

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 20, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



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 at 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

Masks are 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 while COVID vaccines are available for children ages five to 11, some children may not have been vaccinated.

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 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 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.

Confirmation

10:00 a.m.
Foerderer House, 2nd Floor

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. - noon
Fine Arts Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Introit and Arietta

William Lloyd Webber

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: The Holy One is a great God, and a ruler above all gods.

**All: Come, let us worship and bow down:
let us kneel before God our Maker!**

One: For the One who formed us and all the world is our God.

All: And we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

† HYMN 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Holy God, fount of all goodness, your streams of mercy never cease to flow. You invite us to love as you love, but we harden our hearts and quarrel among ourselves. We divide your human family into friends and enemies. We refuse to associate with those who are different from us, even when you shower us with your love and the power of reconciliation. Do not be angry with us, Lord. Forgive our faithless hearts and make them more like yours - steadfast and full of love.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

With Steadfast Love

O WALY WALY

With stead - fast love and mer - cy sure, God hears con - fes - sion and for -
gives; re - deemed, the soul in which God dwells, and blessed, the heart in which God lives!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON 1 John 4:7-12 (*p. 241 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM O Sing Joyfully Unto God Our Strength Adrian Batten
Sanctuary Choir

O Sing we joyfully, unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise, unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up, the trumpet in the new moon; even in the time appointed and upon our solemn feast day. For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.

SECOND LESSON Luke 6:20-31 (*pg. 64 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Do To Others As...*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 819 Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child. Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

† **DOXOLOGY** 606

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**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN** 372

O For a World

AZMON

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C major

C.V. Stanford

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Jeanne L. LeBuhn ~ February 7, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. Agnes W. Barksdale

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Wade FitzGerald

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Season of Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES. March 2, 5:30 p.m., Family Service with Imposition of Ashes, and 7:30 p.m., Service with Imposition of Ashes. Both services will be held in the Chapel.

STORY PATH LABYRINTH. Walking a labyrinth during the Lenten season provides a meaningful way to journey to Jerusalem. The small labyrinth in the Chapel is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

LENT RECITAL SERIES. Tuesdays in March, noon, Chapel. All are invited to gather weekly in the Chapel to enjoy brief recitals on the Chapel organ. This organ, built by Petty-Madden in 1995, has recently undergone mechanical and tonal upgrades that greatly enhance the instrument. On March 1 we invite you to listen to the artistry of Edward Landin Senn, assistant director of music at BMPC. For the recital schedule, visit <https://www.bmpc.org/concerts>.

LUKE IN LENT. Sundays, March 13, 20 and 27, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall or by streaming via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/spring-adult-ed>. Based on the Luken passages selected for our 2022 Lenten Devotional, this class explores some of the traditional and contemporary ways that scholars have interpreted these passages from the Gospel of Luke. This class will be led by Dr. Joshua Yoder whose New Testament scholarship focuses on the Gospel of Luke and the ways that the author uses narrative to express theological, political and social concepts. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Announcements

FAMILY LEAVE FOR BRIAN BALLARD. The Rev. Brian Ballard will be on family leave until March 28. BMPC grants eight weeks of family leave for the birth or adoption of a child. Brian took two weeks when Florence was born and saved the remaining time to care for her when his wife Amy returned to work. During the next six weeks, Brian is choosing to stay connected to BMPC by participating in Sunday worship and some evening programs, but he will not be in the office on weekdays. In his absence, please contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org with questions related to Pastoral Care and Senior Adults.

COVID-19 UPDATES. While we are continuing in-person worship and require masks and distancing in the Sanctuary, we are postponing some programs and transitioning others to virtual on a week-by-week basis. Each ministry area will communicate its updates and changes.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available on March 20 and 27 for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Our Deacons then deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepf at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

SHARING FROM ST. JOHN RETREAT. Sun., Feb. 20, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall or by streaming via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/spring-adult-ed>. Last October a group of women from BMPC joined with women from neighboring congregations for a four-day retreat and exploration of the history of slavery in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Join us to hear reflections from participants, see images from the original sugar plantations, explore the ways the trauma of this history impacts our experience of the world today, and build relationships with one another. For more information, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

This Week

YOGA206 BONE BOOST CLASS. Wednesdays, Feb. 23 - April 6, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Bone Boost is a one-hour in-person all-levels mat and chair yoga class that focuses on bone strength with adapted, safe poses. Class is open to persons aged 50 and over who are interested in reducing bone loss or those diagnosed with medical conditions such as osteopenia or osteoporosis. Participants must be able to safely sit on and rise from a mat. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and masks required. For more information, email Abby Contract: YOGA206@icloud.com.

SACRED THREADS: NAVIGATING THE THREADS THAT KNIT OUR FAITH TOGETHER. Wednesdays, Feb. 23 and March 9, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is an exploration of some of the central tenets for living a practical sustaining faith: Poverty of Spirit, Prayer, Scripture, Practices. Led by the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director. For more information, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Church members lead these weekly sessions. We will read and discuss *Seeing Jesus: Visionary Encounters from the First Century to the Present*. Contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org to register.

MAIN LINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Fri., Feb. 25, 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary. We welcome the Main Line Symphony for its first appearance at BMPC. A highlight of the evening will be performances by two teens, Audrey Kim and Miro Raj, who won this year's concerto competition. BMPC provided underwriting for the competition and is delighted to play a role in encouraging young people to pursue musical careers. Info and tickets: <http://www.mlso.org/concerts.htm>

Next Sunday

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: THE WILLIAM STILL STORY. Sun., Feb. 27, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall or by streaming via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/spring-adult-ed>. *Underground Railroad: The William Still Story* focuses on how a humble Philadelphia clerk risked his life to shepherd runaway slaves to freedom in the tumultuous years leading up to the U.S. Civil War. Still was the director of a complex network of abolitionists, sympathizers and safe houses that stretched from Philadelphia to what is now Southern Ontario. We will view this 50-minute documentary and then discuss Still's legacy. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

SUNDAY'S PALMS ARE WEDNESDAY'S ASHES. Sun., Feb. 27, following Worship, Ed. Bldg. Lawn. All church members are invited to help make the ashes for the Ash Wednesday services. We will use last year's palm fronds to create this year's ashes reminding us that the journey to Jerusalem begins again.

Upcoming

LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., March 1, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. You are invited to walk the Chartres labyrinth in the newly-renovated Congregational Hall. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

SINGING FOR LIFE CHOIR RESUMES. Thursdays, March 3 - April 28, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., BMPC Fine Arts Center. The Singing for Life Choir is open to anyone 55 years or older. There is no charge to participate in the choir this spring. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the choir, please contact Patrick Howley at PatrickHowley@bmpc.org by Mon., Feb. 28.

DIGGING DEEPER. Begins on Sun., March 6, 8:45 a.m., Cannon Room or via Zoom. The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff will begin a six-week study of Rowan William's book, *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*. His book explores basic themes of Christian discipleship such as forgiveness, hope, and faith in society. For more information, contact FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

YOUTH SABBATH RETREATS. Middle school, March 11-13, and high school, March 18-20, Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. This March, we'll take our youth to Johnsonburg Camp for weekend retreats that focus on the biblical call of the Sabbath and how that call impacts our daily lives. These retreats will provide youth with opportunities for rest, fun and renewal. If you're interested in participating or know a youth who wants to join us, contact BMPC Youth Director Jack Liskey at jliskey@bmpc.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT 2022. Fri., April 1- Sun., April 3, Pendle Hill (Swarthmore). Beginning with dinner on Fri., April 1 and continuing through worship on Sun., April 3, the women of BMPC are invited to a special weekend of rest, fellowship and study. Our retreat will be led by Lori Erickson, author and travel writer, reflecting on her work exploring genealogy, family stories and faith. Participants may stay on site or commute. The commuter rate is \$75, and the overnight option is \$175. We understand that not everyone can commit to the entire weekend; participants may opt to join in for individual sessions: Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday morning. Scholarships are available to cover all or part of the cost for participation. Register online: <https://bit.ly/pendle-hill-retreat>. For more information, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2022. Mon., June 20 - Fri., June 24. This year's VBC theme is Follow Me! Meet the people and explore the places where Jesus taught and served. From a stormy sea to a crowded city street, come travel with Jesus' disciples and learn how you can help share God's love with others. VBC is held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for ages 3 years to 5th grade. Volunteers of all ages are invited to sign up to help make this a special week for the children of our church and community. Register campers online: <https://bit.ly/vbc-22>. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

REFUGEE CLOTHING DONATIONS. In our continuing support of the Sepah family from Afghanistan, we are collecting clean, gently-used and new clothing for the four children from Sun., Feb. 20 through Sun., March 6. They are average in size for their genders and ages: 9-year-old boy, 7-year-old girl, 4-year-old girl and 7-month-old boy. Donations may be placed in the designated bin at the Radnor Street entrance to the Ministries Center. In addition, a limited amount of suitable clothing (skirts, tops, sweaters) will be accepted for Mitra, women's size small (6-8). AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS AND VEHICLE DONATION. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee continues to work closely with the Sepah family living in Foerderer House. The committee is seeking a used vehicle that can seat six people. If you have a car that you would consider donating, or if you can help share this need with the larger community, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, February 20

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual Filling the Well, Virtual Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Worship Center Grades 1 through 5, Ed. Bldg. Lobby Confirmation Class, Foerderer House, 2nd Floor Youth Gathering for Middle School and High School, Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	<i>Stories of God</i> Adult Education Class, Virtual
1:30	p.m.	New Officer Training, Virtual

Monday, February 21

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, February 22

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Virtual
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Virtual or Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Virtual
5:00	p.m.	Mid-Week Meetup, Virtual
6:00	p.m.	Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, February 23

10:00	a.m.	Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual
		Men's Study Group, Virtual
		Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Ed. Bldg., Covered Patio
		Outreach Committee Meeting, Virtual
		Sacred Threads, Virtual

Thursday, February 24

10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Hybrid
		Genesis from Scratch, Virtual

Friday, February 25

No events scheduled.

Saturday, February 26

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor and Virtual
12:00	p.m.	Martha Caesar Memorial Service, Sanctuary and Livestream

Sunday, February 27

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

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