

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 24, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Ages 2 to Grade 5
10:00 a.m., 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

Christian Peacemaker Teams: Getting in the Way in the West Bank

11:15 a.m., Sanctuary and Virtual

Kickball with Church of the Redeemer

4:00 p.m., Baldwin Field

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Suite in F

Leopold Mozart

I: March

II: Aria

III: Polonaise

Steven Heitzer, trumpet, and Edward Landin Senn, organ

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Draw near to God, as God comes near to us.

All: We will welcome God's presence.

One: Hear the wisdom of the Spirit, and live in peace.

All: We will welcome the working of the Spirit.

One: Live with gentleness, full of mercy.

All: We will say welcome one another, living together in grace.

One: May God work in and through us as we worship together.

† HYMN 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of love, in gratitude for your gracious deeds, we look for renewal. You have made us your children; now we ask for your help in turning our lives toward you. Make us thankful people, praising you in all we do. Forgive us for the wrongs we have done, and teach us to forgive others. Show us the way of compassion, kindness, and patience. Give us grace to let the peace of Christ live in our hearts.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

Take, O Take Me As I Am

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.

† Please stand, if able.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 145:1-9 (*p. 581 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Taste and See
Sanctuary Choir

Pamela Decker

Taste and see that the Lord is good; Look upon him and be radiant. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him. Taste and see that the Lord is good; Happy are they who trust in him!

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (*pg. 171 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

For Your Great Generosity

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 47

Bless All Who Trust in God

FRANCONIA

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things,

in mission and service to the world.

The boundaries of the church are not clearly known to us,
but God knows those who are his.

~ from *A Declaration of Faith*

PASTORAL PRAYER

AND 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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stewardship

Tim and Jeannie Bickhart

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Beatitudes

Paul Mealor

Sanctuary Choir, Elizabeth Weigle, soprano

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Amen.

† **DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

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**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 649**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Praeludium

Pamela Decker

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Helen P. Collings ~ October 14, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Ruth Engelman

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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Announcements

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23. The Weekday School offers programming for children ages 2 years and 7 months through age 5. Children build their kindergarten readiness skills in a play-based program designed to develop a lifelong love of learning. BMPC members have priority in placement through Fri., Oct. 29. For more information about the Weekday School, visit www.bmpcweekdayschool.org. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please complete the application (<https://bit.ly/weekday22-23>) and submit to weekdayschool@bmpc.org. If you have any questions, contact Kim Black at 610-520-8840.

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 the end of 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; please follow directional signs.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. The Worship Committee is pleased to welcome Natalie Hoepf as our new Sunday Flower Coordinator. Fall spots are available for donors who wish to give flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS: GETTING IN THE WAY IN THE WEST BANK. Today, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Christian Peacemaker Teams is an international non-profit organization of peacemakers working in areas of conflict around the world. Team members will join us from their site in Hebron on the West Bank in Palestine. They will share the story of their work, including the challenges and also the signs of hope. To participate online, join via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/peacemaker-teams>.

KICKBALL WITH CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER. Today, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Baldwin Field. All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join Pastor Leigh for a friendly game of kickball with our friends from the Church of the Redeemer. After kickball, enjoy a slice or two of pizza! Register: JackLiskey@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.

TRICK-OR-TREAT HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL. Fri., Oct. 29, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Drop by any time, costumes optional, to Trick or Treat and enjoy fellowship together.

Next Sunday

STEWARDSHIP 2022: GOD IS CALLING US. Dedication Sunday is next Sunday, Oct. 31! You are invited to bring your pledges and place them in the offering plates during worship, mail them to the church, or pledge online at www.bmpc.org/stewardship. We are grateful for however you wish to share your financial commitment with our congregation because your gifts are critical to the continued success and strength of our church. Thank you!

Upcoming

2021-2022 CONCERT SERIES. The BMPC Music and Fine Arts Department is planning its 2021-2022 concert series which will include an Advent Tuesday noon series featuring talented keyboard artists, a spring concert featuring the Sanctuary Choir on Sun., March 13, and a special musical offering for Good Friday. More information is available on the "Concerts" page of our website: www.bmpc.org/concerts. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

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). Please drop off new and unopened items in the collection bin outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

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 the family. To volunteer, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/refugee-volunteer-signup>. Look for information in a few weeks about donating items needed to settle the family in an apartment. Supporting a family also takes 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>.

Calendar

Sunday, October 24

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual Digging Deeper, 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 School and High School), Foerderer House
11:00	a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn, Chapel Driveway Playground Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Playground
11:15	a.m.	Christian Peacemaker Teams, Getting in the Way in the West Bank, Sanctuary and Virtual via https://bit.ly/peacemaker-teams
4:00	p.m.	Kickball with Church of the Redeemer, Baldwin Field

Monday, October 25

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, October 26

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, Congregational Hall
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Foerderer House
5:00	p.m.	Mid-Week Meetup, Virtual
6:45	p.m.	BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.
7:00	p.m.	The Spiritual Life, Virtual

Wednesday, October 27

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
Men's Study Group, Children's Library and Virtual
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg., Patio
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30 p.m. Handbells, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, October 28

7:00 p.m. Genesis from Scratch, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 29

4:00 a.m. Trick-or-Treat Halloween Festival, Ed. Bldg. Lawn

Saturday, October 30

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

Sunday, October 31

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

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