



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 13, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Variations on a Sunday School Tune:
Shall We Gather at the River?

Virgil Thomson

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One God, enlarge our hearts,

All so we can become more compassionate.

One God, broaden our minds,

All so that we may see the needs of the world and respond according to our gifts.

One God, deepen our souls,

All so the depth of your grace may well up within us.

One God, fill us with your love,

All so that we may overflow in generosity to share your good and perfect gifts.

HYMN 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Loving God, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been hesitant to believe them. We have heard your summons to follow and we have failed to be faithful to your calling. We have heard how you bless the church with the power of your Spirit, yet we are less generous than we could be with our own resources. Forgive us, O God, and free us to be a community of blessing, spreading the gospel in word and deed.

Empower us anew to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

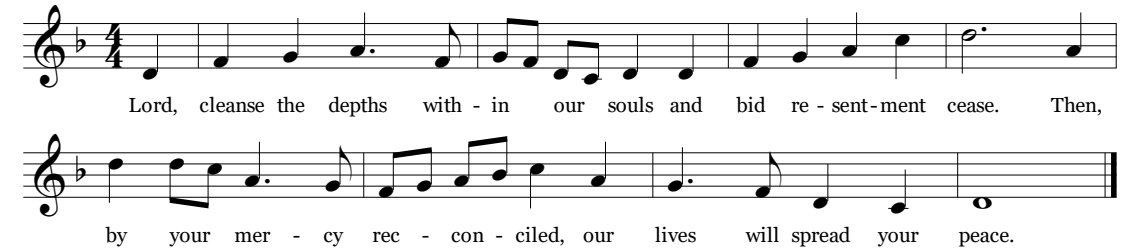
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

SUNG RESPONSE

DETROIT



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,
by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Agnes W. Norfleet

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

All We do.

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
(pg. 182 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM The Last Words of David Randall Thompson
He that ruleth over men, must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Mark 10:17-31 Agnes W. Norfleet
(pg. 46 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON *In Love* Agnes W. Norfleet
Bryn Mawr Gives Light Stewardship Series

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

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.
We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ
wherever the work of the Spirit is evident:
in preaching and sacraments,
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,
in sharing of the spiritual gifts and material things,
in mission and service to the world.**

- 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 O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

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 HUNDRETH

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 719 Come, Labor On ORA LABORA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Louise H. "Dede" Shafer - October 8, 2024

Worship & Music Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Grafton D. Chase.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Grace and John Huffaker.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Philip Johnson Fleuter, son of Beverly and Samuel Fleuter

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Stewardship Committee. Dedication Sunday, when we offer our pledges to the work of the church, is two weeks away! We are a congregation of generous people, so please, once again, show your gratitude by giving generously as you make your commitment to the church's ministry and mission in this year's Stewardship Campaign, Bryn Mawr Gives Light!

Looking For A Church Home? Mon., Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Join Agnes Norfleet for "Discover BMPC" classes which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, Presbyterian heritage, and mission. Inquirers welcome. Visit bit.ly/BMPCNewMember to register. Questions? Contact [Jennifer McArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

Child & Youth Protection Training. Thurs., Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m., Cannon Room or virtual. 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.

Last training will be on Wed., Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room or virtual. Register here for In-Person Training: bit.ly/BMPCChildandYouthTraining Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

TODAY

Hurricane Relief. To make a donation to assist with hurricane recovery, you can make a direct financial contribution to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by indicating Hurricane Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations may be given through today's offering or sent directly to the church office during the week.

Digging Deeper. Sun., Oct. 13–Nov. 10, 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This five-week study, led by the Rev. Dick Wohlschlaeger, will explore Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, written in 1939 while he directed an underground seminary in Nazi Germany. The book is significant for its profound insights into Christian fellowship, discipleship, and the spiritual practices that sustain believers in times of societal and political turmoil. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to order the book.

Luncheon for BMPC's 50+ Years Members. Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Congregational 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.

Leadership in Lower Merion. Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. As part of our fall conversations around dialogue and relationships across differences, we will be in conversation with Lower Merion Township Commissioners Scott Zelov and Shawn Kraemer. They will discuss leading together despite political differences for the sake and future of the LM Community. Both provided leadership in the development of the LM Code Blue Shelter last winter, and we will discuss different ways that we can all work for the common good.

Youth Environmental Committee Intergenerational Hike. Sun., Oct. 13, 1:30–3:30 p.m. All are welcome to join our youth on this multigenerational hike and work day at nearby Morris Park. Morris Park is across City Line Avenue from Friends' Central School in the Overbrook area. This 64-acre open space includes a wooded area, recreational space, gardens, trails, and more as Indian Creek meanders through the grounds. We are starting at the trailhead at 68th and Malvern St. in Philadelphia.

UPCOMING

Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief. Start date postponed to Mon., Oct. 14, 7:00 p.m., virtual. Elisabeth Kübler Ross, author of *On Grief and Grieving*, now 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

Urban Suburban Book Group. Tues., Oct. 15, 12:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. This longstanding book group will discuss *Civil Rights Queen: Constance Baker Motley and the Struggle for Equality* by Tomiko Brown-Nagin. Facilitating the discussion will be the Rev. Dr. Gene Bay. Bring lunch; a beverage and dessert will be provided. Contact, Anna May Charrington, grandebay1@gmail.com

Navigating Difficult Conversations. Sun., Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A 90 min. workshop to develop skills for engaging productively with sensitive and challenging topics; conducting yourself so that conversations, even around divisive subjects, can be opportunities to build understanding rather than occasions that deepen conflict; and discovering how your own opinions and triggers influence your ability to enter into conversation with integrity and ob-

jectivity. Sponsored by Interfaith Philadelphia. Lunch will be provided. Please register with JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org to help us plan for food.

Join Or Die: A film about why you should join a club... and why the fate of America depends on it. Wed., Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. In conjunction with our discussion of Putnam's book *The Upswing* on Oct. 30, we will also be screening the new documentary featuring Putnam. The film follows the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the lens of his research. The 90-minute film explores three urgent civic questions: What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? And, most importantly, what can we do about it?

Pastors' Book Group, *The Upswing*. Wed., Oct. 30, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet for a discussion of Robert Putnam's most recent book – *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*. This book represents a capstone to Putnam's illustrious career as the sociologist and political scientist who helped us all come to understand the incredible value of connections across the community and the building of social capital. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to reserve a copy of the book.

S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous! An Evening Gala Featuring our Staff Singers. Sat., Nov. 9, 5:00–8:00 p.m., Merion Cricket Club. Registration spots are filling up quickly for an evening of food, drink, conversation, song, and exciting silent auction items—all to support funding to include BMPC's illustrious roster of Staff Singers on the Sanctuary Choir's upcoming Choir Tour to France in June 2025. Registration is \$125 (\$65 tax deductible) per person. Secure your spot now at bit.ly/swonderfulgala

CARING & SHARING

Casserole Blitz. Sat., Oct. 19, 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 while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP

Soup Needed. Our Soup Ministry supply is getting low. Please consider dropping off some soup to be given to those in the congregation who need it. We have stocked quart/ pint containers with spill-proof lids and freezer-proof labels that you can pick up from the church. Please include the kind of soup, ingredients, and date made. Contact, KathrynWest@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 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. Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:00 a.m. "Faces of Resilience" Exhibit, Gallery
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**
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15 a.m. Leadership in Lower Merion Township, Fullerton Room
11:15 a.m. 50+ Years Member Anniversary Luncheon, Congregational Hall
1:30 p.m. Youth Environmental Committee Intergenerational Hike, off campus

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:00 p.m. Finding Meaning Book Group, Virtual

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 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
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
4:45 p.m. Beginners' 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
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 9:30 a.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Cannon Room
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, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Ministries Center Kitchen
3:00 p.m. Weekday School Fall Festival, Ed. Bldg. Front Lawn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 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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