

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 7, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

All Saints Sunday



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.

Worship Together Sunday

For Youth Grades 6-12
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Playground Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Playground

Talking to the People We Love About Race

11:15 a.m., Chapel

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Solemn Melody

H. Walford Davies

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather on this All Saints Sunday as people of faith.

All: We believe that God has a plan for the unfolding of human history.

One: We gather before the promises of God as people of hope.

All: God will raise us to be with the Lord forever.

One: We gather around the Communion Table with thanksgiving

**All: For the great cloud of witnesses who join our voices,
singing "Alleluia" to God of heaven and of earth.**

† HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

INTROIT

Souls of the Righteous
Sanctuary Choir

T. Tertius Noble

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh; O holy hope of immortality. Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, to eyes of men unwise, they seem to die; They are at peace, O fairest liberty. On earth as children chastened by love's rod, as gold in furnace tried, so now on high they shine like stars, a golden galaxy. Souls of the righteous in the hand of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God,

by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with all your children in heaven and on earth.

Forgive us when we fail to trust your word
that nothing can separate us from your love,
in heaven or on earth.

Guide us to rejoice with all your saints
who ceaselessly proclaim your praise,
through Christ our Savior.

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leigh DeVries

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9 (*p. 652 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Sanctuary Choir

Elizabeth Weigle, soprano, Colin Doyle, tenor

Translation: Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest, everlasting rest.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6 (*pg. 259 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Communion of Saints

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Brian K. Ballard

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Lift Up My Eyes

David Bennett Thomas

Sanctuary Choir

I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out, and your coming in, from this time forth, and forevermore.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Brian K. Ballard

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

An usher will invite you to come forward by pew from the center aisle. Communion elements will be served from four stations. All bread is gluten-free. Please take bread and juice, deposit empty cup in basket, and return to your pew by the side aisle. Those who prefer to be served in the pew please raise your hand and a pair of Elders will serve from the side aisles.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Sanctuary Choir

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all; O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee! Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

Let My Love Be Heard

Jake Runestad

Sanctuary Choir

Angels, where you soar up to God's own light, take my own lost bird on your hearts tonight; And as grief once more mounts to heaven and sings, let my love be heard whispering in your wings.

POSTLUDE

O World I Now Must Leave You

Johannes Brahms

The Congregation is invited to remain seated for the postlude.

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Eugenia Slaymaker ~ August 14, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Hazel Bjerk
and in Honor of Theodore and Eli Engelman

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MUSIC NOTES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

World Premiere - Dedicated to the Sanctuary Choir of
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in loving memory of June Adelhelm

POSTLUDE

This probably was the last piece that Brahms composed. The text of the chorale is
*“O World, I must leave you, I travel from here along my way
to the everlasting fatherland. I will give up my spirit
so that my body and life lie in God’s merciful hand.”*

Announcements

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS. The church office hours now are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This change is being made due to staff schedules. If a pastoral emergency arises outside of office hours, the church's voicemail system will direct callers to the number for our answering service which contacts the pastor on call.

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 November. 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 Hoopp as our new Sunday Flower Coordinator. Openings currently 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 bmpcfowers@gmail.com.

Today

HAVING HARD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE WITH PEOPLE WE LOVE.

Today, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. As the holidays approach, many of us dread the possibility of being with friends and family and not knowing what to do or say when complicated conversations arise around race and some of the current national conversations about race. Join us for a conversation with activist Anita Friday as we talk about the values we bring to our family gatherings, the values we honor when it comes to racial issues, and the best ways to talk about what can be a hard topic with the people we love.

AliciaFranklin@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.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Nov. 12, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. Carol Cherry leads our discussion of “All Will be Well. Using Your Gifts to Practice Your Faith.” RSVP online: <https://bit.ly/HolyLeisureNovember21-2021>. Contact Janet White at janetw298@verizon.net or 484-686-9507 for more information.

Next Sunday

NEXT STEPS IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL ANTI-RACISM WORK. Sun., Nov. 14, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. The BMPC Anti-Racism Taskforce has been guiding us as a congregation through various conversations around race since 2018. Whether you have faithfully participated in these activities, have dipped in and out, or have not yet had a chance to be a part of this work, you are invited to join us for a larger conversation about how we will continue this work into the future. We hope you will come with stories of transformation in your own journey, questions about how our community can effect change, and ideas about where God is leading us next in this work.

AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sun., Nov. 14: Opening Day for Online Shopping. Sun., Nov 21: In-person shopping begins in the Narthex each Sunday through Dec. 19. All are invited to participate in this creative and meaningful gift-giving program. Orders for inserts and greeting cards may be placed via the AGM website: www.BrynMawrAGM.com; by mailing/dropping off the order form enclosed in this year’s catalog to the church office; or at the AGM table in the Narthex. Filled orders may be picked up from a bin labeled “Advent Gift Market” outside the BMPC Chapel door. Donors will be notified when orders are ready, usually 1-2 days after receipt of the order; when requested, insert cards may be downloaded and printed from your home computer.

Upcoming

DOUBLE FEATURE DRIVE-IN MOVIE! Fri., Nov. 19, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., Sanctuary Parking Lot. Attend a showing of *The Polar Express* at 6:00 p.m., or *Elf* at 8:00 p.m. (or both!). You may watch the movie from your car, or enjoy outdoor seating by the fire pits. RSVP to MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

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 Concert Series featuring talented keyboard artists, a spring concert featuring the Sanctuary Choir on Sun., March 13, and a special musical offering for Good Friday on April 15. More information is available on the “Concerts” page of our website: www.bmpc.org/concerts. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee invites you to help resettle an Afghan refugee family on our church campus this fall. Volunteers are needed to welcome and assist a family who will be moving into the Foerderer House in November. To volunteer to help with a variety of needs such as education, job searching and long-term housing, sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/refugee-volunteer-signup>. Furnishing and accessory donations may be made by contacting Bobbi Adair at bobbiadair@comcast.net. You also may help by purchasing new items from this Amazon Wish List: <https://bit.ly/family-wish-list>.

HOUSING NEEDED. Your help would be appreciated to find affordable housing close to public transportation for the asylee family that BMPC members have supported for over three years. This amazing mom works full time in a daycare school, where her three-year-old child is enrolled, and her older daughter attends kindergarten in Lower Merion. Contact Mary French at 610-247-7154.

Calendar

Sunday, November 7

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., Nursery Sunday School for PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Room 201 Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Ed. Bldg., Main Lobby Sunday School for Grade 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual Sunday School for Grades 4 & 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual Worship Together Sunday for Youth
11:00	a.m.	Playground Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Playground
11:15	a.m.	Having Hard Conversations About Race with People We Love, Chapel

Monday, November 8

- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Virtual
7:00 p.m. Y-Group Podcast Party, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204

Tuesday, November 9

- 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
6:00 p.m. Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. The Spiritual Life, Virtual
Session Meeting, Virtual

Wednesday, November 10

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
Men's Study Group, Children's Library or Virtual
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30 p.m. Handbells, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Ed. Bldg. Patio
Adult Education Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, November 11

- 11:00 a.m. **Helen P. Collings Memorial Service, Sanctuary**
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, November 12

- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, Virtual

Saturday, November 13

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library
7:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall and Kitchen

Sunday, November 14

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

Worship Staff

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