



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 28, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach

WELCOME Franklyn C. Pottorff

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

All **God calls us to be builders as well.**

One God calls us to build our lives:

All **to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

One God calls us to build our faith:

All **to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.**

One God calls us to build our community:

All **to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

HYMN 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Merciful God,
you have made us citizens of heaven,
but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.
We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to
serve the poor.
We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our
enemies.
We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy.
Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden
from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our spirits
to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the
world.**

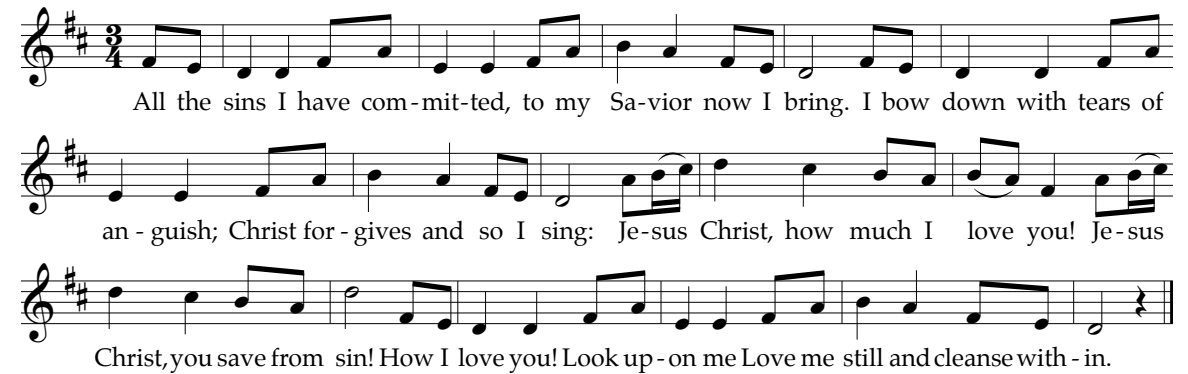
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

SUNG RESPONSE

NETTLETON



All the sins I have com-mit-ted, to my Sa-visor now I bring. I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing: Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3 depart for their Sunday School classes.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Leigh DeVries

FIRST LESSON Psalm 27
(pg. 503 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Luke 13:31-35 Rebecca Kirkpatrick
(pg. 77 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Wings of God* Rebecca Kirkpatrick
All Creatures Great & Small Summer Series

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 760 Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Agnes W. Norfleet

All 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

All 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 Christ, our God, Descends from Heaven

Alan Bullard

Let all human flesh keep silence, and with awe and reverence stand,
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand

Christ, our God, descends from heaven, Our full homage to demand.
King of Kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture, In the Body and the Blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

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

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

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

Leigh DeVries

HYMN 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Leigh DeVries and Franklyn C. Pottorff in appreciation of their dedicated service to our congregation.

COVER IMAGE

Saatfrüchte Sollen Nicht Vermahlen Werden! (Seed Corn Must Not Be Ground!) © Käthe Kollwitz, 1942.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where we gather as a faith community to worship, grow, learn, and serve. As we come together this Sunday, we are reminded of our Creator's abundant grace and boundless love. Whether you are a longtime member, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we extend a warm welcome to you. May our time together be filled with inspiration, fellowship, and a deepening of our connection with God and one another.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
Senior Pastor

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. Learn more at bmpc.org.

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 to 11:15 a.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

Announcements

TODAY

Summer Choir. Through Sept. 1, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Loft. All singers ages 12+ are invited to come to church any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem, hymns, and a closing response) and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance. All are welcome!

Reception For The Rev. Leigh DeVries and The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff. Sun., Jul. 28, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship as we offer our well wishes to Leigh, Frank, and their families as their ministries come to a close at BMPC.

Chester Children's Chorus Concerts. Sun., Jul. 28, 4:00 p.m., Our Mother of Good Counsel, 31 Pennswood Rd., Bryn Mawr. Chester Children's Chorus provides year-round music and math education to the children of Chester, PA. Children and youth ages 7 through 18 develop their vocal talents via rehearsals and concerts as well as their math skills through small group and individualized instruction.

CCC is a recent recipient of a two-year grant from BMPC's Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking Silent Auction Items. On Nov. 9, 2024, the Sanctuary Choir will host a fundraiser for its Choir Tour to France in June of 2025. This event will raise funds to underwrite the cost of including as many of our wonderful Staff Singers on the trip as possible. There will be a silent auction during the event, and if you have an item, vacation home, talent, or skill that you would like to share or to be considered, please be in touch with EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org

UPCOMING

BMPC Hike/Work Day. Sat., Aug. 3, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., Morris Park. The Environmental Justice Committee invites all to join together for a hike/work day. We will enjoy a hike through Morris Park in the Overbrook section of Philadelphia, followed by a work session. To sign up, contact David Heaton, heatondavid2@gmail.com by July 29.

Mission Co-Worker Cathy Chang. Sun., Aug. 4. We are glad to welcome PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker Cathy Chang and her husband Juan Lopez to be with us to share an update on their work in the fight against human trafficking in the Philippines. The BMPC Worldwide Ministries Committee has provided financial support to Cathy and Juan for all eight years they have served as Co-Workers. Cathy will be our preacher at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. At 11:15 a.m. that morning, Cathy and Juan will give a more formal update on their work during a presentation held in Congregational Hall.

Church Officer Nominations. Please submit your recommendations to the 2024 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 15, for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominations>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center.

Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Robert Talisse as our fall Community Forum speaker on Mon., Sept. 30. Copies of his most recent book, *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*, are available from the church now for those who would like to read it over the

summer. In his book, Talisse explores what it means to preserve democratic principles, what our obligations and values are as citizens of a democracy, and how we open ourselves to being in honest dialogue with those who hold differing political views from our own. Discounted books can be ordered for \$10 online at <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup>. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

2025 Sanctuary Choir Tour to France.

Jun. 13-24, 2025. One of the most cherished traditions from past Choir Tours has been including “friends of the choir” on these enriching voyages. Typically, 20-30 fellow travelers join in on the adventures and memories. It is with open arms that the Sanctuary Choir extends an invitation to you to join them in France next summer. Contact, EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org or visit bmpc.org/france2025

IN THE MINISTRIES CENTER

Seeking Freedom: Portraits of Mass Incarceration. May 5 through Sept. 1, Gallery. Several large portraits, created in batik, quilting, and embroidery by textile artist Carolyn Harper, form a dramatic exhibition that combines the portraits with texts written by the artist in collaboration with the sitters, telling the stories of these currently and formerly incarcerated people.

Summertime and the Readin' Is Easy.

Check out our summer reading selection from Converse Library, now available in the Atrium and the Court. Perfect for the beach, backpacking, or backyard lounging—check out a book or two to take on your journey! Explore more titles in the Converse Library, located in the Fullerton Room, or view our catalog online at libib.com/u/converselibrary. You can even reserve interesting books for pickup!

CARING AND SHARING

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in August for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia. Sat., Aug. 10, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., off campus. Looking for a meaningful way to volunteer? Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia welcomes you! Habitat works alongside volunteers toward a vision of a city where everyone has a decent place to live. We invite you to help provide shelter for others. Email JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org to register. Limited spots available.

Support Our Local Refugee Efforts. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee continues its work to support local families and individuals who are making a new home in our community and greater Philadelphia. Supporting refugees and asylum seekers means walking with them as they navigate legal, governmental, educational, and community resources. The Committee's work also includes providing financial resources to supplement the limited government assistance they receive. If you would like to contribute financially to the work of the BMPC Refugee Support Committee, please donate by writing “Refugee Support” on the memo line of a check or give a one-time or recurring gift online at <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/refugee>

Give of Yourself: Support Visiting Patient-Families. For over 20 years, numerous BMPC families have generously opened their homes to patient-families traveling to Philadelphia for specialized medical care. This act of kindness profoundly impacts guests who often feel vulnerable and isolated in an unfamiliar city. Hosts experience deep fulfillment by providing accommodations on their own terms, choosing who, when, and for how long they wish to host. To learn more, contact Hosts for Hospitals Director Mike Aichenbaum, 484-380-2999 or mike@hostsforhospitals.org or visit hostsforhospitals.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Summer Adult Ed. Class, Gloucester Room
- 9:00 a.m. “Seeking Freedom” Exhibit, Gallery
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 3s and 4s, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 206
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
Worship Together Sunday Grades 4-12
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-3rd Grade, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
- 11:00 a.m. Farewell Reception for the Rev. Leigh DeVries and the
Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff, Congregational Hall

MONDAY, JULY 29

No events scheduled.

Calendar

TUESDAY, JULY 30

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

No events scheduled.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

No events scheduled.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men’s Connection Group, Off campus

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Cathy Chang will preach.

Giving

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