



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 11, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One We gather in the love of the One who created us.
All We rejoice in the One who forms us still.
One We worship the One who guided the people through the wilderness.
All We praise the One who guides us still.
One We remember the One who protected Daniel in the pit.
All We rest in the One who protects us still.
One We gather to worship God who creates, redeems, and sustains us now and forever!

HYMN 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

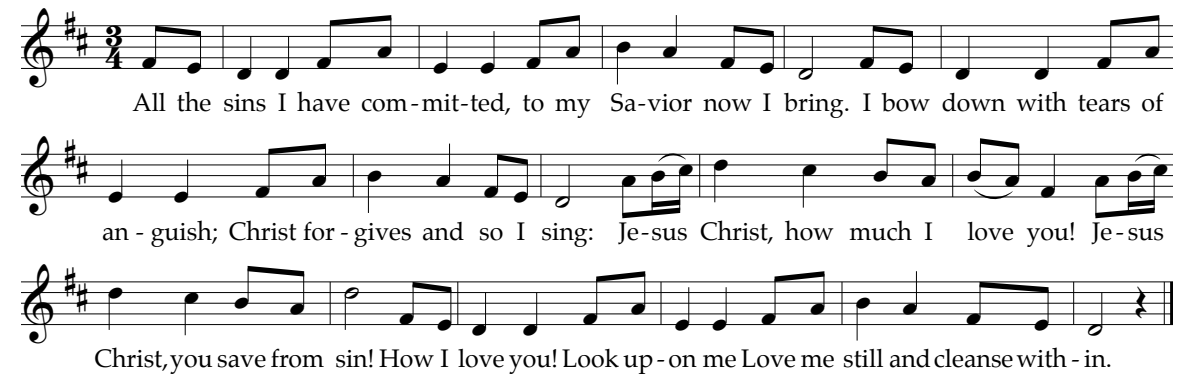
- All Merciful Savior, you hear our prayers: our timid prayers offered in whispers, our polite prayers that avoid the uncomfortable, our tepid prayers that ask for nothing. Hear our prayers and hear beyond. Listen for the words we hold back: the sin we cannot confess, the hurt we cannot release, the forgiveness we cannot seek. Hear our imperfect prayers and offer us perfect grace again. Forgive us and free us to sing of your mercy.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

NETTLETON



All the sins I have com-mit-ted, to my Sa-rior 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.

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Keith Brinks

FIRST LESSON Daniel 6:1-16

(pg. 826 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Daniel 6:17-27

Rachel Pedersen

(pg. 827 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON *Behind Closed Doors*

Rachel Pedersen

All Creatures Great & Small Summer 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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Worship & Music Notes

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Keith Brinks, Elder

USHER

Keith Brinks

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Daniel in the Lions Den by Cody F. Miller. Used with the artist's permission.

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

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sun., Aug. 11, following 10 a.m. worship, for the purpose of electing the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Youth and their Families. The Nominating Committee will propose the following people to serve on the APNC: Tim Bickhart, Meggin Capers, Peter England, Whitney Hoffman, Sharna Liggett, Peter McConnell, and Jean Reynolds. These members represent the youth, Youth Ministry Council and volunteers, and parents whose families are involved in Children and Family Ministry as well as Youth Ministry.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT

Blessing of the Backpacks. Sun., Aug. 18, 11:15 a.m., front lawn. School is just around the corner! Bring your backpack and join us for a special Backpack Blessing after the 10:00 a.m. service.

UPCOMING

Church Officer Nominations. Please submit your recommendations to the 2024 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 15, for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nom-

inating 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. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

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

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

Join the Pew Crew. We are seeking volunteers to help refill our pew racks in the Sanctuary and the Chapel. This team typically restocks information like visitor cards, special offering envelopes, and prayer request cards roughly ten times a year. This is a small and easy way to help prepare our church for worship and make us more welcoming to members and guests. Contact, CSingley@bmpc.org

IN THE MINISTRIES CENTER

Seeking Freedom: Portraits of Mass Incarceration. May 5 - 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

Non-Perishable Food Donations Needed.

During the summer, our local food pantries need extra support through the donations of non-perishable items. You can bring items for donation - soup, canned chicken, fruit cups/canned fruit, oatmeal, box cereal, pasta, paper goods, juice, and brown rice - during the week to the Church Office reception desk or leave them in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or Chapel on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your support of the fight against hunger.

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, AUGUST 11

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
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. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

No events scheduled.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men’s Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill will preach.

Worldwide Ministries Mission Partners

Each year the BMPC Worldwide Ministries Committee grants funding to national and international organizations supporting the education of children, youth and church leaders, investing in medical mission networks, and lifting up community leaders to support the work of justice and transformation. Below are the 2024 recipients along with a snapshot of their work.

The Association for a More Just Society

www.asj-us.org

ASJ promotes peace and justice for the poor and marginalized in Honduras.

Beyond Borders

www.beyondborders.net

Working to prevent violence against women and girls and end child slavery in Haiti.

Faith in Practice

www.faithinpractice.org

Developing a referral program for patients in need of surgery and other complex medical care in rural parts of Guatemala.

Friends of Forman Christian College

www.friendsofforman.org

A Christian College located in Pakistan that provides liberal arts education to interfaith students.

Haiti Partners

www.haitipartners.org

Improving educational culture and experiences for children in Haiti.

Medical Benevolence

www.mbfoundation.org

Creating a sustainable training program to meet the critical need for rural health clinics throughout Africa to practice and adhere to international standards of quality medical care.

Medical Emmanuel Hospital Association

www.eha-health.org

Establishing a palliative care facility for Chinchpada Hospital, which serves residents of Maharashtra, India.

Pfunanane Ministries

www.pfunanane.org

A Christian school in South Africa providing quality education to students in PreK-7th grades.

Rabbis for Human Rights

www.rhr.org.il/eng

Providing a platform for open and respectful dialogue as a means to promote social and economic justice within Israel and Palestine.

RiseMalawi

www.risemalawiministries.org

Providing a structured learning environment, including nutritious meals through their feeding program, for vulnerable children in rural Malawi.

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

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at <https://bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline> or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



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