



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6, 2024

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE "Prayer after Communion" from Livre du Saint Sacrement Olivier Messiaen

INTROIT Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands arr. Sue Ellen Page
Children's Choir and Youth Chorale

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good for all. Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small. Washing tired feet and saving those who fall, Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good for all. Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, 'til I'm gentle, too. 'Til my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

WELCOME Kirby Lawrence Hill

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

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

SUNG RESPONSE

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

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8:7-18

(pg. 165 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Rise

Arianne Abela

I will rise with all my daughters, I will rise against my foes. I will rise with all the mothers, I will carry all their woes. I will rise to fight for freedom, I will rise though faced with fears. I will rise against all hatred while my eyes are veiled with tears. I will rise for religious freedom, for a rich diversity. I will rise for all the weary, for each lonely refugee. I will work for all our women who deserve equal pay. I will work for all our children who await a better day. I will rise for love and justice that we may see a better day. I will rise in peace and service for our world in disarray. I will rise with all my brothers for all those who cannot stand. I will rise with all our fathers who have lost a home and land. I will rise to build up bridges for this broken world we see. I will tear down walls between us that divide you and me.

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

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 712 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Agnes W. Norfleet

OFFERTORY ANTHEM This is My Song

Jeffrey Brillhart

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine. But other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts unite and learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

All bread is gluten and casein free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Love Bade Me Welcome, from Five Mystical Songs Ralph Vaughan Williams
Nicholas Provenzale, baritone

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin. But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in, Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, If I lack'd any thing. "A guest," I answer'd "worthy to be here:" Love said, "You shall be he." "I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee." Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, "Who made the eyes but I?" "Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame Go where it doth deserve. "And know you not," says Love, "who bore the

blame?" "My dear, then I will serve." "You must sit down" says Love, "and taste my meat:" So I did sit and eat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 504 We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE March on Siyahamba

Rebecca Groom te Velde

Music Notes

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jeffrey Brillhart composed "This is My Song" for the choir's 1995 tour to Russia and Finland. It speaks of peace and the acknowledgment that people in other countries share our hopes and dreams.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

In 1908 Ralph Vaughan Williams studied with Maurice Ravel in Paris, and shortly afterwards produced several major works, including "Five Mystical Songs." Vaughan Williams was inspired throughout his life by Anglican liturgy and music, the soaring architecture of its cathedrals, the English of the King James Bible, and the mysticism of the metaphysical poets. The 'Five Mystical Songs' are settings of poems by the priest and poet George Herbert (1593-1633). In the third movement, "Love bade me welcome", the poetry reflects on our relationship with a loving God while the choir hums the Gregorian chant, "O sacrum convivium."

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

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

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

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

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 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 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 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.

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 value of connections across the community and the building of social capital. Visit 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

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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