



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One God of all glory, on this first day you began creation,

All **bringing light out of darkness.**

One On this first day you began your new creation,

All **raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.**

One On this Lord's Day grant that we,

the people you create by water and the Spirit,

All **may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory.**

One Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit,

All **we praise you now and forever.**

HYMN 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,**

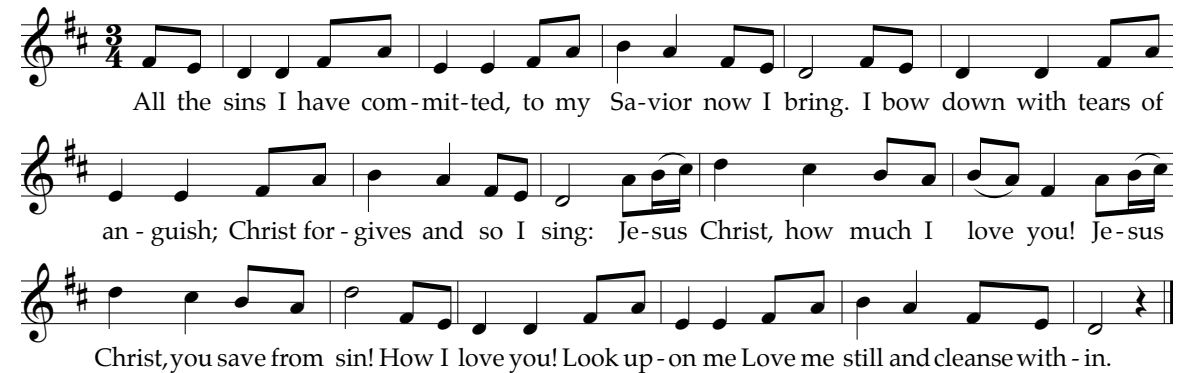
**and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

NETTLETON



All the sins I have com-mit-ted, to my Sa-vior 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.

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Noble

FIRST LESSON 1 Timothy 2:8-15

(pg. 208 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Genesis 3:1-21

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

(pg. 2 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Serpent in the Garden*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

All Creatures Great & Small Summer Series

Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

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

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Miriam E. Montgomery, grandmother and great grandmother of Elisha & Ivy Gillette.

GUEST MUSICIAN

Susan Ricci Rogel, piano

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

David Noble, Deacon

USHER

Keith Brinks

COVER IMAGE

Benedictine Window, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary.

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 ON SUNDAY

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

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Sanctuary Choir. Sept. 1, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The Sanctuary Choir invites new members to sing during the upcoming 2024–2025 season. If you are interested in joining, please go to the choir loft following the postlude on Sept. 1 to learn about this opportunity and audition. Contact, ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Artists' Gathering. Thursdays starting Sept. 5 from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Visual artists are once again invited to the Fine Arts Center to collaborate, meet, and create art together. For more info, contact Mimi Barclay Johnson at ArtistMimi@hotmail.com

Horizons Bible Study. Thurs., Sept. 5, 10:00–11:00 a.m., The Mansion at Rosemont. BMPC Parish Nurse Carol Cherry leads this monthly Presbyterian Women Bible study. In *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, author Patricia K. Tull calls us to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts and particularly care for society's least powerful members. Future meetings are on the first Thursdays, Oct.–May. All are welcome! For more info and to receive the book, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org

"Faces of Resilience." Sept. 8–Oct. 27, Gallery. This exhibition of original artwork was created by participants in Mural Arts Philadelphia's Guild program and artists at SCI: Phoenix, southeast Pennsylvania's maximum-security prison for men. The exhibition gives voice to the perspectives of individuals who are otherwise largely silent in our society.

Great Decisions. Mondays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 10:00–11:00 a.m., via Zoom. BMPC member Bob Martin leads our monthly program based on the *Great Decisions Briefing Book*, videos, and information he and other members share with the group. This fall's topics are: "Invisible Indonesia," "High Seas Treaty," and "Pandemic Preparedness." The program is free and open to all, but registration is required to receive materials and the Zoom link. Contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org to register.

Invitation to Walk the Labyrinth. Tues., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. All are invited to join in an outdoor walk of remembrance and prayer. Contact, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Men's Discussion Group. 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month starting Sept. 11, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are

welcome to join this in-person study and discussion group. This fall we will start with the book *Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth* by Noa Tishby. Although the book was written before the current war with Hamas in Gaza, it gives background on Israel's history and challenges to help us understand a common Israeli mindset. The group will be led by the Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill. To register and to find out how to purchase the book, contact KirbyLHill@bmpc.org

Wednesday Night Dinner. Starting Wed., Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, and food at our weekly Wednesday Night Dinner. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and students. Join our Wednesday Night Dinner volunteer team by emailing JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

American Treasure Museum Tour. Thurs., Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. The American Treasure Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of automatic music machines and all sorts of American pop culture memorabilia—from historic movie souvenirs, toys, model airplanes, and antique cars to clowns and sideshow art. Our Senior Adult group will take a guided tour aboard a tram and then have time to explore independently. Meet at the BMPC Sanctuary Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. for roundtrip bus transportation.

Tour tickets are \$15. Please reserve your space by contacting MonicaDevane@bmpc.org by Sept. 9.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group. Sundays starting Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room and via Zoom. This longstanding Sunday morning class is led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. This fall, the class will read Parker Palmer's book, *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*. Palmer writes about what we can do to restore civil discourse, reach for understanding across lines of difference, and focus on our shared values. For info about joining the class, receiving the Zoom link, and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray at katrmac2@icloud.com

"Faces of Resilience," Gallery Talk. Sun., Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m., Gallery and Fullerton Room. William Perthes, Director of Adult Education at The Barnes Foundation, alongside Mural Arts Philadelphia, has curated our first exhibit of the fall, "Faces of Resilience." Meet in the Gallery to walk through the exhibit and then move to the Fullerton Room for a more formal presentation on the workshops in which the art is created, the experiences of men incarcerated at SCI: Phoenix, as well as the work of restorative justice.

UPCOMING

Rally Day. Sun., Sept. 8, 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and then stay to enjoy food, fellowship, and activities. All are welcome; bring a friend!

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.

"Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture" Class with Teaching Artist George Apotsos. 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 20–Oct. 25, in the Fine Arts Center. This art class will explore how Frida Kahlo used the self-portrait as a means of self-discovery and personal mythmaking and how to draw inspiration from one's own life story to depict thoughts, emotions, and identity in painting. This is primarily an acrylic painting class; however, collage and photomontage can be utilized, and oil painters are welcomed. Classes are free and

limited to 8 registrants. To register, email ToriFisher@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/fridakahloclass>

2025 Sanctuary Choir Tour to France. Jun. 13–24, 2025. It is with open arms that the Sanctuary Choir extends an invitation to you to join them in France next summer. Typically, 20–30 fellow travelers join in on the adventures. Contact, EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org or visit bmpc.org/france2025

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

IN THE MINISTRIES CENTER

Seeking Freedom: Portraits of Mass Incarceration. This is the last Sunday to view the exhibit in the 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.

Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 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
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- 1:00 p.m. Congregational Life Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 11:30 a.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room
6:30 p.m. Adult Ed. Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men’s Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill will preach.

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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