



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 10, 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 Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach

INTROIT 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Craig Curry

(Text may be found in the hymnal, number 611)

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One From the waters God's voice was heard,

All "You are my child, the beloved."

One This is the promise and calling in our baptism.

All We have identity, purpose and community in this place of worship.

One Let us worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

HYMN 806 I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Eternal God, we remember your faithfulness by the stories of faith and how your people have witnessed to your truth. We trust that you live among us still: nourishing faith, whispering life, inspiring generosity, and breathing love into our withered souls. Forgive us for those times we have not shared our faith, life, generosity, and love. Forgive us for neglecting the small acts of kindness and grace that speak of your power to transform us. Fill us with the love and steadfast commitment you call forth among your faithful disciples.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

All **We do.**

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes,
Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 138

(pg. 577 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Sing Ye Praises to Our King

Aaron Copland

Sing ye praises to our King, O sing ye praises to our Ruler. Sing ye praises to our King and Ruler. Come and hear all ye men, come and hear my praises. He doth bless all the earth, bringeth peace and comfort. Shout unto God everyone, shout unto God your praises. Sing ye praises. Come and praise Him everyone. Shout and praise Him everyone. Sing, O sing ye praises, sing.

SECOND LESSON Mark 12:38-44

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 49 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Greatness of Small Things*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 693 Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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.

MINISTRY MOMENT Advent Gift Market

Kara and Steve Udicious

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Alice Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb, hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM. And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

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 HUNDRETH

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

HYMN 697 Take My Life

HENDON

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Paean

Craig Phillips 5

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

John Trainer, Jr. - October 29, 2024

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Stephen Paul McConnell, Sr.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Madelyn Brooke Peterson, daughter of Verenice & Matthew Peterson
Guy Andrew Pickens, son of Cait & Andy Pickens

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

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

Bryn Mawr Gives Light: Stewardship 2025.

Your Stewardship Gift supports our mission committees. Many grants given by BMPC to our partners have not grown over the last few years as our mission budgets have remained flat, but increasing costs mean our dollars don't go as far towards the good work of our mission partners. Grants given in 2024 had only 2/3 the impact as they did in 2019. Wouldn't you consider increasing your pledge and giving to the church so we can increase the ways we give to our partners in our community and around the world?

Ardmore Food Pantry Presentation. Sun., Nov. 10, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room.

BMPC's mission relationship with the Ardmore Food Pantry has deepened and expanded as we better understand how to support our neighbors in Lower Merion. Come hear from AFP's Executive Director, Beth Tiewater, as she shares the pantry's work, how they are growing through our partnership, and what Beth has identified as the emerging needs among our neighbors.

Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag. Sun., Nov. 10, 6:00 p.m., Gym. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Glow in the

Dark Capture the Flag. Arrive at 6 p.m. in the gym for pizza. Games will follow at 6:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/GlowCTF
Contact, AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Casserole Blitz. Sat., Nov. 16, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Upcoming Dates: Dec. 14, Jan. 18. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP

Lyric Fest Concert: Nevertheless, She Sang – Women Composers, Women Poets. Sat., Nov. 16, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Despite a historic lack of opportunity, female composers were not, in fact, silent. Hear the remarkable blossoming of art and expression when women take up the verse of women and write the songs they want to write. To buy tickets, visit lyricfest.org/tickets and enter the code BMPC2425 upon checkout for a \$10 discount.

Advent Gift Market. Sun., Nov. 17, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the

opening Market Festival of our annual alternative giving program. Representatives from committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives will be in the Atrium after worship on successive Sundays to take your orders. Orders also may be placed online at www.brynmawragm.com

In Unison: Celebrating Commonalities, Bridging Differences. Sun., Nov. 24, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. As the final session in our fall series on being in conversations across boundaries, we will be joined by cellist Udi Bar David. Udi has played with the Philadelphia Orchestra for over 30 years but also creates opportunities for open dialogues, bringing people from different cultural backgrounds together at universities, public venues, and peace-loving communities. His unique genre of cross-cultural music has been heard all over the world. In his time with us, Udi will both perform and share how he has experienced the role of music in bridging our differences.

Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast. Thurs., Nov. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Everyone is invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds and donations, \$5 per person and \$20 per family, go to support youth ministry. Calling all youth and adult volunteers to help make and serve breakfast.

Sign up to help at bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakesVol You may donate at onrealm.org/bmpc/give/youth if you can't attend but would like to contribute to our youth ministry program.

Volunteers Needed! Live Nativity & Advent Workshop. Sun., Dec. 8, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Calling all Youth and Adult volunteers! Can you help us set up, lead a station, dress up, or act? Volunteers will be asked to arrive at 3:15 p.m. and must be in 4th Grade or above. Register to volunteer at bit.ly/LiveNativityVolunteer Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Rainbow Reindeer Games. Sun., Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m., Front Lawn. All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to Rainbow Reindeer Games. We will provide pizza, play ridiculously fun games, and have a great time. Friends are welcome to join. Register at bit.ly/RRGames2024 Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Christmas Flower Donations. Deadline: Sun., Dec. 1. Contributions for Sanctuary Christmas Flowers may be given "In memory of," "In honor of," or "In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism)" and will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or bmpc.org/giving/christmas-flower-donations Donations received will be used for our floral decorations and Deacons' flower ministry.

UPCOMING

Holy Leisure Potluck. Fri., Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m., home of Jean Reynolds, Bryn Mawr. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion. RSVP online with a shared food item at bit.ly/HolyLeisureNov152024 Contact, BMPCHolyLeisure@gmail.com

Turkey Collection. Frozen turkeys may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November. Donations must be received by Wed., Nov. 20., but early donations are especially helpful to ensure we have enough for all in need. Turkeys may be dropped off at the Ministries Center and placed in any of the freezers downstairs. Questions? Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Family Movie Night: *The Polar Express!* Fri., Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. This fun holiday tradition continues, with pizza before and popcorn and hot chocolate during the movie. Please Register at bit.ly/polarexpressnight so we can plan for the correct amount of food. Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Christmas Angels. Deliver to the Ministries Center reception desk or Ed. Bldg. Hall by Sun., Dec. 8. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (three to five gifts per child). Gift cards in \$25 increments from Amazon, Walmart, Target, Giant, and ShopRite are preferred. If you wish to buy a gift, you may sponsor a child's Christmas at bit.ly/BMPCXmasAngels2024, buy a general gift for a child (Legos, toiletry sets, Rubik's Cubes, make-up, cards and card games, board games, fidget toys, basketballs or footballs), or purchase from Gemma's Amazon Wish List: bit.ly/GemmaNeeds Contact, BMPCAngels@gmail.com

Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 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. Digging Deeper, Witherspoon Parlor
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:00 a.m. Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture Exhibit, Gallery
- 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**
- 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. Ardmore Food Pantry Presentation, Fullerton Room
- 6:00 p.m. Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag, Gymnasium & Harcum College Lawn

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, virtual
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Night Study, Witherspoon Parlor

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Joint Session/Trustee Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:00 a.m. Visual Arts Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

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- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Group. Converse House Parlor
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
6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00 p.m. Meditation Sampler, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Rehearsal Room
9:30 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen
1:00 p.m. **John Trainer, Jr. Memorial Service, Sanctuary**
5:30 p.m. Music & Fine Arts Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 9:30 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium
6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure Potluck, off campus

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Ministries Center Kitchen
1:00 p.m. Mygatt/Driscoll Wedding, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Lyric Fest Concert: Nevertheless, She Sang, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 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

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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