



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 26, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME

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 outside the Sanctuary doors following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Given the rise in cases due to the Delta variant, masks are now required for both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people inside church buildings. Masks are not required for outdoor spaces. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that COVID vaccines are not available to children under 12 at this time.

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 the following day.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: www.bmpc.org.

Today's Schedule

Childcare

8:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Ages 2 to Grade 4, Ed. Bldg.

Youth Gathering & Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m., Foerderer House

Lemonade on the Lawn

11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn

Playground Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Playground

Presbyterian Women Mission

Highlight: Gemma Services

11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Kickoff

11:30 a.m., Front Lawn

In case of rain, signs will direct you to an alternate location.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

All: To the rising of this life itself.

One: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

All: The hand of God between us and each hand.

One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

All: The love of Christ between us and each love.

One: With believers across time and space, let us worship God.

† HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

O God, you tend us gently and care for us completely, while we wander and stray, still wanting, in spite of what you have provided for us. Still our hearts, and take away our sin. Restore us to your dreams for a human family who walks in the paths of righteousness. Fill us with goodness and mercy, that we may follow you in faith, serve you in love, and bear witness to your truth and grace.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

Take, O Take Me As I Am

The musical notation is written on two staves in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 41:14-24 (*p. 37 in pew Bible*)

† Please stand, if able.

ANTHEM Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Aaron David Miller
Sanctuary Choir

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honor of thy name. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease; brings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; he sets the pris'ner free. His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me. To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever giv'n, by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

SECOND LESSON Genesis 41:25-40 (p. 38 in pew Bible) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Dreams Make a Difference* Agnes W. Norfleet

The Family of Joseph & the Providence of God Series

† **HYMN 686** God of Our Life SANDON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

LITANY FOR ORDINATION Brian K. Ballard

One: There are varieties of gifts,

All: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: To each is given a gift of the Spirit

All: **To be used for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: **And individually, members of it.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION Bill McKee

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as Deacons and Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: **We do.**

One: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

All: **We do.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS, CHARGE AND DECLARATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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 Let the People Praise Thee, O God William Matthias
Sanctuary Choir

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

† **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Exultate Bryan Kelly

ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS

BEING ORDAINED AND INSTALLED AS:

Elder, Class of 2022

Pamela Haynes Walsh
Olivia Blusiewicz (Youth)
Jack Stevens (Youth)

Deacon, Class of 2022

Aidan Vartanian (Youth)
Paul McConnell III (Youth)

Elder, Class of 2023

Emily Cieri
Carolyn Gerrish
Linda Griska
Joe Parente

Deacon, Class of 2023

Angie Baturka
Steve Burdick
Nadine Champagne
Stacey Fagan

Elder, Class of 2024

Dottie Bowen
Elliot Dee
Annie Lee

Deacon, Class of 2024

Ted Collett
Kara Udicious

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mary Rose Beetlestone Brown.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

“Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors” by Maritza L. Morgan.
Part of the BMPC Art Collection. Late 20th Century. Oil on sculpted wood panel.

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Announcements

DRIVEWAY CLOSURE. Temporary fencing has been put up along Montgomery Avenue, and the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel is expected to be closed to vehicles until mid-October. The Sanctuary, Chapel and Education Building will be accessible to pedestrians via the back parking lot. All vehicles must enter and exit the campus from Radnor Street.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Thurs., Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2021-2022 via a paper nominating form: <http://bit.ly/nominating-form-2021> or online form: <https://bit.ly/bmpc-officer-nominations>. Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. The Worship Committee is pleased to welcome Natalie Hoepp as our new Sunday Flower Coordinator. We are grateful to the volunteers who have provided greenery and beauty for our Sanctuary throughout the summer. We have fall spots available for donors who wish to give flowers in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, please contact Natalie at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom. This class for women provides an opportunity to be in fellowship and study with one another each Sunday morning as we discuss issues of life and faith. Our time together this fall will be shaped by a series of videos created by The Bible Project as we explore topics such as generosity, holiness, covenants, justice, atonement and Sabbath. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Education Building, Room 204, and via Zoom. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding Sunday morning class. You are invited to join this fall in reading Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. For information about joining the class and purchasing Rohr's book, contact Paul MacMurray at paulcmac2@gmail.com.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this offering. You may give during worship today or next Sunday, Oct. 3, by using the envelopes in the pews or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You also can give online: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/-/give/peace>.

YOUTH FALL KICKOFF. Today, 11:30 a.m., Front Lawn. The BMPC Youth Ministry invites all youth and parents to learn about this fall's youth programming, reconnect with friends, and experience God's grace together in a faithful and inclusive community. Childcare is available. Reach out to Pastor Leigh if you have questions or want to reserve childcare: LeighDeVries@bmpc.org.

This Week

REPOSE YOGA. Tuesdays, 9:00-10:15 a.m., Congregational Hall, and via Zoom. This mixed level yoga class uses evidence-based movement and breath exercises to strengthen, stretch and feel better! Suggested donation of \$10 supports the BMPC Hunger Committee. In-person students are required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and wear masks. A virtual option is available. Contact instructor Karen Gagnier, 610-952-0622, karengagnier22@gmail.com.

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Congregational Hall, and via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years; rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE (PD). Tuesdays through Dec. 15, 1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Two professional dance instructors integrate movement from modern, ballet, tap, folk and social dancing to engage the minds and bodies of persons with PD and their care partners, creating an enjoyable, social environment for artistic expression. Persons with PD pay \$5.00 per class; care partners attend for free. Masks and proof of vaccination required. Contact instructor Sharon Friedler for more information, 215-563-5701.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE (PD) SUPPORT GROUP. Tues., Sept. 28, 2:30 p.m., Foerderer House. Free to persons with PD and care partners. Participants are required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and wear masks. Contact facilitator Dolly Johnson for more information, 610-647-1486.

REACHING OUT: THE THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE. Tues., Sept. 28, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Directors Patricia Danzon and Betty Wright-Riggins in an exploration of the spiritual life using Henri Nouwen's classic book, *Reaching Out*. This biweekly class will help you get to know our spiritual directors while taking some simple steps on a journey toward an engaged and curious spiritual life. For information about joining this class, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Join the Rev. Brian Ballard in a six-week discussion of Christian M.M. Brady's new book, *Beautiful and Terrible Things: A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief and Hope*. Brady reflects on his own grief after the death of his son and the perseverance of hope in our Christian tradition. Contact BrianBallard@bmpc.org for information about joining this online class.

Next Sunday

A HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. Sun., Oct. 3, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Presbyterians have been actively engaged in mission in the Middle East for over 150 years. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will take us through the stories of how American Christian denominations divided up the Holy Lands for mission work as well as provide a brief summary of the most recent statements the Presbyterian Church USA has made on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Upcoming

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays starting Oct. 10, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom. Join our conversation this fall on Carolyn Helsel and Suzie Park's new book, *The Flawed Family of God: Stories about the Imperfect Families in Genesis*. We will explore the ways these ancient families wrestle with the same struggles families experience today: sibling rivalry, infertility, family relocation, blended families, etc. Contact FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org for more information about joining the class.

THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT: IT'S COMPLICATED! FRAMING AN INTRACTABLE DEBATE. Sun., Oct. 10, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Adam Kessler, former director of the Jewish Community Relations Council in Philadelphia, will walk us through the numerous narratives that contribute to the challenging conflicts in the Middle East.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 10, 4:00 p.m., Education Building Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

FLU SHOTS. Wed., Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm., Education Building. BMPC is partnering with Main Line Health to help us care for ourselves and one another by offering a flu vaccine clinic for individuals 18 and older. The high-dose vaccine for those 65+ will not be offered at this clinic. Please note that if you receive a COVID-19 booster shot, it will not interfere with your flu shot. Registration is required by contacting Carol Cherry, Parish Nurse, at 610-520-8832 or CarolCherry@bmpc.org. You will be assigned an appointment time and provided with additional instructions. Masks are required, and physical distancing will be in effect.

Caring and Sharing

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee invites you to help resettle an Afghan refugee family in our local community this fall. Volunteers are needed to welcome and assist a family. To volunteer, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/refugee-volunteer-signup>. Look for information in a few weeks about donating items needed to set the family up in an apartment. Supporting a family also will take financial resources to supplement the limited government assistance they receive. If you wish to contribute financially, please write Refugee Support on the memo line of your check, or give online: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/refugee>.

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE NEW AND GENTLY USED SHOES. BMPC is accepting donations of new or gently used shoes in support of The Welcome Church and its work with Sanctuary Village, a tiny house project in Philadelphia. Donations may be dropped off until Sept. 30 in the collection bin outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

PERSONAL CARE ITEM COLLECTION. During October, we invite you to donate the following personal care items to support the new Community Hygiene Truck at Broad Street Ministry: underwear for adults (all sizes and types), socks, shampoo and conditioner (travel size), hand sanitizer, toothpaste (travel size), toothbrushes, body wash (travel size), soap (regular-sized bars), and body lotion (travel size). Donations may be dropped off in the collection bin outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, September 26

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual Filling the Well, Virtual Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual and Ed. Bldg., Rm 204
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Sunday School for ages 2 - 3, Ed. Bldg., Main Lobby Sunday School for PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Porch Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Front Lawn Sunday School for Grade 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual Sunday School for Grades 4 & 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual Confirmation Class, Foerderer House, 2nd Floor Youth Gathering (Middle and High School), Foerderer House

11:00	a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn, Chapel Driveway Playground Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Playground
11:15	a.m.	Presbyterian Women Mission Highlight: Gemma Services, Sanctuary
11:30	a.m.	Youth Kickoff, Front Lawn
2:00	p.m.	Casserole Blitz Planning Meeting, Foerderer House Patio
4:00	p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Group Meeting, Foerderer House Patio

Monday, September 27

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, September 28

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Virtual or Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Virtual or Congregational Hall
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Foerderer House
6:45	p.m.	Child & Youth Protection Training - Tutoring, Ed. Bldg., Lobby
7:00	p.m.	The Spiritual Life, Virtual

Wednesday, September 29

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 Peggy Rogers Memorial Service, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg., Front Lawn
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30	p.m.	Handbells, Fine Arts Center

Thursday, September 30

10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 1

10:00	a.m.	Senior Adult Council, Virtual
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Saturday, October 2

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library
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Sunday, October 3

10:00	a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
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Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

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