



Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025
8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Andy Greenhow

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings;
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All **May the Lord give strength to God's people.
May the Lord bless the people with peace.**

HYMN 463 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

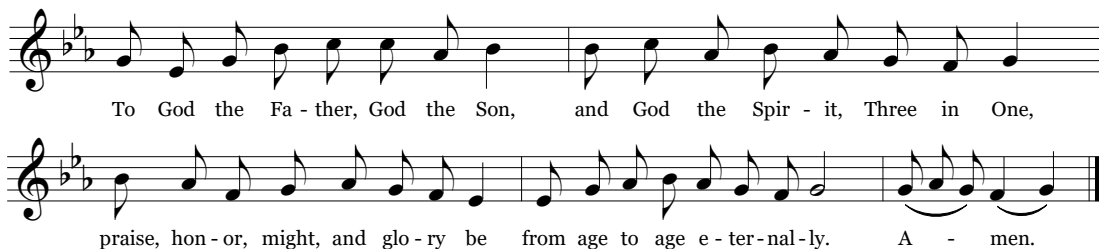
All **God of majesty and power, even as you are revealed to us in
the waters of baptism, so wash us and clean away our
pretensions and illusions. In your presence we know we have
wandered from your way, been slow to honor your name, and
failed to fulfill our calling. Have mercy on us, O God. Through the
waters of baptism, call us again to your promise of newness.
Descend upon us and keep us close, so that we may live to please
and praise you.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One,
 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rob Stoy

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7

(pg. 672 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 60 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON *With You*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Andy Greenhow

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 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

One The peace of Christ be with you.
All **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."
Kathleen (Kathy) Shields - January 7, 2025

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of H. Eugene Fisk.

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Rob Stoy, Deacon

USHER

Tom Hays

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

Charles McCahan Bachman, son of Meghan & Graham Bachman

Casey Steven Casper, son of Kelley & Dave Casper

BULLETIN COVER

Salisbury, United Kingdom - 8 September, 2022: view of the font by William Pye and the central nave of the historic Salisbury Cathedral

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WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This is the time of the year when we celebrate the great God of all creation who chose to become one with us in the person of Jesus Christ. Each individual who joins our worship and work helps us embody the incarnate nature of being the church together. Whether you are a longtime member or a first-time visitor, you are welcome here! We hope that worship may be the entrée into deeper engagement of Christian formation, nurture, and outreach so that together we fulfill our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.



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

Sunday Morning Discussion Group. Starting Sun., Jan. 12, 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room and via Zoom. For thousands of years, people have asked the question, “What is God really like?” There have been many answers. We will examine twelve from the book *Finding God*, which explores various ways that the Jewish tradition has sought after and encountered God. For information about joining the class, receiving the Zoom link, and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray at katrmac2@icloud.com

Filling the Well. Starting Sun., Jan. 12, 8:45 a.m., Children’s Library, Ed. Bldg. This Sunday morning class for women will study pastor Eugenia Gamble’s book *Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruits of the Spirit*. Through biblical traditions and personal reflections, Gamble explores the ways that we can cultivate traits such as kindness, gentleness, hope, and joy in our lives. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this class. For more information and to reserve a copy of the book, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Feminine Energy Gallery Opening and Artist Talk. Sun., Jan. 12, 11:15 a.m., Gallery. Sister Helen David Brancato, the artist

behind our new gallery exhibit, will be present in the gallery to speak about her works. This exhibit honors the courage and strength of women from diverse backgrounds and eras who lived with passion and compassion. Through these portraits, we celebrate their fidelity, endurance, and the many ways they shared their talents and gifts with the world.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bryn Mawr Gives Light! Thanks to the generous spirit of the congregation, we have made good progress towards our financial goal for the 2025 Stewardship Campaign. In addition to a financial goal, we hope to increase the number of individuals and families who commit to supporting the church with a pledge. Your participation matters! The amount of your pledge is less important than the fact that you make a pledge. If you have not made a pledge this year, won’t you consider doing so? Thank you!

The Jazz Sanctuary Concert. Wed., Jan. 29, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to join us for a free concert by The Jazz Sanctuary, a musical group bringing live jazz to diverse venues, blending artistry with a mission to foster community and enrichment. The concert will include

coffee and dessert and follows BMPC's weekly Wednesday Night Dinner (\$12/person). This event is sponsored by ARC, BMPC's Anti-Racism Committee.

Oil Painting for Beginners. Starting Fri., Jan. 24, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Kitchen. Learn the fundamentals of oil painting in this beginner-friendly art class. Begin with observational skills and still life drawing, transfer to canvas, master tonal underpainting, tools, and palette setup, and advance to full-color painting with refined color mixing and matching. Sign up today and transform your art! Class registration is \$100 and is limited to 12 participants. Register at bit.ly/OilPaintingBMPC

Singing for Life. Starting Thurs., Jan 30, 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., Fine Arts Center. Join us for the Spring 2025 semester of Singing for Life, a weekly program of singing and physical/vocal exercises for those aged 55 and older. Open to all, membership does not require BMPC affiliation. Registration for the semester is \$75. Sign up at bit.ly/S4LSpring2025, email [Tori Fisher@bmpc.org](mailto:ToriFisher@bmpc.org) or call (610) 520-8836.

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection. Sun., Feb. 9, Narthex. For over 30 years, communities have come together on Super Bowl Sunday to give financial and non-perishable donations as a part of the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring food

drive. This year, our BMPC donations will be distributed among six of our local partners located from Lower Merion to Chester, serving their community's needs. Donations should be brought to the Narthex on Feb. 9 before worship. Suggested donations include cold cereals, pasta and sauce, soups, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, beans or fruit, and mac & cheese. To promote sustainability and at the request of our partner pantries, we encourage you to bring your donations in reusable grocery bags. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org for more information.

UPCOMING

Strong Bones and Bone Health. Thurs., Jan. 9, 16 and 23, 1:00 p.m., Zoom. Maintaining bone health is critical to overall health as we age. Joanne P. Fagerstrom, PT, CFP, and owner of Mindful Physical Therapy, uses a holistic approach to bone health and exercise in treating osteopenia and osteoporosis patients. Ms. Fagerstrom will offer a virtual program focusing on bone health and exercise, with special attention to osteopenia and osteoporosis. Please bring hand-held weights (1-3 lbs. or a weight you're comfortable with). This free program includes recordings for participants to review and practice exercises at their convenience. Register with JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org to receive the Zoom link.

Belonging and Inclusion, A Conversation.

Sun., Jan. 19, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. In the Spring of 2024, the BMPC Session approved a new “Commitment to Belonging and Inclusion” to help guide our church’s leaders, councils and committees as we move more fully into a welcoming and diverse congregation. Join the Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) in large and small group conversations about the statement, how it is being implemented and how it connects to all parts of our life together.

Youth Summer Mission Trip. Sun., July 6 – Fri., July 11, 2025. Current 5th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Summer Mission Trip at CROSS Missions in Charlotte, NC. Cost for first registrant is \$250. Each additional registrant (sibling or friend) is \$125. Scholarships are available. Register by Fri., Mar. 14 at bit.ly/BMPCMissionTripNC Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org with any questions.

Youth Summer Camp. Sat., July 26 – Sat., Aug. 2, 2025. Current 6th-12th graders will travel to Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC for camp. Youth will learn about Jesus, connect with new and old friends from across the country, and play games. Registration cost is \$650. Scholarships are available. Register by Fri., Mar. 14 at bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2025 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org with any questions.

CARING AND SHARING

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in January and February for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Code Blue Volunteers Needed. For the month of January, BMPC is hosting a Code Blue Shelter to house up to five men sleeping outside in Lower Merion on the coldest nights. Volunteers work in shifts between 8:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. on nights the shelter is open. Visit bit.ly/CodeBlueVolunteer to sign up. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org to receive the training video and more information.

Casserole Blitz. Sat., Jan. 18, 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: Feb. 15, March 15. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP

Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 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, Room 102, Ed. Bldg.
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
- 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. "Feminine Energy" Gallery Opening and Artist Talk, Gallery
- 11:15 a.m. APNC for Youth and Their Families Meeting, Cannon Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- 1:00 p.m. Deacons' Red Cross Blood Drive, Congregational Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- 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
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 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. Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fullerton Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- 9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
11:30 a.m. **Kathy Shields Memorial Service, Chapel**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

- 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 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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