



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One In the morning light, may we glimpse God's image deep within us,

All **the threads of eternal glory woven within us.**

One May we catch the mystery of human community fashioned in
God's likeness,

All **and recall God's love for us: deeper than knowing,
more enduring than time.**

One Let us respond to God's call to us with our whole heart.

All **With our whole life we worship God in praise and adoration.**

HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Loving and forgiving God, you have made all of us in your own
image and likeness, and yet we fail to love ourselves fully. We
build barriers which cause division and which deny your image
and likeness in others. Help us live as people called to follow in
your way, who trust your power to reconcile us to you and to
each other. Shower us with forgiveness, and open our hearts to
live with gentleness and humility toward the life of unity and
peace you intend for us, and for the human family.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

MUNICH



Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved in liv-ing sit - u -
a - tions to do the truth in love; to prac-tice your ac - cep - tance un -
til we know by heart the ta-ble of for - give - ness, and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Burdick

FIRST LESSON Mark 8:27-38

(pg. 43 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 230 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Wisdom of Gentleness*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Faith that Works: A Series on the Letter of James

Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 183 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Agnes W. Norfleet

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Bryan Hauptfuhrer - September 12, 2024

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Richard W. Knecht.

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Steve Burdick, Deacon

USHER

Tom Hays

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

One of our more contemporary hymns, *Let Us Build a House*, includes this refrain: *All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place*. It bears repeating! This church is a place to encounter friends who have been here longer than they can remember and first-time visitors, young and old and in between, seasoned disciples of Christ and seekers of spiritual connection. Through worship, program, fellowship, and mission, we are growing as a community of faith, and your presence is a sign of our genuine welcome.



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 ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.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

Hunger Committee Food Collection. The Hunger Committee thanks the congregation for your donations brought this morning, which will be distributed among six of our local partners. If you were not able to bring a donation of non-perishable items this morning, you are invited to donate to the Hunger Fund using the white envelopes found in the pew racks. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org for more information.

Filling The Well. Starting Sun., Sept. 22, 8:45 a.m. Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. This Sunday morning class for women will study local scholar Peter Enns's book *The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires Our Trust More than Our Correct Beliefs*. This class is led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org to join the class and reserve a copy of the book.

Purple Documentary and Conversation. Sun., Sept. 22, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. As we approach the fall elections, we will begin a series of conversations by viewing and discussing the documentary *Purple*, a short film uncovering the humanity beneath our national conflicts. Filmed in rural Wisconsin and Iowa—in a

swing region within two bordering swing states—*Purple* presents a rare political conversation that uplifts, provokes, and inspires while going toward the heat of passionate political differences. Following the 20-minute film, we will engage in large group and table conversations about how to engage in dialogue with one another and our loved ones.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

APNC Open Forum. The APNC for Congregational Care will hold gatherings for church members to share their hopes for our new Associate Pastor. These gatherings will be held in the Witherspoon Parlor at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 25 (after Wednesday night dinner) and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, after worship.

Child & Youth Protection Training. Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204, Thurs., Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m., Cannon Room or Zoom, OR Wed., Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room or Zoom. All volunteers with children & youth are required to complete or renew Child & Youth Protection Training on a yearly basis. We now have two options to complete training: In-Person, OR Asynchronous Online through Google Classroom. Register here for In-Person

Training: bit.ly/BMPCChildandYouth
Training Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Carillon Tour. Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out after services. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. A second Carillon Tour will be on Sun., Oct. 27. If you have keyboard skills and wish to take lessons with one of our carillonneurs, or if you want to become a BMPC carillonneur, contact ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Lyric Fest Concert. Sun., Sept. 29, 3:00 p.m., Chapel. Lyric Fest presents “Play a Simple Melody – The Historic Songs of Tin Pan Alley.” From the clamoring brownstones of Manhattan’s Lower East Side came the celebrated songs of Tin Pan Alley - and a genre that came to define America at home and abroad. To buy tickets, visit lyricfest.org/tickets and enter the code BMPC2425 upon checkout for a \$10 discount.

Doing Good Together Service Day. Thurs., Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m. On Rosh Hashanah, help neighbors near and far during a day of service for 1st–7th graders. First–third graders will stay on campus from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Fourth–seventh graders will go off-site to work with our mission partners from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by Fri., Sept. 25 at bit.ly/DoingGoodTogetherServiceDay Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Holy Leisure Potluck. Fri., Oct. 4, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion with speaker Rev. Carolyn Cavaness. RSVP online with a shared food item: bit.ly/HolyLeisureOct42024 Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Joining Hands Peru – Mission Trip Reports. Sun., Oct. 6, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join participants from the Spring Study Trip and Summer Youth Work Trip to Peru as they share about the work of Joining Hands Peru and reflect on their personal experiences. As BMPC continues in our long-term commitment to the activists, community members, youth, and faith leaders in Lima and LaOroya, we are called to learn and engage as an entire congregation around the challenges and possibilities in their work of environmental activism and creation care.

Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief. Mon., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. In 1969, Elisabeth Kübler Ross first identified the stages of dying in her transformative book *On Death and Dying*. Decades later, she and David Kessler wrote the classic *On Grief and Grieving*, introducing the stages of grief with the same transformative pragmatism and

compassion. Now, based on hard-earned personal experiences and knowledge and wisdom earned through decades of work with the grieving, Kessler introduces a critical sixth stage—*Finding Meaning*. Spiritual director Patricia Danzon will bring a spiritual perspective to the sessions as we explore this book. To register, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Luncheon for BMPC’s 50+ Years Members. Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Congregation Hall. The Senior Adult Council will host its bi-annual luncheon to honor long-time members and their commitment to the church and its ministries. Members and their families are invited to share fellowship and memories of their time in the church. Contact [Monica Devane@bmpc.org](mailto:MonicaDevane@bmpc.org) by Oct. 1 to attend.

UPCOMING

Sustaining Democracy Conversation. Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. As we look forward to learning from Robert Talisse, our fall Community Forum Speaker, on Sept. 30, all are invited to a conversation on selected portions of his compelling book, *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*. To receive a paper or digital copy of the book’s introduction and chapter 2, contact [Jennifer McArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

Community Forum. Mon., Sept. 30, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The Community Fo-

rum will host Dr. Robert B. Talisse, a distinguished professor from Vanderbilt University, to speak on the principles of democracy and the ethics of citizenship. Dr. Talisse will discuss how we can engage in honest dialogue with those who hold differing political views and explore our responsibilities as citizens in a democratic society. Author of over 100 scholarly articles and 15 books, including *Sustaining Democracy: What We Owe the Other Side*, Dr. Talisse’s work focuses on public discourse, political polarization, and democracy’s role in fostering understanding.

Singing for Life. Thursdays, Oct. 3–Dec. 12, 9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m., Fine Arts Center. Singing for Life is a weekly program taught by Jeffrey Brillhart and Kara Goodrich that focuses on singing and physical/vocal exercises specifically geared toward people aged fifty-five and older. Registration costs \$75. Sign up at bit.ly/S4L2024. Contact, ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Going Inside: A Meditation Sampler. Wed., Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 13, 7:00 p.m., Wither-spoon 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. Contact, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 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
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:00 a.m. Faces of Resilience, Gallery
9:15 a.m. Third Grade Bible Breakfast, Congregational Hall
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed
3rd Grade Bible Presentation during 10 a.m. service**
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Building Hall
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15 a.m. APNC for Youth and Their Families Meeting, Gloucester Room
11:15 a.m. Purple Documentary and Conversation, Congregational Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Gloucester Room
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room
7:00 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program - Tutor Training, Ed. Building Hall

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
4:45 p.m. Beginner's Choir Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall
4:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
6:30 p.m. APNC for Congregational Care Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
11:00 a.m. Rachel Jenkins Memorial Service, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 11:00 a.m. Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture, Fine Arts Kitchen

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Giving

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