



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 4, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE Voluntary III

G. F. Handel

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Sing praises to God.

All Give thanks for God's name.

One For God clothes us with strength and joy.

All God turns our mourning into dancing.

One The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

All God's mercies are everlasting.

One They are new every morning.

All Great is God's faithfulness.

HYMN 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All God, you have called us to live lives
worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.
But we confess to you and each other
that we have not always spoken the truth in love;
we have not always made every effort
to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Forgive us and, by your grace,
help us to grow in every way
into him who is our head, Jesus Christ.

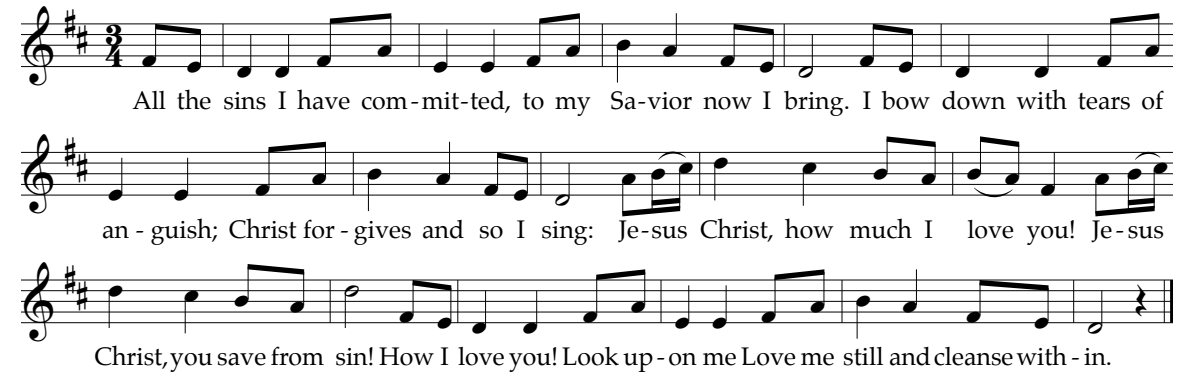
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

NETTLETON



All the sins I have com-mit-ted, to my Sa-rior now I bring. I bow down with tears of
an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing: Je-sus Christ, how much I love you! Je-sus
Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3 depart for their Sunday School classes.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-11

(pg. 685 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 13:10-17

Cathy Chang

(pg. 14 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Spoken and Heard in Many Ways*

Cathy Chang

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Rebecca Kirkpatrick

OFFERTORY ANTHEM How Beautiful Twila Paris

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. How beautiful is the body of Christ. And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful.

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

Please stand, if able.

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 Rachel Pedersen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

All bread is gluten and casein free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rachel Pedersen

HYMN 23 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets PLEADING SAVIOR

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE Cathy Chang

POSTLUDE "Fanfare and Epilogue" from Suite Breve Craig Phillips

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Richard Kindt - July 24, 2024

Worship & Music Notes

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PLAYING THE CARILLON

Klaus Volpert

WELCOME TO

BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where we gather as a faith community to worship, grow, learn, and serve. As we come together this Sunday, we are reminded of our Creator's abundant grace and boundless love. Whether you are a longtime member, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we extend a warm welcome to you. May our time together be filled with inspiration, fellowship, and a deepening of our connection with God and one another.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet

Senior Pastor

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. Learn more at bmpc.org.

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 to 11:15 a.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

Announcements

TODAY

Mission Co-Worker Cathy Chang. We are glad to welcome PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Cathy Chang and her husband Juan Lopez to be with us to share an update on their work in the fight against human trafficking in the Philippines. The BMPC Worldwide Ministries Committee has provided financial support to Cathy and Juan for all eight years they have served as Co-Workers. Cathy will be our preacher at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. At 11:15 a.m. this morning, Cathy and Juan will give a more formal update on their work during a presentation held in Congregational Hall.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sun., Aug. 11, following 10 a.m. worship, for the purpose of electing the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Youth and their Families. The Nominating Committee will propose the following people to serve on the APNC: Tim Bickhart, Meggin Capers, Peter England, Whitney Hoffman, Sharna Liggett, Peter McConnell, and Jean Reynolds. These members represent the youth, Youth Ministry Council and vol-

unteers, and parents whose families are involved in Children and Family Ministry as well as Youth Ministry.

Welcome, Pastor Andy. We welcome the Rev. Andy Greenhow as our Interim Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families. Andy may be familiar to some as he served as Pastor and Director of Faith and Worship at Broad Street Ministries. He comes to us most recently from the President's Office at Pittsburgh Seminary. Please join us in welcoming Andy.

Join the Pew Crew. We are seeking volunteers to help refill our pew racks in the Sanctuary and the Chapel. This team typically restocks information like visitor cards, special offering envelopes, and prayer request cards roughly ten times a year. This is a small and easy way to help prepare our church for worship and make us more welcoming to members and guests. Contact, CSingley@bmpc.org

UPCOMING

Church Officer Nominations. Please submit your recommendations to the 2024 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 15, for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large

via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominations>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Robert Talisse as our fall Community Forum speaker on Mon., Sept. 30. Copies of his most recent book, *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*, are available from the church now for those who would like to read it over the summer. In his book, Talisse explores what it means to preserve democratic principles, what our obligations and values are as citizens of a democracy, and how we open ourselves to being in honest dialogue with those who hold differing political views from our own. Discounted books can be ordered for \$10 online at <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup>. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

2025 Sanctuary Choir Tour to France. Jun. 13-24, 2025. One of the most cherished traditions from past Choir Tours has been including “friends of the choir” on these enriching voyages. Typically, 20-30 fellow travelers join in on the adventures and memories. It is with open arms

that the Sanctuary Choir extends an invitation to you to join them in France next summer. Contact, EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org or visit bmpc.org/france2025

Seeking Silent Auction Items. On Nov. 9, 2024, the Sanctuary Choir will host a fundraiser for its Choir Tour to France in June of 2025. This event will raise funds to underwrite the cost of including as many of our wonderful Staff Singers on the trip as possible. There will be a silent auction during the event, and if you have an item, vacation home, talent, or skill that you would like to share or to be considered, please be in touch with EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org

IN THE MINISTRIES CENTER

Seeking Freedom: Portraits of Mass Incarceration. May 5 - Sept. 1, Gallery. Several large portraits, created in batik, quilting, and embroidery by textile artist Carolyn Harper, form a dramatic exhibition that combines the portraits with texts written by the artist in collaboration with the sitters, telling the stories of these currently and formerly incarcerated people.

Summertime and the Readin' Is Easy. Check out our summer reading selection from Converse Library, now available in the Atrium and the Court. Perfect for the beach, backpacking, or backyard lounging—check out a book or two to take on

your journey! Explore more titles in the Converse Library, located in the Fullerton Room, or view our catalog online at libib.com/u/converselibrary. You can even reserve interesting books for pickup!

CARING AND SHARING

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in August for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia. Sat., Aug. 10, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., off campus. Looking for a meaningful way to volunteer? Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia welcomes you! Habitat works alongside volunteers toward a vision of a city where everyone has a decent place to live. We invite you to help provide shelter for others. Email JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org to register. Limited spots available.

Non-Perishable Food Donations Needed. During the summer, our local food pantries need extra support through the donations of non-perishable items. You can bring items for donation - soup, canned chicken, fruit cups/canned fruit, oatmeal, box cereal, pasta, paper goods, juice, and brown rice - during the week to the Church Office reception desk or leave

them in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or Chapel on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your support of the fight against hunger.

Give of Yourself: Support Visiting Patient-Families. For over 20 years, numerous BMPC families have generously opened their homes to patient-families traveling to Philadelphia for specialized medical care. This act of kindness profoundly impacts guests who often feel vulnerable and isolated in an unfamiliar city. Hosts experience deep fulfillment by providing accommodations on their own terms, choosing who, when, and for how long they wish to host. To learn more, contact Hosts for Hospitals Director Mike Aichenbaum, 484-380-2999 or mike@hostsforhospitals.org or visit hostsforhospitals.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 9:00 a.m. “Seeking Freedom” Exhibit, Gallery
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 3s and 4s, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 206
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
Worship Together Sunday Grades 4-12
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-3rd Grade, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
- 11:15 a.m. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez Presentation, Congregational Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

No events scheduled.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

No events scheduled.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at <https://bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline> or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



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