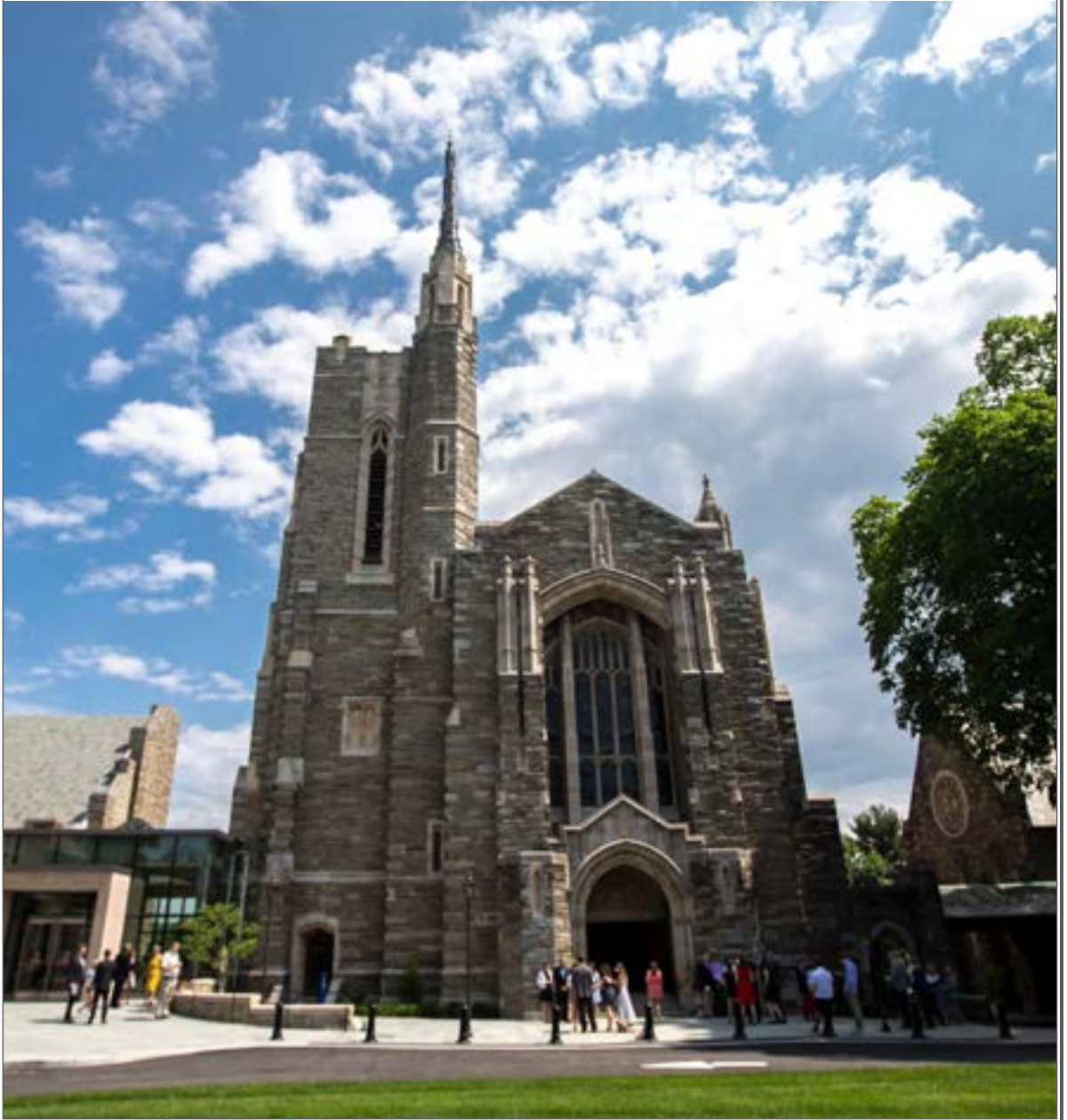


# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, November 19, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
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 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](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 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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry 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., 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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G major

Felix Mendelssohn

## WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## † 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

*During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.*

## 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.

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

#### ANTHEM

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

Kara Goodrich and Valerie Haber, sopranos

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me and he heard my complaint.  
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

### 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

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

BEACH SPRING

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Franklyn C. Pottorff

In Christ the new world has already broken in  
and the old can no longer be tolerated.  
We know that we cannot bring in God's kingdom.  
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible  
now in the world, the church and our individual lives.  
It gives us courage and energy  
to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and new humanity  
that are surely coming.

~ From A Declaration of Faith

## 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 Go Forth into the World in Peace

Paul Sjolund

Klaus Volpert, flute

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is  
good. Render to no one evil for evil. Go forth into the world in love. Strengthen  
the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people. Love  
and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go forth into the  
world in peace.

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

† DOXOLOGY 606		OLD HUNDREDTH
	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 351	All Who Love and Serve Your City	CHARLESTOWN
† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
POSTLUDE	Allegro from "Sonata I"	Felix Mendelssohn

## WORSHIP NOTES

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) or email [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.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, 11:15a.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@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.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](http://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](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](mailto: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@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.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/bmpc/give/disaster> [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.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](http://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](http://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

**Edward Landin Senn**, Assistant Director of Music



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