



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One We come not simply to a sanctuary,

All but into the presence of God.

One We come in our need and bring with us the needs of the world.

All We are carried by our faith and stand in the face of doubts.

One We come with our hopes and with our fears.

All We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come.

One God who promises a holy welcome

All and will never to turn us away.

HYMN 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Almighty God, you love us beyond measure, but we have not loved you fully. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We seek to grow in faith, but we neglect to put our faith into action as disciples of Christ. God of grace, help us to recognize our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

MUNICH



Let your accep-tance change us, so that we may be moved in liv-ing sit - u -
a - tions to do the truth in love; to prac-tice your ac - cep - tance un -
til we know by heart the ta-ble of for - give - ness, and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rob Stoy

FIRST LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15

(pg. 42 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON James 1:19-27; 2:8

(pg. 229 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Be Doers of the Word*

Faith that Works: A Series on the Letter of James

Agnes W. Norfleet

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Agnes W. Norfleet

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 celebration of the marriages of Anne Chapman Graf & Nathan Jeffery Beckett and Jillian Katherine Baltz & Richard Lee Graf.

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Rob Stoy, Deacon

USHER

Keith Brinks

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

One of our more contemporary hymns, *Let Us Build a House*, includes this refrain: *All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place*. It bears repeating! This church is a place to encounter friends who have been here longer than they can remember and first-time visitors, young and old and in between, seasoned disciples of Christ and seekers of spiritual connection. Through worship, program, fellowship, and mission, we are growing as a community of faith, and your presence is a sign of our genuine welcome.



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 a.m. to 12:30 p.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

"Faces of Resilience." Today through 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.

Rally Day. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and then stay to enjoy food, fellowship, and activities in the Ministries Center.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Fall Kickoff. Sun., Sept. 15, 10:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Join us for our annual fall Youth Kickoff! Families will learn about upcoming programs, meet youth volunteers, complete waivers and informational forms for the year, and enjoy fellowship with other youth families across the church!

Purple Documentary And Conversation. Sun., Sept. 22, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. As we approach the fall elections, we will begin a series of conversations by viewing and discussing the documen-

tary *Purple: A Short Film Uncovering the Humanity Beneath Our National Conflicts*. Filmed in rural Wisconsin and Iowa—in a swing region within two bordering swing states—*Purple* presents a rare political conversation that uplifts, provokes, and inspires while going toward the heat of passionate political differences. Following the 20-minute film, we will engage in large group and table conversations about how we can be in dialogue with one another and the people we love these days.

UPCOMING

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.–2:30 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. 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. We will take the bus to P.J. Whilihan's Pub, in Oaks, for lunch following our museum tour and return to BMPC around 2:30 p.m. Tour tickets are \$15, which does not include your individual lunch cost. Reserve your space by contacting MonicaDevane@bmpc.org by Sept. 10.

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

Celebrating Ten Years. Sun., Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Together, we will celebrate the Rev. Rachel Pedersen's decade of service as our Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry. Join us in Congregational Hall for fellowship, refreshments, and an opportunity to share our gratitude.

"Faces of Resilience," Gallery Talk. Sun., Sept. 15, 11:30 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.

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.

Thursday Discussion Group. Thursdays, Sept. 19–Oct. 24, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Led by the Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill, this fully online book discussion group will focus on how our religious resources can address the public and private fears that can dominate our society's life. This fall, we will spend five weeks on Michael

Kinnamon's book, *The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear*. Join the discussion as we explore how fear dominates our public focus and how our Christian faith, as well as other faiths, guides us in the public arena. Contact KirbyLHill@bmpc.org to join; reserve the book at <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup>

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

Ageing Together: Senior and Caregiver Symposium. Sat., Sept. 21, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Main Line Health invites you to this symposium geared toward seniors and caregivers. Experts will share resources and insights on getting your affairs in order, understanding Medicare coverage, palliative and hospice care, wellness, and self-care. Admission is

free, and refreshments will be provided. For more info and to register, call the Bryn Mawr Hospital Community Health and Outreach Dept. 484-337-5202.

Filling The Well. Starting Sun., Sept. 22, 8:45 a.m. Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. This Sunday morning class for women will study local scholar Peter Enns's book *The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires our Trust More than our Correct Beliefs*. Enns offers

a model of vibrant faith that views skepticism not as a loss of belief, but as an opportunity to deepen religious conviction with courage and confidence. The book models an acceptance of mystery and paradox that all believers can follow. This class is led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org to join the class and reserve a copy of the book.

Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Faces of Resilience Opening, Gallery
- 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**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Rally Day
- 1:00 p.m. APNC for Youth and Their Families Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Student/Parent Dinner, Gymnasium

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Cannon Room

Calendar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Cannon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Ed. Bldg. Front Lawn
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. Beginner's Choir Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 4:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 9:30 a.m. American Treasure Museum Tour, off campus
- 11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Music & Fine Arts Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 8:00 a.m. Joint Budget Management Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Witherspoon Parlor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Giving

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