



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 22, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE Three Hymn Settings
Bunessan
Resignation and Truro

John Carter
Justin McCarthy

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One In the morning light, may we glimpse God's image deep within us,

All **the threads of eternal glory woven within us.**

One May we catch the mystery of human community fashioned in
God's likeness,

All **and recall God's love for us: deeper than knowing,
more enduring than time.**

One Let us respond to God's call to us with our whole heart.

All **With our whole life we worship God in praise and adoration.**

HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Loving and forgiving God, you have made all of us in your own image and likeness, and yet we fail to love ourselves fully. We build barriers which cause division and which deny your image and likeness in others. Help us live as people called to follow in your way, who trust your power to reconcile us to you and to each other. Shower us with forgiveness, and open our hearts to live with gentleness and humility toward the life of unity and peace you intend for us, and for the human family.**

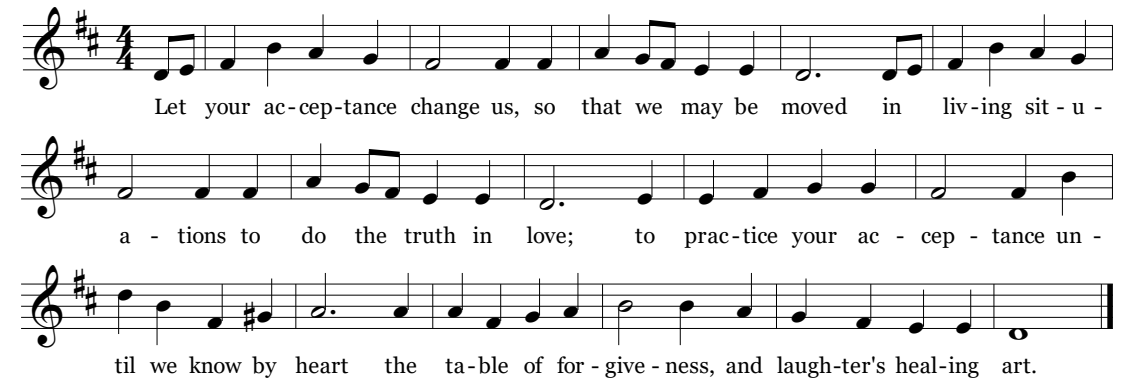
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

SUNG RESPONSE

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.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

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 gra-cious 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 Hill

FIRST LESSON Mark 8:27-38

(pg. 43 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Christ Hath a Garden

Eleanor Daley

Christ hath a garden walled around a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand, by Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, o wind of heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air, stir up, o south the boughs that bloom, til the beloved master come. That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set, that he may evermore be seen to walk among the springing, green.

SECOND LESSON James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 230 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Wisdom of Gentleness*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Faith that Works: A Series on the Letter of James

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 183 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

All **As in the early Christian community,
so in the centuries since,
the Spirit has formed and identified the church.**

The people of God are sent into the world

to worship and serve all humankind.

We worship God in the world by standing before

the Lord on behalf of all people.

**We serve humankind in the world by discerning where God is at
work and joining God there**

**in the liberation of people by the gospel and the advancement of
justice, compassion and peace.**

- from A Declaration of Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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 Seek to Serve

Lloyd Pfautsch

May I live in the world as one who always seeks to serve. May I live as one who knows the love of God. Lord, teach me how to live and how to serve. With my ears may I hear. With my eyes may I see. With my lips may I speak. May Your word be heard through me. Thus as I live each day may love sustain the will to serve. Amen.

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

HYMN 826 Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."
Bryan Hauptfuhrer - September 12, 2024

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Richard W. Knecht.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowski

MUSIC NOTES

Today's prelude pieces are extracted from "Canticles of Praise," a recent recording the Beginners Choir, Children's Choir, and Youth Chorale produced this past spring that includes favorite hymns and anthems in the choirs' repertoire as well as a few vocal and piano solos. If you are interested in owning a copy, please email ToriFisher@bmpc.org.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Bibles will be presented to the following third graders during the 10:00 a.m. Service. Bibles are provided by the Catherine C. Miller Fund of The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Foundation.

Eleanor Curran Arnold

Grant Robert Mackay

Ainsley Marie Bilski

Edith Rose Mayer

Nicholas Apolinary Bollinger

John Patrick Mayer

Andrew Parke Calciano

Georgia Elizabeth McEvoy

Riley Kelley Casper

Forest Alexander McGrath

Phin Cox

Isabel Rose Meyer

Peyton Anne DeYoung

Pallavi Rose Misra

Taisiia Druchek

Parker James Nicholas

Hunter William England

Bayard Tierney

Evelyn Christine Gunther

Caleb John Vengels

Sebastian Joseph Jones *

Peyton Sophia Haynes Walsh

Palmer Thomas Knox

Charlotte Ann Wawszczyk *

Oakley Winslow Lanphier

Addison Randall West, Jr.

Jonathan Wing Leong

Piper Jane Whamond

Fredrick August Iobst MacGregor *

Savannah Vaughan Young

Larkin Scott Iobst MacGregor *

*not present

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

Hunger Committee Food Collection. The Hunger Committee thanks the congregation for your donations brought this morning, which will be distributed among six of our local partners. If you were not able to bring a donation of non-perishable items this morning, you are invited to donate to the Hunger Fund using the white envelopes found in the pew racks. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org for more information.

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*. This class is led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org to join the class and reserve a copy of the book.

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 documentary *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 to engage in dialogue with one another and our loved ones.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

APNC Open Forum. The APNC for Congregational Care will hold gatherings for church members to share their hopes for our new Associate Pastor. These gatherings will be held in the Witherspoon Parlor at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 25 (after Wednesday night dinner) and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, after worship.

Child & Youth Protection Training. Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204, Thurs., Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m., Cannon Room or Zoom, OR Wed., Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room or Zoom. All volunteers with children & youth are required to complete or renew Child & Youth Protection Training on a yearly basis. We now have two options to complete training: In-Person, OR Asynchronous Online through Google Classroom. Register here for In-Person

Training: bit.ly/BMPCChildandYouth
Training Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Carillon Tour. Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out after services. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. A second Carillon Tour will be on Sun., Oct. 27. If you have keyboard skills and wish to take lessons with one of our carillonneurs, or if you want to become a BMPC carillonneur, contact ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Lyric Fest Concert. Sun., Sept. 29, 3:00 p.m., Chapel. Lyric Fest presents “Play a Simple Melody – The Historic Songs of Tin Pan Alley.” From the clamoring brownstones of Manhattan’s Lower East Side came the celebrated songs of Tin Pan Alley - and a genre that came to define America at home and abroad. To buy tickets, visit lyricfest.org/tickets and enter the code BMPC2425 upon checkout for a \$10 discount.

Doing Good Together Service Day. Thurs., Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m. On Rosh Hashanah, help neighbors near and far during a day of service for 1st–7th graders. First–third graders will stay on campus from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Fourth–seventh graders will go off-site to work with our mission partners from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by Fri., Sept. 25 at bit.ly/DoingGoodTogetherServiceDay Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Holy Leisure Potluck. Fri., Oct. 4, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion with speaker Rev. Carolyn Cavaness. RSVP online with a shared food item: bit.ly/HolyLeisureOct42024 Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Joining Hands Peru – Mission Trip Reports. Sun., Oct. 6, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join participants from the Spring Study Trip and Summer Youth Work Trip to Peru as they share about the work of Joining Hands Peru and reflect on their personal experiences. As BMPC continues in our long-term commitment to the activists, community members, youth, and faith leaders in Lima and LaOroya, we are called to learn and engage as an entire congregation around the challenges and possibilities in their work of environmental activism and creation care.

Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief. Mon., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. In 1969, Elisabeth Kübler Ross first identified the stages of dying in her transformative book *On Death and Dying*. Decades later, she and David Kessler wrote the classic *On Grief and Grieving*, introducing the stages of grief with the same transformative pragmatism and

compassion. Now, based on hard-earned personal experiences and knowledge and wisdom earned through decades of work with the grieving, Kessler introduces a critical sixth stage—*Finding Meaning*. Spiritual director Patricia Danzon will bring a spiritual perspective to the sessions as we explore this book. To register, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Luncheon for BMPC’s 50+ Years Members. Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Congregation Hall. The Senior Adult Council will host its bi-annual luncheon to honor long-time members and their commitment to the church and its ministries. Members and their families are invited to share fellowship and memories of their time in the church. Contact [Monica Devane@bmpc.org](mailto:MonicaDevane@bmpc.org) by Oct. 1 to attend.

UPCOMING

Sustaining Democracy Conversation. Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. As we look forward to learning from Robert Talisse, our fall Community Forum Speaker, on Sept. 30, all are invited to a conversation on selected portions of his compelling book, *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*. To receive a paper or digital copy of the book’s introduction and chapter 2, contact [Jennifer McArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

Community Forum. Mon., Sept. 30, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The Community Fo-

rum will host Dr. Robert B. Talisse, a distinguished professor from Vanderbilt University, to speak on the principles of democracy and the ethics of citizenship. Dr. Talisse will discuss how we can engage in honest dialogue with those who hold differing political views and explore our responsibilities as citizens in a democratic society. Author of over 100 scholarly articles and 15 books, including *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*, Dr. Talisse’s work focuses on public discourse, political polarization, and democracy’s role in fostering understanding.

Singing for Life. Thursdays, Oct. 3–Dec. 12, 9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m., Fine Arts Center. Singing for Life is a weekly program taught by Jeffrey Brillhart and Kara Goodrich that focuses on singing and physical/vocal exercises specifically geared toward people aged fifty-five and older. Registration costs \$75. Sign up at bit.ly/S4L2024. Contact, ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Going Inside: A Meditation Sampler. Wed., Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 13, 7:00 p.m., Wither-spoon Parlor. Join us for these classes to demystify meditation and make it more accessible for people. This class will be taught and guided through an ecumenical approach to breath work, meditation, and mindfulness by BMPC member Terry Charlton. Contact, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 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
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:00 a.m. Faces of Resilience, Gallery
- 9:15 a.m. Third Grade Bible Breakfast, Congregational Hall
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed
3rd Grade Bible Presentation during 10 a.m. service**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Building Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. APNC for Youth and Their Families Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 11:15 a.m. Purple Documentary and Conversation, Congregational Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 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 Class, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program - Tutor Training, Ed. Building Hall

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. APNC for Congregational Care Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual
- 11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 11:00 a.m. Rachel Jenkins Memorial Service, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 11:00 a.m. Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture, Fine Arts Kitchen

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 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, SEPTEMBER 29

- 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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