

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 20, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Christ the King



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. 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 with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: 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

Advent Gift Market

11:00 a.m.

Congregational Hall

BMPC Members

Art 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

Prélude, Fugue et Variation

César Franck

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God established the world from of old.

All: God's reign shall never end.

One: God's dominion is an everlasting dominion.

All: God's kingship shall never be destroyed.

One: God delivered us in freedom and truth.

All: God's love is everlasting.

† **HYMN 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus
the king and model for our lives.

We have been quick to call on others to follow
the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same.

We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet
when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion.

Forgive us, O God.

Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word,
in deed, and in spirit.

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Psalm 46 (p. 517 in the pew Bible)

ANTHEM

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson

Christ, He requires still, wheresoever He comes,
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A New Home

Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN** 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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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 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing A.D. Miller

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.

*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** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 268** Crown Him With Many Crowns DIADEMATA

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Brian K. Ballard

POSTLUDE Choral III in A minor César Franck

MUSIC NOTES

2022 marks the bicentennial of César Franck (1811-1890), the most significant composer of organ repertoire during the 19th century. During the month of November, our preludes and postludes will highlight some of his most admired and performed works, including the complete *Trois Pièces*, as well as other selections from the *Six Pièces*, and the monumental *Choral III*. Today's prelude is a movement from the *Six Pièces* in a special arrangement Franck created for piano and harmonium. The harmonium (or pump organ) makes its sound by blowing air through reeds, which are tuned to different pitches. It is almost an organ with just one stop (or sound) to which the performer pumps the air as they play. The electronic organ in the front of the Sanctuary has the ability to replicate a harmonium which allows for a special performance of the *Prélude, Fugue, et Variation* this morning.

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Eva Lacey Lee and Mary E. Lee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Mondays, Dec. 5 and 12, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” classes which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. Contact the Rev. Frank Pottorff at 610-525-2821 or via email: FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS. Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the Sanctuary, or online: www.bmpc.org/flower-donations. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Dec. 4. SarahMicieik@bmpc.org.

Today

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening Market Festival of our annual alternative giving program. Representatives from committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives will be in the Atrium after worship on successive Sundays to take your orders. Orders also may be placed online: www.brynmawragm.com.

BMPC MEMBERS ART EXHIBIT. Opens today, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Come and view the artistry of our BMPC members! This exhibit features works in fabric, paint, and ceramics. Some of the pieces are for sale and would make excellent Christmas gifts! The gallery is open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit runs through Sun., Jan. 22, 2023. To purchase any of the works, please contact mfa@bmpc.org.

TURKEY COLLECTION. Frozen turkeys may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November, but donations must be received by today. Turkeys may be dropped off at the Ministries Center and placed in any of the freezers downstairs. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

This Week

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 24, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the return of the annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast hosted by BMPC Youth Ministry. All are invited to enjoy fellowship and all-you-can-eat pancakes! Cost: \$5 per person, \$20 per family. Proceeds support Youth Ministry. Youth volunteers needed; contact LeighDeVries@bmpc.org for more details.

Upcoming

ADVENT HARPSICHORD RECITALS. Tuesdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20, noon, Sanctuary. Featuring Gabriel Benton, Silvanio Reis, Kathleen Scheide, Anna Kislitsyna, Alexandr Kislitsyn and Torsten Fras performing free 30-minute recitals on BMPC's William Dowd harpsichord.

QUIET PRAYER IN ADVENT. Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m., Middleton Center, Room 200. Amidst the busyness of the Advent season, this is an opportunity for contemplative guided prayer which will include Scripture readings, space for reflection, and a time of communal silence. Caring Ministry team members and Deacons will lead these sessions. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

ADVENT STORY PATH LABYRINTH. Walking a labyrinth during Advent, which begins on Nov. 27, provides a meaningful way to journey to Bethlehem. The small labyrinth is open daily during Advent, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. An Advent labyrinth booklet is available.

MARTIN E.P. SELIGMAN'S *THE HOPE CIRCUIT*. Fri., Dec. 2, 12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join one of the brightest minds and most influential psychologists of our time, Martin Seligman, for an open Q&A about his book, *The Hope Circuit: A Psychologist's Journey from Helplessness to Optimism*. The book is required reading for this class and can be found on Amazon. This event is hosted by Main Line School Night and is complimentary to BMPC members. To register, call 610-687-0460. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN: ADVENT, ISAIAH AND OUR JEWISH NEIGHBORS. Sundays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Drawing upon the insights from Tyler Mayfield's book, *Unto Us A Child is Born: Advent, Isaiah and our Jewish Neighbors*, the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Rabbi David Straus, former senior rabbi at Main Line Reform Temple, will lead a three-week conversation about the different historical and theological understandings of the most iconic passages from the Book of Isaiah. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

LIVE NATIVITY AND ADVENT WORKSHOP. Sun., Dec. 4, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Dress for the weather and experience the Christmas Story, meeting live animals and actors while creating ornaments and simple gifts to share. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

EVENING WORSHIP. Sun., Dec. 4, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Join us for our monthly intergenerational worship service as scripture is read and carols are sung during the busy season of Advent. Musical leadership will be provided by the Children's Choir and the Youth Chorale. The Rev. Frank Pottorff will preach.

MESSIAH SING-IN. Sun., Dec. 11, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. With the Singing City Choir and the BMPC Sanctuary Choir. Lift up your voices as we sing choruses from this timeless oratorio. Featuring Elizabeth Weigle, soprano; Valerie Haber, soprano; Nicholas Provenzale, baritone; Misoon Ghim, mezzo-soprano; and Siddhartha Misra, tenor; and Nate Zullinger, conductor. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$11 for students and may be purchased through the Singing City Choir website: <https://bit.ly/BMPCMessiah>.

ADD THIS SPECIAL EVENT TO YOUR 2023 CALENDAR! Sun., Jan. 8, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Atrium. Join us in celebrating Jeffrey Brillhart's 40 years of service to BMPC during the 10:00 a.m. worship service and a reception in the Atrium following the service. At noon a luncheon also will be served in Congregational Hall to celebrate Jeff's four decades; very limited seating is available at \$20 per person. RSVP deadline: Dec. 18. Contact PatrickHowley@bmpc.org or EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org for details.

Caring and Sharing

CHRISTMAS ANGELS. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (three to five gifts per child). Gift cards in \$25 increments from Target, Walmart, Amazon, Five Below, Marshalls/TJ Maxx, ShopRite, and Best Buy are preferred. If you wish to buy a gift, you may sponsor a child's Christmas, https://bit.ly/BMPC_Xmas_Angels_2022, buy a general gift for a child (Legos, toiletry sets, Rubik's Cubes, makeup, cards and card games, board games, fidget toys, basketballs or footballs, remote controlled cars), or purchase from Gemma's Amazon Wish List: <https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds>. Gift cards and unwrapped gifts must be delivered to the church by Sun., Dec. 4. Betty Wu, BMPCAngels@gmail.com.

REFUGEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. The BMPC Refugee Support Team is seeking volunteers in their ongoing work with local refugee families. Opportunities include English language conversation practice, tutoring for elementary school children, employment mentoring, and transportation assistance. Families are located in Bryn Mawr, Ardmore and Overbrook. If you wish to become involved in this vital and rewarding work, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, November 20

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children's Library
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Sunday School, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101 Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby Advent Gift Market, Congregational Hall
3:00	p.m.	Lower Merion Symphony Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, November 21

No events scheduled,

Tuesday, November 22

8:30	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

Wednesday, November 23

10:00	a.m.	Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor & Library
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 24

8:30	a.m.	Youth Pancake Breakfast, Congregational Hall
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Friday, November 25

No events scheduled.

Saturday, November 26

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor Library
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Water Bereavement Group, Virtual

Sunday, November 27

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet 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

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

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