



Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023

8:00 a.m., Chapel

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
150th Anniversary Worship



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 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 10:00 a.m. Sunday 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 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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COVER IMAGE

Taken during Sunday morning worship on October 19, 1947, this image was used in our seventy-fifth anniversary commemorative book the following year. Seventy-five years later, we share it again.

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., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Youth in Worship

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

BMPC at 150 Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **We praise your name for you have done wonderful things.**

One: The plans you formed of old are faithful and sure.

All: **Let us sing of the greatness of God in the assembly of the faithful.**

† HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Glorious God, through the years you have assured us of your grace and love; and yet, we have put our trust in lesser things. You have called us to follow Jesus; and yet, we have stumbled and fallen away. You have blessed us with a spirit of unity, but we have created division. Forgive us for sins we have committed, for distractions that have preoccupied us, and for failing to be the church that shares the mind of Christ. Restore us to faithfulness, that we may be the Body of Christ you call us to be.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE 444

Lord, cleanse the depths

DETROIT

Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,
by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Bravo

FIRST LESSON Psalm 100 (*pg. 577 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:1-9 (*pg. 198 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Joy in the Book of Life* Agnes W. Norfleet
The Joy of Being Christ's Church, Fifth in Series

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kirby Lawrence Hill

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle. Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

† **LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Agnes W. Norfleet

Eternal God, our dwelling place in all generations,
for gathering your people at the dawn of human history,
on mountainsides and wide-open plains,
to worship you in beauty and in truth,

We give you thanks, O God our Creator.

For temples and house churches where early forebears in faith
gathered to hear stories of creation, a summons to be a blessing,
the prophets' call and correction, and whispers of resurrection,

We give you thanks, O God our Living Word.

For the founders of this congregation, who laid a firm foundation;
for your guiding vision to witness in this community and world,
responding to seasons of growth with generosity,
and times of challenge in mission and outreach.

We give you thanks, O God our Provider.

For those who have served as Pastors, Musicians and Staff; for Elders, Deacons
and Trustees; for members of this Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church family who
have lived the faith by teaching, caring, and serving neighbors in need,

We give you thanks, O God our Rock and our Redeemer.

For baptisms and professions of faith celebrated, for marriages blessed,
ordination vows taken, prayers uttered and answers heard; for the honored
lives of saints among us who now rejoice together in the church triumphant,

We give you thanks, O Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

For calling us anew, in this time and place, to bold and risky acts of
discipleship; to join with partners serving the city and world of need;
for the future of this congregation's vitality as we seek to grow in faith,
hope and love:

**We dedicate ourselves to your glory, O God,
that we may be faithful to our calling as followers of Christ,
and blessed by your Spirit to spread the gospel in word and deed
for the sake of the world you so love. Amen.**

† **HYMN 826**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in honor of the 150th anniversary of
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

David Bravo, Deacon

USHERING

Keith Brinks

Announcements

BMPC AT 150: FAITHFUL ENGAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD. Exhibit runs through Sun., Oct. 29, Art Gallery. This exhibit offers glimpses of the church's history through the changing realities of society and culture. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday. For information, please contact mfa@bmpc.org

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available for Sun., Nov. 12 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 Hoepf at bmpcfowers@gmail.com

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS. The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our gallery. The "Members Only" exhibit will run from Nov. 5 to Dec. 17. Applications to show your work will be accepted through Sun., Oct. 29. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact the Music and Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org, or download an application by visiting the Visual Arts webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFineArts>.

CONVERSE IN THE COURT. As we celebrate our past and current pastors, check out the books they've written, now on display in Converse Library's cozy reading corner in the Court. Inspirational and instructional works from David Watermulder, Eugene Bay, Bill Arnold and Margaret Anne Fohl, Pattie Kitchen, Rebecca Kirkpatrick, and more. Follow the instructions for self-checkout or use your new Converse Library card!

CHECK OUT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS BOOKS. Most books being used in current classes may be borrowed from Converse Library. Presently available are Thomas Lynch's *Whence & Whither (Digging Deeper)*, Justo Gonzalez's *Heretics for Armchair Theologians* (Men's Discussion Group), Henri Nouwen's *Turn My Mourning into Dancing* (Thursday Discussion Group) and William Yoo's *What Kind of Christianity* for Rebecca Kirkpatrick's upcoming class. You also can check out *Elusive Grace* by the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, this year's Theologian in Residence. Putting a title on hold so you can pick it up later is strongly recommended. Access the Converse Library catalogue online: <https://bit.ly/converselibrary>

Today

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room, and via Zoom. Join us for a thoughtful and comprehensive reflection on the New Testament: From Beginning to End. In troubled times we need to be grounded in the way we have chosen to live our lives together. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding class which has a discussion format. Please note that homework will be required.

FILLING THE WELL. 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. All women are welcome to join this longstanding Sunday morning class. This fall we will spend time reflecting on portions of Don Fisher's and Tom Allender's classic book, *God Loves an Unmade Bed: Spirituality for the Imperfect*. In the book they share how God is always present, especially in the midst of the messes and struggles of life.

DIGGING DEEPER. 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This eight-week study will be guided by the book, *Whence and Whither: On Lives and Living*. In this collection of essays on death and the meaning of living, funeral director, poet and National Book Award finalist Thomas Lynch has an uncanny knack for writing about death in ways that are never morbid, always thoughtful, often humorous, and quite moving. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff leads this class.

This Week

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S CLASS. Tuesdays through Dec. 12, 1:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Our Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) class is open to those living with PD and their care partners. For more information, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>

TEILHARD'S MYSTICISM: SEEING THE INNER FACE OF EVOLUTION. Tuesdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31, and Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon leads a four-week conversation on Kathleen Duffy's introduction to the writings of French Jesuit priest and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Duffy, a physicist herself, examines *Teilhard's Mysticism*, showing how science can help to illuminate the mystical path, while also demonstrating the compatibility between Teilhard's thoughts and current frontiers in scientific exploration. To sign up, please contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays, Sept. 28-Oct. 26, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, we will spend five weeks discussing the classic book, *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times* by Henri Nouwen. In this collection of some of Nouwen's unpublished writings, he focuses not only on how we can survive hard times but on how we can live fully in the midst of them and beyond. To register and purchase the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Oct. 20, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion, "Down at the Border with the Nuns." RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/BMPCHolyLeisure10-20-23>
Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while preparing casseroles for area shelters. Fall dates: Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Please RSVP online: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

Next Sunday

THE LEGACY OF GLOBAL MISSION. Sun., Oct. 22, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Since 1889, BMPC has been sending and supporting mission workers around the globe. In this next season of global mission, BMPC is partnering with the Joining Hands Peru Network, which brings together the Church and civil society to support vulnerable populations in many ways. The Rev. Jed Koball, who has been living and working in Peru for over 10 years, will share with us what it means to be thoughtfully engaged in global mission in this next generation.

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING. Sun., Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for lunch and learn about the summer 2024 youth international mission trip to Peru! Families will hear from Jed Koball from Joining Hands, with whom we will be working while in Peru, and learn about the travel itinerary, trip cost, and the application process. The mission trip takes place July 10-20, 2024. ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org

CONVERSATION ON ISRAEL AND PALESTINE. Sun., Oct. 22, 4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a conversation with Rabbi David Straus on the recent terror attacks and ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine. This informal but informed conversation will be an opportunity to ask questions, expand our understanding, and gather in hope for a world seeking peace. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Upcoming

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY: A HISTORY OF SLAVERY AND ANTI-BLACK RACISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Mondays, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. As our church celebrates its 150th anniversary, we will reflect upon our Presbyterian legacy and our work toward justice and reconciliation. In *What Kind of Christianity*, William Yoo argues that to understand how Presbyterian Christians can promote racial justice today, they must first acknowledge and understand how deeply racial injustice is embedded in their history and identity as a denomination. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this class. To sign up for the class and reserve a copy of the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

GOING INSIDE: A MEDITATION SAMPLER. Wednesdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 15 and 29, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for these classes to demystify meditation and make it more accessible for people. This class will be taught and guided through an ecumenical approach to breath work, meditation, and mindfulness by BMPC member Terry Charlton. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND. Sat., Oct. 28 and Sun., Oct. 29. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, a pastor, author and professor, is a leading voice in our denomination and the country on issues of leadership and the role of the church in this particular moment in history. He currently serves as senior pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. During his time with us, Dr. Johnston will help us explore our faith's resources for healthy conflict.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:30 a.m. Light Brunch, Congregational Hall
10:00 a.m. Presentation: "The Root of all Conflict"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: "Friend or Foe"
11:15 a.m. Lecture in Congregational Hall: "Faith, Conflict and the Great Awakening"

PASTORS' BOOK GROUP. Wed., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this conversation on the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston's new book *Elusive Grace*, a collection of sermons on topics related to public life and dialogue in a conflicted world. Johnston is pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City and will be our Theologian in Residence on Oct. 28 and 29. For more information and to purchase a book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

CARILLON TRAINING CLASSES. Saturdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 and 9, Sanctuary Carillon Room. Intrigued by making music with 20 tons of bronze? Princeton University carillonneur Lisa Lonie will teach free classes on how to play the carillon. Prerequisites for the lessons: the ability to read treble and bass clefs and a minimum of three sharps and flats. Must be able to climb stairs and be comfortable with confined spaces. If you want to learn how to play the carillon, contact the Music and Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BMPC TUTORING DINNERS. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the school year to serve students from the William Dick Elementary School who attend the BMPC Tutoring Program most Tuesday evenings. All food, supplies, and instructions are provided at the church. Volunteers help with set up, provide welcome and hospitality, and do light clean up. Tuesdays from 6:00–7:00 p.m. Contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org to choose a date or multiple dates to volunteer this year.

VOLUNTEER WITH UPPER MERION AREA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD.

BMPC members are welcome to volunteer with our Hunger Partner UMACC this fall as they have seen a large increase in the number of families they serve in our suburban community. Located inside Valley Forge Presbyterian Church in King of Prussia, UMACC serves over 175 families a week. Sign up directly through this link: <https://signup.com/go/BToRzNb> or contact Barbara Heaton for more information: barbhheaton@gmail.com

Calendar

Sunday, October 15

- 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. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
Filling the Well, Children's Library
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. **Anniversary Worship Service with Sanctuary Choir,
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
Youth in Worship, Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.

Monday, October 16

- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge
Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Tuesday, October 17

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

Wednesday, October 18

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Chapel
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Youth Lounge
Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room
Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, October 19

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00 a.m. Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 20

- 11:00 a.m. **Robert and Charne Walter Memorial Service, Sanctuary**
3:00 p.m. **John H. Ball Memorial Service, Sanctuary**
6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, Off Campus

Saturday, October 21

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
1:00 p.m. **Florence Zeller Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

Sunday, October 22

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday 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

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

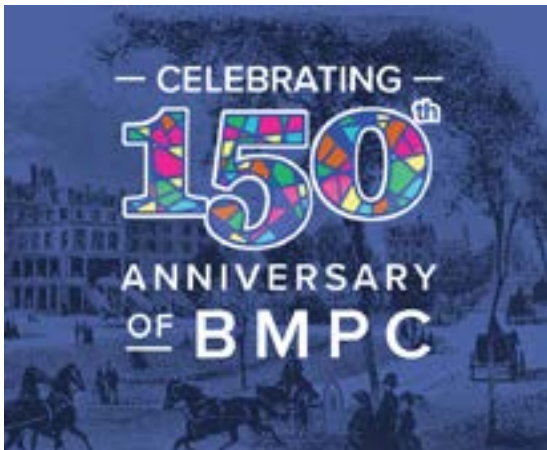
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