



# Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 17, 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 Reverie

William Grant Still

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One There is a story to tell in this place.

**All It is a story of hope, a story of wonder, a story of abundant life.**

One It is a story of the people who came before us, and passed along their faith.

**All It is a story of those who come after us, to whom God promises a bright and hopeful future.**

One Which is to say, it is a story of the living God, and of God's love for the world.

**All Let us worship our God, who invites us to be part of this story.**

HYMN 321 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All Eternal God, forgive us we pray, when our fear of the future shows neither faith nor hope. We live as those who have forgotten your help in ages past, so we claim no hope for years to come. Forgive our weary dreaming that gives up on seeing justice roll down like waters, on truth that would set us free, and a peaceable kingdom. Forgive our timid hopes and our shallow praise, and rekindle in these hearts of ours your love that will not let us go.**

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

Rachel Pedersen

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

### 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 Psalm 16:5-11

(pg. 496 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord

Moses Hogan

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord. Do you love Him? Are you anchored?  
Will you serve Him? Will you praise Him? Lord, I Love You. Yes, I'll serve You.  
Lord, I'll praise You. My soul's been anchored in the Lord, God Almighty, My  
soul's been anchored in the Lord.

SECOND LESSON Mark 13:1-8

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 50 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *A Little Apocalypse*

Agnes W. Norfleet

## Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 346 For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS (WADE)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

**All I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by  
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of  
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

~ *The Apostles' Creed*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Agnes W. Norfleet

SUNG RESPONSE Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

OFFERTORY ANTHEM There is a Balm in Gilead

William Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all."

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 357 The Days Are Surely Coming

LLANGLOFFAN

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Great Day"

Adolphus Hailstork

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"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Donna Trexler - November 5, 2024

Doug McCone- November 8, 2024

## Worship & Music Notes

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of  
Rob Mygatt and Rebecca Driscoll

### WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Jordan Black and Pierce Jaswinski

Rachel Kiefer and Jesse Kiefer

Grace Madziyire and John Madziyire

Tiffany Meyer

Jacqueline Nunn

Kasey Prato and Erick Prato

Daniel Stockel

Benjamin (Ben) Walsh, Cali Walsh, and Nancy Walsh

Stephen Wilson

Robert Young

### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Klaus Volpert

# 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

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## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

# Announcements

## TODAY

### **Bryn Mawr Gives Light: Stewardship 2025.**

Our Stewardship Campaign provides essential guidance to our Trustees as they prepare the church's annual budget, ensuring thoughtful allocation of funds across mission work, staff salaries, maintenance, insurance, and more. Projecting our annual income becomes significantly more challenging without clear direction from pledge totals. If you have already pledged, thank you! If you haven't yet, please consider making this meaningful annual commitment.

**Advent Gift Market.** Sun., Nov. 17, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening Market Festival of our annual alternative giving program. Representatives from committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives will be in the Atrium after worship on successive Sundays to take your orders. Orders also may be placed online at [www.brynmawragm.com](http://www.brynmawragm.com)

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Carillon Tour.** Sun., Nov. 24, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. 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. 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](mailto:ToriFisher@bmpc.org)

**Code Blue Volunteer Training.** Sun., Dec. 8, 3:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. For the month of January, BMPC will host a Code Blue Shelter to house up to five men sleeping outside in Lower Merion on the coldest nights. Volunteers will work in shifts between 8:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. on nights the shelter is open. Training will take place for anyone interested in learning more. To receive the link to sign up to volunteer, and if you have questions, please contact [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

**Looking Along Advent: C. S. Lewis and a Christian Vision of Today's World.** Sun., Dec. 8, 15, 22, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. C.S. Lewis, renowned for his works on Christian apologetics and the beloved "Chronicles of Narnia" series, significantly influenced 20th-century literature and theological thought, blending imaginative storytelling with profound philosophical and religious insights. In the season of



Advent, we will learn more about how his theology and insights can inform our understanding and experience of Advent from theologian Dr. Steven Boyer of Eastern University, a scholar of Lewis' work.

**Sanctuary Flower Donations.** Openings are available in January and February 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](mailto:SusanThorkelson@mac.com)

## UPCOMING

**Family Movie Night: *The Polar Express!*** Fri., Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. This fun holiday tradition continues, with pizza before and popcorn and hot chocolate during the movie. Please Register at [bit.ly/polarexpressnight](http://bit.ly/polarexpressnight) so we can plan for the correct amount of food. Contact, [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**In Unison: Celebrating Commonalities, Bridging Differences.** Sun., Nov. 24, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. As the final session in our fall series on being in conversations across boundaries, we will be joined by cellist Udi Bar David. Udi has played with the Philadelphia Orchestra for over 30 years but also creates opportunities for open dialogues, bringing people from different cultural backgrounds together at universities, public venues, and

peace-loving communities. His unique genre of cross-cultural music has been heard all over the world. In his time with us, Udi will both perform and share how he has experienced the role of music in bridging our differences.

**Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast.** Thurs., Nov. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Everyone is invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds and donations, \$5 per person and \$20 per family, go to support youth ministry. Calling all youth and adult volunteers to help make and serve breakfast. Sign up to help at [bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakesVol](http://bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakesVol) You may donate at [onrealm.org/bmpc/give/youth](http://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/youth) if you can't attend but would like to contribute to our youth ministry program.

**Christmas Flower Donations.** Deadline: Sun., Dec. 1. Contributions for Sanctuary Christmas Flowers may be given "In memory of," "In honor of," or "In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism)" and will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or [bmpc.org/giving/christmas-flower-donations](http://bmpc.org/giving/christmas-flower-donations) Donations received will be used for our floral decorations and Deacons' flower ministry.

**Volunteers Needed! Live Nativity & Advent Workshop.** Sun., Dec. 8, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Calling all Youth and Adult volunteers! Can you help us set up, lead a station, dress up, or act? Volunteers will be asked to arrive at 3:15 p.m. and must be in 4th Grade or above. Register to volunteer at [bit.ly/LiveNativityVolunteer](https://bit.ly/LiveNativityVolunteer) Contact, [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**Rainbow Reindeer Games.** Sun., Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m., Front Lawn. All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to Rainbow Reindeer Games. We will provide pizza, play ridiculously fun games, and have a great time. Friends are welcome to join. Register at [bit.ly/RRGames2024](https://bit.ly/RRGames2024) Contact, [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

## CARING AND SHARING

**Turkey Collection.** Frozen turkeys may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November. Donations must be received by Wed., Nov. 20., but early donations are especially helpful to ensure we have enough for all in need. Turkeys may be dropped off at the Ministries Center and placed in any of the freezers downstairs. Questions? Contact [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

**Christmas Angels.** Deliver to the Ministries Center reception desk or Ed. Bldg. Hall by Sun., Dec. 8. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (three to five gifts per child). Gift cards in \$25 increments from Amazon, Walmart, Target, Giant, and ShopRite are preferred. If you wish to buy a gift, you may sponsor a child's Christmas at [bit.ly/BMPCXmasAngels2024](https://bit.ly/BMPCXmasAngels2024), buy a general gift for a child (Legos, toiletry sets, Rubik's Cubes, make-up, cards and card games, board games, fidget toys, basketballs or footballs), or purchase from Gemma's Amazon Wish List: [bit.ly/GemmaNeeds](https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds) Contact, [BMPCAngels@gmail.com](mailto:BMPCAngels@gmail.com)



# Calendar

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 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. Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture, Gallery
- 9:00 a.m. New Member Breakfast, Fullerton Room
- 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**
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gym Youth Lounge
- 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. APNC for Youth and Their Families Meeting, Cannon Room
- 11:15 a.m. AGM Opening Event, Congregational Hall

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Study, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Connection Group Facilitators' Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

# Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 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. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Rehearsal Room
- 9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night: The Polar Express, Congregational Hall

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. **Marilyn Loos Memorial Service, Chapel**

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 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

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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