

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, October 23, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Twentieth 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 in the Atrium 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 optional inside church buildings, although masks may be required in some areas of the Education Building. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and while COVID vaccines are available for children as young as six months (Pfizer), some children may not have been vaccinated.

## LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is available to watch on our livestreaming 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 AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 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](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

# Today's Schedule

## Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

## Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m.

## Sunday School Classes

### Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

### Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

## Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

## Atrium Café

11:00 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship, Atrium

## Doug Tallamy Presentations

11:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Congregational Hall

## Journey to the Middle East Photo Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

# 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**

Passacaglia in d-moll

Dieterich Buxtehude

**WELCOME**

Brian K. Ballard

## † **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Happy are those who inhabit the house of the Lord,  
for they may ever praise you.

**All: Happy are the people whose strength is in God,  
for their hearts are set on the pilgrim way.**

One: Lord God of hosts, hear our prayers as we worship.  
For you, O Lord, are our sun and our shield;

**All: yours alone is the grace and the glory.**

## † **HYMN 336**

We Gather Together

KREMSER

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

Loving God, you have shown us the way of Jesus and invite us into the world in service: to be compassionate and kind, faithful and loving. While you direct us to embrace the qualities that marked Jesus' life, we confess that we have stumbled and fallen. Our sins are real, and they are many. Have mercy on us and forgive our failings. Encourage us to live our faith everyday, wherever we are, extending your love and mercy into a world of need.

*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** Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 (*p. 866 in the pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Rejoice In The Lord Alway

Anonymous (16th c.)

Rejoice in the Lord alway and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is even at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:14-30 (*p. 61 in the pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Sovereignty*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Defining Words of Faith Series

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HYMN 787

God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn

MOSHIER

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,  
of every race and people, to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and  
ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*~ from A Brief Statement of Faith*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Franklyn C. Pottorff

HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS





## 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

## Environmental Justice

Courtenay Willcox

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

## 0 How Amiable

# Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;  
pass it down your row and back again.*

† 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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 749

# Come! Live in the Light!

## WE ARE CALLED

## † BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

## POSTLUDE

# Carillion

Herbert Murrill

# **WORSHIP NOTES**

## **RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT NOON**

Theodore Baxter Arnold  
Son of Molly & Chad Arnold

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## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Anne M. and Edward A. Flood Jr.

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## **CHAPEL FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Brian Walsh

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## **BULLETIN COVER**

Photo by Dave Tavani

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## **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

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## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

New members received by Session today  
and recognized during this morning's worship service:

Kermit Eide

Andrew and Kathleen Green

Ela Erogglu and Connor Williams

Laura Zalewski

Marion Pulsifer

Rachel Hancorn and Mike McMullan

## **Announcements**

**BMPC 150TH FOCUS GROUPS.** We invite you to sign up for a moderated 90-minute small group conversation to delve deeper into who we are as a church, our mission, and vision for the future as we prepare to celebrate BMPC's 150th anniversary in 2023. See schedule and register at <https://signup.com/go/SxUitTL> or contact [LizEllis@bmipc.org](mailto:LizEllis@bmipc.org).

**CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS.** The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our beautiful new gallery. The “Members Only” exhibit will run from Nov. 20 through Jan. 29, 2023. Applications to show your work will be accepted through Sun., Nov. 13. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact [Augustehallowell@mac.com](mailto:Augustehallowell@mac.com) or download an application by visiting the Visual Arts webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFineArts>

## **Today**

**HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK.** 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us as Doug Tallamy presents on Homegrown National Park, a national challenge to create diverse ecosystems in our yards, communities, and surrounding lands by reducing lawn, planting native, and removing invasives. We are losing many native plant and animal species which jeopardizes our natural life support, but if many people make small changes, healthy ecological networks can be restored.

**THE NATURE OF OAKS.** 2:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for Doug Tallamy’s second presentation where he continues the discussion about how homeowners can take action by planting natives, specifically focusing on oaks. Oaks support more species of animals, sequester more carbon, protect our watersheds, and nourish soil communities better than any other plant genus in North America. Tallamy will discuss these roles by highlighting what happens with the oaks in his yard each season.

## **This Week**

**FLU SHOTS.** Wed., Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. 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 received 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](mailto:CarolCherry@bmpc.org). You will be assigned an appointment time and provided with additional instructions.

**HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE.** Fri., Oct. 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ministries Center Offices and Court. Trick-or-Treat through the church offices any time between 3:30-5:30 p.m.! Costumes are optional; hot cider and treats will be served. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).



## **Next Sunday**

**FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION.** Sun., Oct. 30, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Hunter Farrell and Balajiedlang Khylllep, director and associate director of Pittsburgh Seminary's World Mission Initiative, will help us rethink what it means to be engaged in mission as a church, based on their new book, *Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility and Co-Development*. Hunter and Bala will share key takeaways from the latest mission research, inspiring examples from innovative congregations, and step-by-step tools for churches to discern and implement sound practices that will work for them. [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org).

**VINCENT DUBOIS IN CONCERT.** Sun., Oct. 30, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Vincent Dubois, an organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, will play selections of Johann Sebastian Bach, César Franck, Camille Saint-Saëns, and Maurice Duruflé. Half of the freewill offering from this concert will go toward the Cathedral of Notre Dame's restoration fund to support the rebuilding of the Cathedral following the tragic fire in 2019. For information: [mfa@bmpc.org](mailto:mfa@bmpc.org).

## **Upcoming**

**MONTHLY LABYRINTH WALK.** Tues., Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. You are invited to walk the Chartres Labyrinth in Congregational Hall on All Saints Day. Prayer and meditation cards will be available. [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org).

**FALL YOGA206 BONE BOOST SESSION.** Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Nov. 2 -Dec. 21 (no class on 11/23), Gymnasium. Geared to persons proactive about strengthening bones or those with bone loss medical conditions. Participants age 50+ must be able to safely sit on and rise from a mat. Cost: \$91. COVID-19 vaccination required. For information, email Abby Contract at [YOGA206@icloud.com](mailto:YOGA206@icloud.com).

**THE BEATITUDES THROUGH THE AGES.** Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick teaches this three-week evening Bible Study, drawing upon Rebekah Eklunds' exploration of how the Beatitudes have affected readers across differing eras and contexts. Books are available for purchase, although participants will receive relevant excerpts from Eklund's book for this class. [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org).

**GABRIEL FAURÉ'S REQUIEM.** Sun., Nov. 6, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir will perform Gabriel Fauré's masterpiece Requiem during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT.** Sign up by Mon., Nov. 7 to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant during the 4:30 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve. Our youngest participants must be at least three years old. Email [MaryRichards@bmmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmmpc.org) indicating if your child would like to read, speak, or act.

**PASTOR’S BOOK GROUP.** Wed. Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join us for the return of this unique Adult Education opportunity! The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet will lead a discussion about Pauline Boss’ recent book, *The Myth of Closure: Ambiguous Loss in a Time of Pandemic and Change*. Boss identifies these vague feelings of distress as caused by ambiguous loss – losses that remain unclear and hard to pin down, and thus have no closure. This book provides many strategies for coping: encouraging us to increase our tolerance of ambiguity, and acknowledging our resilience as we express a normal grief and still look to the future with hope and possibility. Books are available to purchase for \$15 at the church or may be purchased online through most book sellers. [AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org).

**Caring and Sharing**

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us in making casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee’s Casserole Blitzes! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Additional Blitz date: Dec. 10. We ask that

**Calendar**

**Sunday, October 23**

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children's Library
		Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
		Sunday School, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
		<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir,</b>
		<b>Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmmpc.org">www.bmmpc.org</a></b>
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium

10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Graders, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Lobby Caring Corner, Caring Ministries Office
11:15	a.m.	Doug Tallamy - Homegrown National Park, Congregational Hall High school Brunch, Pastor Leigh's Manse
12:00	p.m.	Baptism Service, Chapel
2:00	p.m.	Doug Tallamy - Nature of Oaks, Congregational Hall

### **Monday, October 24**

No Events Scheduled.

### **Tuesday, October 25**

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's, Gymnasium

### **Wednesday, October 26**

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor & Library
10:30	a.m.	Flu Shots, Witherspoon Parlor
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinners, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30	p.m.	Handbell Ensemble, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sacred Threads, Virtual Student Serve, Gymnasium Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

### **Thursday, October 27**

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, October 28**

3:30	p.m.	Halloween Open House, Court
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## **Saturday, October 29**

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00	a.m.	Fall Fest Presbytery of Philadelphia, BMPC Campus

## **Sunday, October 30**

8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a> The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.</b>

## **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

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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