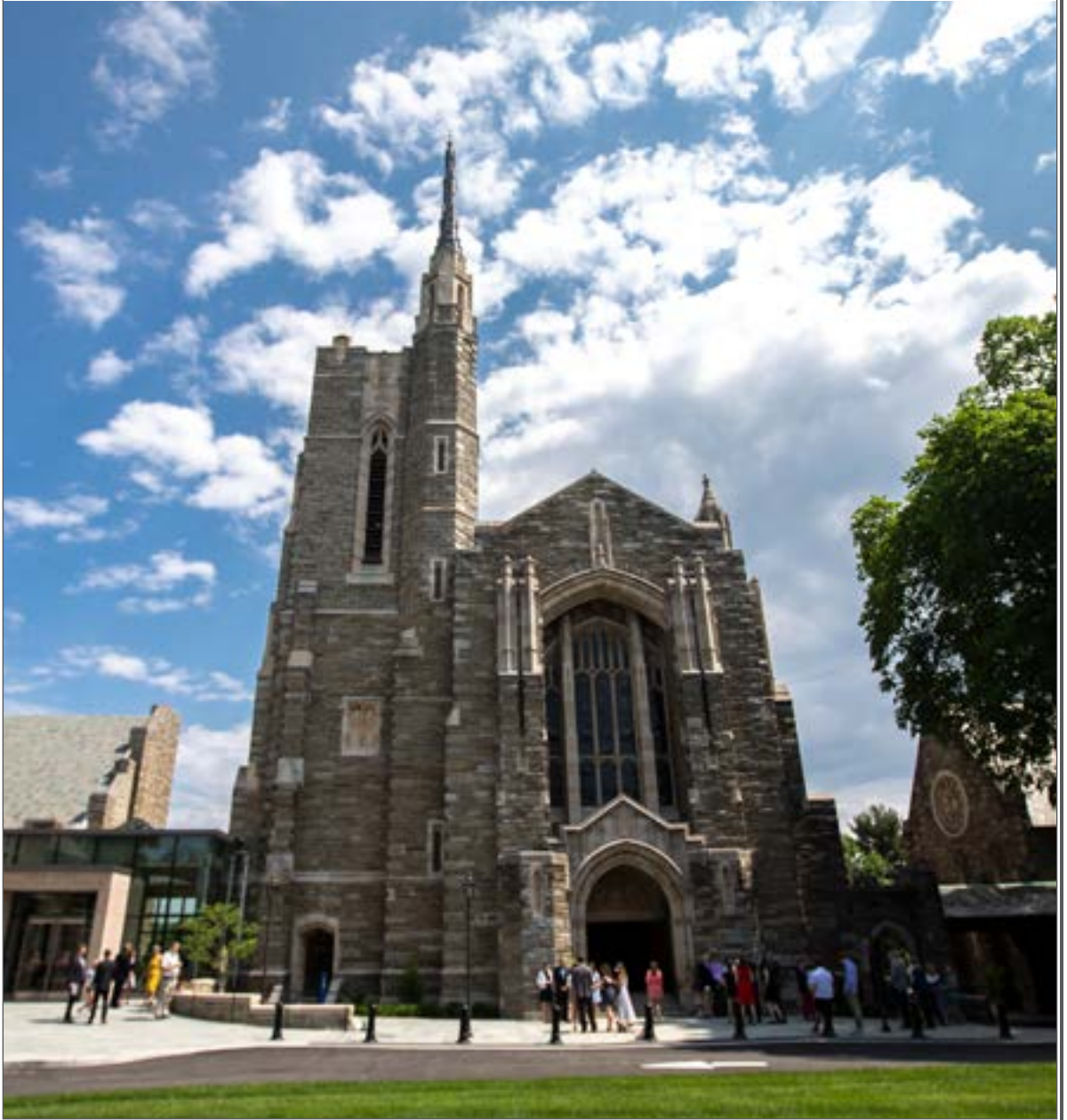


Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Twenty-fifth 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 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

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., 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 Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

BMPC Members Art Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Advent Gift Market

Opening Day

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thus says the Lord: I will bring you out from among the people.

All: **And gather you into your own land.**

One: And I will strengthen the weak.

All: **And the strong I will watch over.**

One: I will feed my people in justice, says the Lord.

All: **And shower the people with peace.**

† HYMN 687 Our God, Our Help In Ages Past

ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy One, we bow before you humbly and joyfully for you are gracious and forgiving. We depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned. We have neglected your call to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. We have failed to invest ourselves fully in your work for a more equitable world. Forgive us, we pray. Gather and direct us, that we may live as your faithful people, as good stewards of the abundant resources entrusted to our care through acts of compassion, justice and peace.

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.

† Please stand, if able.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Frazier

FIRST LESSON Micah 6:6-8 (pg. 866 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 25:14-30 (pg. 28 in pew Bible) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Wise Investing*

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

† **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 loving memory of
Eva Lacey Lee and Mary E. Lee

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Judy Frazier, Deacon

USHERING

Brian Kerr

Announcements

BMPC MEMBERS ART EXHIBIT. Through Sun., Dec. 17, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Come and view the artistry of our BMPC members! This exhibit features works in 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. To purchase any of the works, please contact mfa@bmpc.org

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION: STEWARDSHIP 2024. We hope that you will be able to spend time with your families and friends in this season of Thanksgiving. Let us not forget to show our thanks and gratitude for all that Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church does for us, our community and the larger world. This week, we note that our stewardship gifts allow BMPC to support our international missionaries in Peru, Jed & Jenny Koball. If you have not done so, please send your pledges in online, by mail or by plate. Thank you to those of you who have pledged!

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 back of the Sanctuary, or online. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons' flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Dec. 3.

Today

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sun., Nov. 19, 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 through Advent, AGM representatives will be in the Atrium following Worship to take your orders. Orders also may be placed online: www.brynmawragm.com

SOUP AND STOCKINGS. Sun., Nov. 19, 3:00 p.m. Join women from our congregation for an afternoon of fellowship and service. We'll help make 60 Christmas stockings for Gemma Services and homemade soup for our Caring Ministries team to deliver to church members. RSVP to MaryRichards@bmpc.org or email RachelPedersen@bmpc.org if you would like to help with prep for the afternoon.

This Week

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs, Nov 23, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the youth ministry! All are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and all-you-can-eat pancakes! Proceeds (\$5 per person, \$20 per family) will all go to support the youth ministry. Contact ldevries@bmpc.org with questions or if you know anyone who'd like to volunteer to help!

Upcoming

LIVE NATIVITY AND ADVENT WORKSHOP. Sun., Dec. 3, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Youth and adult volunteers and actors needed! Please email MaryRichards@bmpe.org to sign up to help. Families are invited to dress for the weather and experience the Christmas Story, meeting live animals and actors while creating ornaments and simple gifts to share.

STORIES OF A YOUNG JESUS: AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY. Sundays, Dec. 3 & 10, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room, Ministries Center. There are a variety of stories surrounding the earliest years of Jesus of Nazareth's life. In this Advent season we will explore these traditions, what they teach us about the earliest understandings of who Jesus was and would become, and how they inform or challenge our faith today. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Dr. Joshua Yoder will teach this class together. For more information, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpe.org

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS VESPERS SERVICE. Sun., Dec. 10, 4:00 P.M., Sanctuary. Advent, a time of hope and expectations as Christians all around the world anticipate the birth of the Christ Child. Led by BMPC's Sanctuary Choir, as well as the Singing for Life and Youth Chorale ensembles, scripture readings, carols and anthems will surely draw you into the season. A free-will offering will be taken in support of Prevention Point Philadelphia – www.ppponline.org

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 16, 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 working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Upcoming Dates: Jan. 20, Feb. 17. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

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_2023, 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 need to be delivered to the church by Sunday, Dec. 3. Betty Wu, BMPCAngels@gmail.com

ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER TEAM. The BMPC Mission Council is seeking volunteers to be part of a small team to assist our neighbors at the Ardmore Food Pantry. This team will be asked to regularly volunteer with their food distribution programs, their new "Help Center" efforts, partially funded by BMPC, and with ongoing administrative work related to fundraising and community engagement. As we seek to be more deeply engaged in the life of our local community, this is a new and exciting opportunity for us to be better connected in Lower Merion. To learn more, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpe.org

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE-ISRAEL/PALESTINE. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the humanitarian needs developing in the Middle East following the terror attacks and military action in Israel and Palestine. If you would like to contribute in support of their work, please send a check to the church, with "Disaster Response" in the memo line. You can also give online at <https://onrealm.org/bmpe/give/disaster> RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpe.org

Calendar

Sunday, November 19

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
Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. **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.
11:15 a.m. AGM opening event, Congregational Hall
3:00 p.m. Soup & Stockings, Congregational Hall

Monday, November 20

7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor

Thursday, November 23

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast, Congregational Hall

Friday, November 24

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, November 25

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. Searching For Still Waters Bereavement Group,
Witherspoon Parlor

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Kirby Lawrence Hill, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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