

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 16, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Seventh 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!

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 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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 Erika Henry at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Summer Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday Grades 4-12

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Summer Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Ages 3 and 4, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 106

Rising K-Grade 3 begin in
Worship

Reception for Brian Ballard

11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall

Stories Through Art Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Allegretto" from Sonata for Trumpet and Piano Eric Ewazen

WELCOME Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

All: You set the earth on its foundations.

One: By the streams the birds of the air sing among the branches.

All: You cause plants to bring forth food from the earth.

One: You made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.

All: People go out to their work and labor until the evening.

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

All: In wisdom you have made them all.

† **HYMN 664** Morning Has Broken BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

You spoke, and there was light, O God. You breathed, and there was abundant, purposeful, joyous life. You planted seeds so that we have what we need to survive. You sowed your words of grace in our hearts so that we have what we need to thrive. Creator God, forgive us when we are too casual about your gifts or selfish with our lives. Breathe into us your Spirit that we may live each moment as your grateful and faithful children.

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 583 Glory to God GLORIA

Sung twice.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high est!

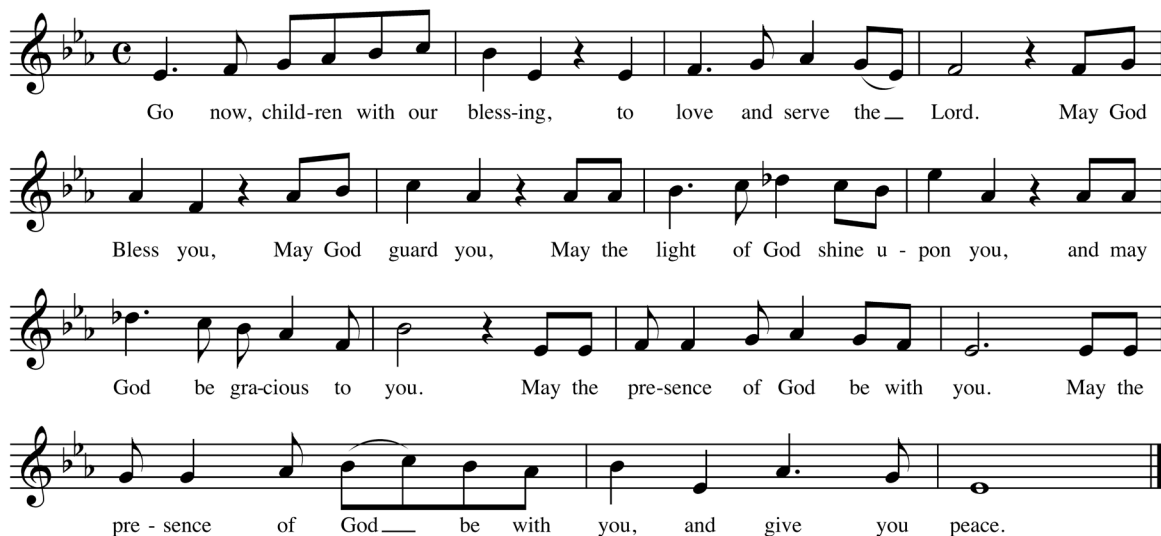
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:10-13 (*pg. 686 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (*pg. 13 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Seeds and Words

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 395** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brian K. Ballard

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

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

God is Here Today

Tom Trenney

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe, as certain as the morning sun that rises, as certain when I sing, you'll hear my song. God is love, and when we love each other, God lives in us, abides with us when we love our neighbor. God is love.

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

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Brian K. Ballard

† HYMN 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

"Overture" from Suite in D Major for Trumpet

G.F. Handel

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean C. Hemphill
and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bickhart, Jr.

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
the Rev. Dr. David B. and Ruth G. Watermulder

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

Announcements

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY. We are looking for volunteers to serve at our Reception Desk on the ground floor of the Ministries Center during weekdays. This position serves as a “Minister of First Impressions,” helping to answer phones and welcome guests who visit our campus or church offices. To learn more, contact LizEllis@bmpc.org

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for July 23 and 30 for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepp at bmpcfflowers@gmail.com

CONVERSE LIBRARY CARDS. On Sunday mornings following worship, library volunteers will be in the Atrium this summer to show you how to search the Converse Library catalog online and create your own card so you may check books out with ease. Need a card but won't be here this summer? Contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

Today

SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION: *WHAT JESUS DID*. 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. BMPC member David Heaton will lead a four-week conversation based on the classic book *What Jesus Did*, by Episcopal priest Theodore Parker Ferris. The book is a reflection on the most significant acts in the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth and how they shape our faith as Christian disciples. Class runs through July 30.

GUEST MUSICIANS AT 10:00 AM SERVICE. While Jeff continues to be on sabbatical and Edward takes some vacation time, we are grateful to church members and friends of the congregation as they provide musical leadership this morning. Sharon Burgmayer, piano; Paul Burgmayer, trumpet; and Nate Zullinger, directing the Summer Choir.

RECEPTION FOR THE REV. BRIAN BALLARD. 11:00. a.m., Congregational Hall. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship as we offer our well wishes to Brian and his family as his ministry comes to a close at BMPC.

This Week

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., July 17, 1:00-6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood; register online: <https://bit.ly/2023-Blood-Drive>. Contact Monica Devane at 610-520-8823 or MonicaDevane@bmpc.org

COLLECTION FOR NEW ARRIVALS TO PHILADELPHIA. As we continue partnering with West Kensington Ministry to assist newly-arriving immigrants in Philadelphia, donations for young families and their children are needed. BMPC is collecting diapers (any size); baby wipes and lotion; clothing for infants and toddlers; feminine hygiene products; and work shoes and sneakers (women's sizes 3 - 7 and men's sizes 6-8). Donations may be placed in the collection bin in the vestibule near the Radnor Street parking lot before July 17. If you wish to volunteer with WKM to help sort clothing and donations, please contact pastortoddgpc@comcast.net

2023 CARILLON CONCERT SERIES. Thursdays, July 20 and 27, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary Parking Lot. Come listen to some of the most talented carillonneurs from Europe and the Philadelphia area. On July 20, all are invited to enjoy the talents of carillonneur Annie Gao. A video screen will be set up outside the Atrium entrance so you can watch her play the carillon. Seating also will be provided. Contact: mfa@bmpc.org

Next Sunday

ORGAN DEMONSTRATION. Sun., July 23, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Explore BMPC's Orgelkids organ, a small interactive organ kit designed to allow people to see what really happens behind all those pipes, and then enjoy a brief performance of a narrated set of variations for the organ entitled "Piping at the Circus" by Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921). John T.K. Scherch (WRTI's Morning Host) will narrate, and Edward Landin Senn will demonstrate the organ. EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org

Upcoming

YOUTH CAMP AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA. Sun., Aug. 6 - Fri., Aug. 11. Join us for our annual youth summer camp which is filled with fellowship, fun and faith! All rising sixth through 12th graders are invited to participate. The cost is \$650, and scholarships are available. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2023>
ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

2023 BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION. Help children served by Gemma Services start school on the right foot! Bring completed backpacks to the Narthex in the Sanctuary by Sun., Aug. 6. You may bring a "completed backpack" or help by purchasing individual supplies from our Amazon list: <https://amzn.to/3IYYOcq> or contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org for more information.

Calendar

Sunday, July 16

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:45	a.m.	<i>What Jesus Did</i> , Gloucester Room
10:00	a.m.	Sunday Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Worship Together Sunday for Grades 4-12, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Summer Sunday School: Threes - Rising 3rd Graders, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
11:00	a.m.	Reception for Brian Ballard, Congregational Hall

Monday, July 17

1:00	p.m.	Deacons' Annual Blood Drive, Congregational Hall
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Tuesday, July 18

9:00	a.m.	Joint Budget Management Committee, Virtual
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium

Wednesday, July 19

7:00	p.m.	Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room
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Thursday, July 20

7:00	p.m.	Carillon Concert Series, Sanctuary Parking Lot
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Friday, July 21

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, July 22

10:00	a.m.	Baptism Barbecue, Ed. Bldg. Lawn
		Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, July 23

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

Outreach Committee Partners

Each year the BMPC Outreach Committee grants funding to non-profits in Greater Philadelphia. Below are the 2023 recipients along with a snapshot of what they are doing to support vulnerable communities.

Broad Street Ministry - www.broadstreetministry.org

Providing radical hospitality to build communities among those in Center City Philadelphia experiencing chronic homelessness.

Chester Eastside - www.ceichester.org

Providing access to hunger safety-net programs, as well as programs for education, social services, and justice for families throughout Chester, Pennsylvania.

Families Forward - www.familiesforwardphilly.org

Providing comprehensive support services and operating the largest emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia.

Habitat for Humanity - www.habitatphiladelphia.org

Supporting their Critical Repair Program and New Home Construction in the city of Philadelphia.

Lutheran Settlement House - Jane Addams Place - www.lutheransettlement.org

Providing assistance in locating and obtaining independent housing, coordination of parenting education, employment, benefits, mental health services, addiction treatment, financial literacy and healthcare.

United Community Clinic - www.unitedcommunityclinic.com

Serving patients with no health insurance in the East Parkside Community of West Philadelphia.

Urban Tree Connection - www.urbantreeconnection.org

Building a neighborhood-rooted food and land system through community leadership development and land-based strategies in West Philadelphia.

Welcome Church - www.thewelcomechurch.org

An Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregation that proclaims the hope and love of a gracious God to all people, especially to people experiencing homelessness.

Artwell - www.theArtWell.org

Bearing witness to the way arts can transform students in Philadelphia public schools.

Gemma Services - www.gemmaservices.org

Provides support and specialized services for children, teens, and families experiencing emotional and behavioral concerns throughout the Philadelphia region.

WePAC - www.wepac.org

Reopening and staffing public school libraries throughout Philadelphia.

Tree House Books - www.treehousebooks.org

Providing free books and literacy programs to families in Northern Philadelphia to grow and sustain a community of readers, writers, and thinkers.

The Common Place - www.thecommonplacephilly.org

Offering arts-based after-school enrichment programs, social services and community events to families in Southwest Philadelphia.

West Kensington Ministry - www.westkensingtonministry.com

Providing a spiritual foundation for people experiencing poverty and violence in the West Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia.

Bethel Academy at Bethel AME Church in Ardmore - www.bethelacademy.net

Providing after-school academic support for students in our local community.

Central Presbyterian Church of Norristown - www.centralpresweb.org

Serving the Latino Community through worship, outreach and home Bible studies.

Beacon Church - www.thewordatbeacon.org

A neighborhood faith community located in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia that strengthens its community, its children and neighbors, through faith, art and storytelling.

Support of organizations like these is possible because of your generous contributions through our annual Stewardship campaign. Thank you for your gifts. If you wish to learn more about the work we do in mission in Greater Philadelphia, please contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

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