



# World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



# Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Rejoice in our God always!

**All Again I say rejoice!**

One For God has gathered us together

**All from all the corners of the earth,**

One to be present now,

**All and to know the joyful unity**

One of being one with Christ.

**All Rejoice in God always!**

One Again I say rejoice.

HYMN 756 O God of Every Nation

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CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All Almighty God, you have called us into your church to be your servants in the service of others. Forgive us for falling short of your call. We have loved our buildings more than our brothers and sisters. We have been more concerned with budgets than with justice and peace. We have been more ready to talk about Christ than to live in Christ's image. Cut through our evasions, increase our courage, renew our vision. Make us and the whole church more nearly what you would have us be; through Jesus Christ, whose Body we are.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

DETROIT

Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then  
by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

## Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carl Reynolds

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8:7-18

(pg. 165 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

(pg. 183 in pew Bible)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Needs of the Saints*

Bryn Mawr Gives Light Stewardship Series

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

# 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 504 We Come as Guests Invited

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## SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

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The peace of Christ be with you.

**All**

**And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

# Worship Notes

### ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Carl Reynolds, Elder

### USHER

Keith Brinks

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## Announcements

### TODAY

**Peace and Global Witness Offering.** Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this offering through envelopes in the pews today or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You may give online: [bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering](http://bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering)

**APNC Youth Pastor Open Forum.** Sun., Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m. The APNC for the Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families will hold gatherings for Youth and interested parents of Children and Youth to share their dreams for our new Youth Pastor. Gatherings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the gym (for Youth and parents) and in the Ed. Bldg. (for interested parents of Children). The APNC hopes to hear from as many Youth and parents as possible as they begin their search.

**Joining Hands Peru – Mission Trip Reports.** Sun., Oct. 6, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join participants from the Spring Study and Summer Youth Work Trips 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.

**Blessing of the Animals.** Sun., Oct. 6, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. Tookany Creek Bluegrass Band will provide music for the service.

**Hurricane Helene Relief.** To make a donation to assist with hurricane recovery, you can make a direct financial contribution to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by indicating Hurricane Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations may be given through today's offering or sent directly to the church office during the week.

### UPCOMING

**Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief.** Mon., Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00 p.m., virtual. Elisabeth Kübler Ross, author of *On Grief and Grieving*, now 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](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**Going Inside: A Meditation Sampler.** Wed., Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 13, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon 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](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**Digging Deeper.** Sun., Oct. 13–Nov. 10, 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This five-week study, led by the Rev. Dick Wohlschlaeger, will explore Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, written in 1939 while he directed an underground seminary in Nazi Germany. The book is significant for its profound insights into Christian fellowship, discipleship, and the spiritual practices that sustain believers in times of societal and political turmoil. Visit [bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup](https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup) to order the book.

**Luncheon for BMPC's 50+ Years Members.** Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Congregational 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.

**Leadership in Lower Merion.** Sun., Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. As part of our fall conversations around dialogue and relationships across differences, we will be in conversation with Lower Merion Township Commissioners Scott Zelov and Shawn Kraemer. They will discuss leading together despite political differences for the sake and future of the LM Community. Both provided leadership in the development of the LM Code Blue Shelter last winter, and we will discuss different ways that we can all work for the common good.

**Youth Environmental Committee Intergenerational Hike.** Sun., Oct. 13, 1:30–3:30 p.m. All are welcome to join our youth on this multigenerational hike and work day at nearby Morris Park. Morris Park is across City Line Avenue from Friends' Central School in the Overbrook area. This 64-acre open space includes a wooded area, recreational space, gardens, trails, and more as Indian Creek meanders through the grounds. We are starting at the trailhead at 68th and Malvern St. in Philadelphia. Please sign up by emailing David Heaton at [heatondavid2@gmail.com](mailto:heatondavid2@gmail.com) by Oct. 9.

**Navigating Difficult Conversations.** Sun., Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A 90 min. workshop to develop skills for engaging productively with

sensitive and challenging topics; conducting yourself so that conversations, even around divisive subjects, can be opportunities to build understanding rather than occasions that deepen conflict; and discovering how your own opinions and triggers influence your ability to enter into conversation with integrity and objectivity. Sponsored by Interfaith Philadelphia. Lunch will be provided. Please register with [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org) to help us plan for food.

**Urban Suburban Book Group.** Tues., Oct. 15, 12:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. This longstanding book group will discuss *Civil Rights Queen: Constance Baker Motley and the Struggle for Equality* by Tomiko Brown-Nagin. Facilitating the discussion will be the Rev. Dr. Gene Bay. All are welcome, whether or not you have read the book. Bring lunch; a beverage and dessert will be provided. Contact, Anna May Charrington, [grandebay1@gmail.com](mailto:grandebay1@gmail.com).

**Pastors' Book Group, *The Upswing*.** Wed., Oct. 30, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet for a discussion of Robert Putnam's most recent book – *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*. This book represents a capstone to Putnam's illustrious career as the sociologist and political scientist who helped us all come to understand the incredible val-

ue of connections across the community and the building of social capital. Visit [bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup](https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup) to reserve a copy of the book.

**S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous! An Evening Gala Featuring our Staff Singers.** Sat., Nov. 9, 5:00–8:00 p.m., Merion Cricket Club. Registration spots are filling up quickly for an evening of food, drink, conversation, song, and exciting silent auction items—all to support funding to include BMPC's illustrious roster of Staff Singers on the Sanctuary Choir's upcoming Choir Tour to France in June 2025. Registration is \$125 (\$65 tax deductible) per person. Secure your spot now at [bit.ly/swonderfulgala](https://bit.ly/swonderfulgala)



## Calendar

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 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" Exhibit, Gallery  
9:00 a.m. APNC Youth Pastor Open Forum, Gymnasium and Ed. Bldg. 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 Communion, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.  
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall  
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium  
11:15 a.m. Joining Hands Peru - Mision Trip Reports, Congregational Hall  
4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer Partner First Monday Prayer, Cannon Room  
6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room  
7:00 p.m. Finding Meaning Book Group, Virtual  
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Gym Youth Lounge

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 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

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- 6:00 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room  
4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor  
4:45 p.m. Beginners' 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  
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge  
7:00 p.m. Meditation Sampler, Witherspoon Parlor

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Rehearsal Room  
10:00 a.m. Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual  
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 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, OCTOBER 13

- 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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