizEllis@bmmpc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available on Sundays, Feb. 18 and 25, 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 bmmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

LEGACY OF MEDICAL MISSION, MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION.

Sun., Feb. 4, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Medical Benevolence Foundation transforms historic models of medical mission around the world with an emphasis on strengthening the local leaders who oversee mission hospitals, clinics, and nursing schools in the 21st century. BMPC has a long history of international medical mission work dating back to 1889 when the church sent Dr. Wanless to engage in medical mission in India. Join us as MBF CEO Andrew Mayo shares what medical mission means today, and how they have put the \$50,000 Anniversary grant from BMPC into action.

This Week

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, 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* this winter. 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@bmmpc.org.

GREAT DECISIONS. Mon., Feb. 5, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Chapter 1, Mideast Realignment--The United States and the Middle East by Marc Lynch. BMPC member Bob Martin leads our discussion of *The United States and the Middle East at a crossroads*. In spite of a reduced presence in the Middle East, the U.S. still has significant national interests there and the area is a key arena for global power politics. Can the U.S. continue to defend its interests in the Middle East and globally with a lower level of military and political involvement, or should it recommit to a leading role in the region? The program is free and open to all, but registration is required to receive class materials ahead of time and the Zoom link. Contact Monica Devane, MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org to register.

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@bmmpc.org.

As-Zs OF DE-CLUTTERING AND DOWNSIZING. Fri., Feb. 9, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Downsizing to a smaller more manageable living space or simply de-cluttering your current home can be a daunting task. Join BMPC member Anne Merson as she guides us through this process. Anne has spent her career helping seniors transition from homes to senior living environments and works closely with trusted sources to sort through, relocate, and dispose of furniture, household items, and paperwork. Anne will share resources for completing these tasks and guide us down the de-cluttering/downsizing path. To register and get the Zoom link, contact Monica Devane, MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

BMPC MIDWINTER FESTIVAL. Sat., Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. "Life is a Cabaret!" From Elvis to Julia Child to Fats Waller, PDQ Bach, Carole King, and much more, come spend an evening of fun, featuring the performance talents of BMPC members and staff. The evening begins with tables full of luscious desserts! Tickets are \$20.00 per person. There are only 25 tickets left 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.

Upcoming

LEGACY OF PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP, WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY. Feb. 11, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. BMPC has a long history of supporting and walking alongside new church developments in Philly and around the country. We have supported West Kensington Ministry, located at Norris Square for fifteen years. This Sunday we are delighted to welcome the Rev. Adan Mariena as he shares the creative and compassionate work happening at WKM these days. WKM is also a recipient of a \$50,000 Anniversary grant from BMPC.

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY. Sun., Feb. 18 - March 24, 8:45 a.m. Gloucester Room. This six-week study will be guided by the book, *Words of Love: a Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments*. Presbyterian pastor, Eugenia Gamble writes that these Laws are words from the heart of God, given to reconcile creation to Creator and God's people to one another. She dives into each of the Commandments and examines their application for modern-day Christians. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this class. For more information and to receive a copy of the book, contact the Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff, FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

MAIN LINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT. Fri., Feb. 23, 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The Main Line Symphony Orchestra presents its annual winter concert, featuring the winner of the 2024 Deitz Young Artist Competition, the premiere of a Mass for choir, organ, piano, and orchestra, and the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto #2, with pianist Priscilla Navarro. Tickets can be purchased through their website, www.mlso.org.

WHAT TO SAY TO PEOPLE WHO ARE HURTING. Sat. Mar. 2, 9:00 a.m. - noon. Congregational Hall. Please join the Caring Ministries Team as we welcome nurse and author Laurie Lewis for this interactive program to help us encourage, listen, and be a supportive presence in everyday life encounters. To register, contact Kiki Mckendrick, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

WHY POVERTY PERSISTS. Mon., Mar. 4, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The Community Forum will host Pulitzer prize-winning author, Matthew Desmond to speak about the current state of poverty in America and how we, as a society, can address it. This Princeton professor of Sociology is the author of the New York Times best-selling books *Poverty, By America* and *Evicted*.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2024! Mon., June 17 - Fri., June 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration is open for VBC! Ages Pre-K - 5th Grade register here: <https://bit.ly/VBC2024Registration>. Pre-K campers must be 4 years old by May 1, 2024. There is a separate registration for our Threes program. Campers must be 3 by May 1, 2024, and potty trained. To sign up for Threes VBC, email Mary Richards, MaryRichards@bmpc.org. Calling all Youth and Adult Volunteers! Register as a volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/VolunteerVBC2024>.

Caring & Sharing

CODE BLUE SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. For the month of February, The Lower Merion Code Blue Shelter will be housed at Ardmore United Methodist Church. BMPC members are still invited to volunteer in this new location. 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 training/information session recording, or if you have questions, please contact the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD COLLECTION. Sun., Feb. 11. For over 30 years, communities have come together on Super Bowl Sunday to give financial and non-perishable donations as a part of the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. This year, our BMPC donations will be distributed among six of our local partners located from Lower Merion to Chester, serving their community's needs. Donations should be brought to the Narthex on Sunday, Feb. 11, before worship. Suggested donations include: cold cereals, spaghetti sauce, canned meals, soups (particularly hearty ones), peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned fruit and applesauce (or cups), mac & cheese, crackers (Saltines or Ritz), instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars, single-serving snacks, bottled salad dressings, and mayonnaise (smaller sized jars preferred).

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Feb. 17, 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: Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, Jun. 15. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY AT MORRIS PARK. Sat., Feb. 24, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. All are welcome to join our youth in this multigenerational hike and work day at nearby Morris Park, sponsored by the Environmental Justice Committee and the new Youth Environmental Committee. Morris Park is a Philadelphia park just across City Line Ave. from Friend's Central School in the Overbrook area. This 64 acre open space includes wooded area, recreational space, gardens, trails, and more as Indian Creek meanders through the grounds. Please sign up by emailing David Heaton, at heatondavid2@gmail.com by Feb. 20.

Calendar

Sunday, February 4

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
		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 Gathering, Gymnasium

10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.
11:15	a.m.	Legacy of Medical Mission - MBF, Fullerton Room
5:00	p.m.	Evening Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, February 5

10:00	a.m.	Great Decisions, Virtual
6:00	p.m.	Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, February 6

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
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

Wednesday, February 7

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
4:30	p.m.	Wednesday Connection Group, Gloucester Room
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
6:30	p.m.	Adult Education Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00	p.m.	High School Student Serve, Gymnasium
		Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, February 8

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Rehearsal Room
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, February 9

10:00	a.m.	As-Zs of De-cluttering and Downsizing, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Lois Byrne Memorial Service, Chapel

Saturday, February 10

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group,
Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group,
Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. BMPC Midwinter Festival, Congregational Hall

Sunday, February 11

- 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 Youth will preach.

Worship Staff

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