



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 2, 2025

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 "Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei" from Exultate

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One For God alone my soul in silence waits;

All truly, my hope is in God.

One God alone is my rock and my salvation,

All my stronghold, my rock and my refuge.

HYMN 401 Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All O God, you have given us much but we ask for more. You feed us with the bread of life, but we worry about making it on our own. You give us strength for everything we need, but we focus on what we accomplish. Forgive our restlessness and greed, and teach us contentment. Guide us to the truth of following in Jesus' name.

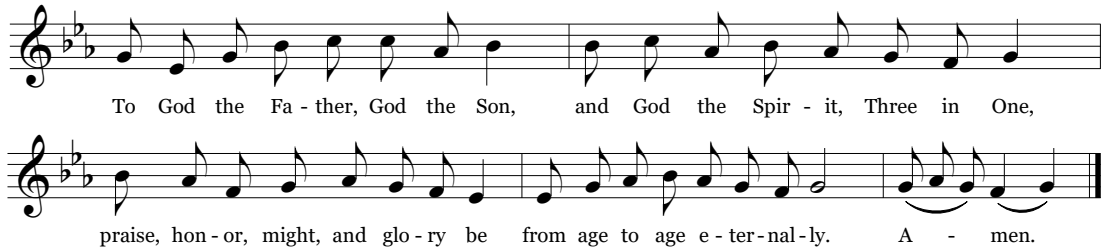
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

SUNG RESPONSE

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.

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 Isaiah 58:9b-12

(pg. 688 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM This Little Light of Mine

Moses Hogan

Misoon Ghim, mezzo-soprano; Siddhartha Misra, tenor; Valerie Haber, soprano

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. All through the night I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. My God gave it to me, Oh, children, I'm gonna let it shine, children. My God gave it to me, Lord, I'm gonna let it shine. My God gave it to me, Oh, children, I'm gonna let it shine. In my home, let it shine, All over the world, let it shine, let it shine, shine, shine, let it shine.

SECOND LESSON Ruth 3:1-5, 4:9-15

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 243 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Ruth: In Full Community*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Third in Three Part Series

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 769 For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

All We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves. Yet God acts with justice and

mercy to redeem creation. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

- from A Brief Statement of Faith

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Let all Mortal Flesh

Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand, Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand. King of Kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of Lords in human vesture in the Body and the Blood, He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way as the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day; That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherabim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluya Lord most High." Amen.

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 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE "Gloria" from Exultate

Craig Phillips

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Ellen Lloyd - January 26, 2025

William A. Graham IV - January 29, 2025

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of
George Alexander Peter.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sutton Penn Leader, daughter of Darian & George Leader

Eleanor Anne Lee, daughter of Kate & Rob Lee

Abel Calder Paruszewski, son of Rebecca Calder & Craig Paruszewski

George Alexander Peter, son of Melissa & Tom Peter

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church! Whether you're visiting for the first time or have been part of our community for years, we're so glad you're here. We hope this hour of worship brings you meaning and inspiration. Inside this bulletin, you'll find announcements about upcoming opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray that your time with us leads to deeper connections and meaningful ways to live out your faith through worship, fellowship, and service.



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

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/livestream or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

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

Scatterlings with Betty Wright-Riggens. Sun., Feb. 2 & 9, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Drawing from the recent South African novel *Scatterlings*, Middleton Center Spiritual Director and Pastor Betty Wright-Riggens will guide us through a conversation on the themes of racial justice, the commandment to be one another's keeper, the parameters of love, cultural conformity, and parental responsibility. Participants do not need to read the novel to fully participate in the class, but if you would like to purchase a copy from the church for \$10, visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup

Feminine Energy Exhibit. Through Mar. 2, Gallery. This exhibit by Sister Helen David Brancato 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

CeaseFire PA. Sun. Feb. 16, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. CeaseFirePA is a Pennsylvania-based organization dedicated to preventing gun violence by advocating for stronger gun laws, educating communities, and empowering individuals to promote safer environments through activism and policy reform. We will be joined by Grant Maurer, who will help us better understand the reality of gun violence, potential legislative work for 2025, and how you can personally advocate for change. This class is sponsored by the BMPC Peacemaking Committee.

James O'Donnell Organ Recital. Sun., Feb. 23, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. One of the most celebrated concert organists, choral conductors, and liturgical musicians of our time, James O'Donnell served for more than a decade as Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral and for more than two decades as Organist and Master of the Choristers (Director of Music) at Westminster Abbey. In 2023, he was appointed to the faculty of Yale University's School of Music and in addition to his teaching continues to concertize around the world. This concert, featuring the Bryn Mawr Chant Society, will be his first appearance at BMPC.

Illuminated Art: Faux-Stained Glass Art Workshop for Youth. Starting Sat., Mar. 8, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Ed. Building. Calling all young artists ages 8-14! Join teaching artist George Apotsos for a fun and creative 6-class workshop inspired by the colorful stained-glass windows of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Learn how to design your own faux-stained glass and reverse glass paintings using cool techniques and vibrant colors. Along the way, you'll explore the history of stained glass, sharpen your art skills, and create unique pieces to take home. Sign-up is free at bit.ly/BMPCYouthArtClass Contact [Tori Fisher@bmpc.org](mailto:ToriFisher@bmpc.org) for more details.

Hersheypark Youth Trip. Sun., June 1, 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Current 5th-12th Graders are invited to our Annual Hersheypark Trip! Registration Cost: \$40 (includes admission to the park and one meal). Scholarships are available. Register at bit.ly/Hersheypark2025; limited spots will fill up fast. Registration deadline is Fri., May 23.

UPCOMING

Deepen Your Faith This Lent. Looking for a meaningful way to connect with others in the church and grow in faith this Lent? Join a Lenten Connection Group! These four one-hour weekly gatherings are layered groups that will reflect on scripture and insights from our annual Lenten

devotional, written by our pastors and fellow congregants. Share joys and concerns, listen deeply, and support one another on this sacred journey. To join a group, fill out the form at bit.ly/LentenCG or contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Love In the Hebrew Bible. Mon., Feb. 3, 10 & 17, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join this three-week class based on Suzie Park's exploration of the concept of love in the Old Testament. Pushing against characterizations of the loving God of the New Testament narrative universe versus the wrathful God of the Old Testament, Park shows that love is integral to the ways in which relationships, among people and between humanity and God, are imagined in the Hebrew text. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will teach this class. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to reserve a copy of the book.

Great Decisions. Mon., Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5, Jun. 2, 10:00 a.m., Zoom. BMPC member Bob Martin leads our monthly programs based on the *Great Decisions Briefing Book*, videos, and information he and other members share with the group. The classes are free and open to all, but registration is required to receive materials and the Zoom links. Contact [KirbyL Hill@bmpc.org](mailto:KirbyLHill@bmpc.org)

Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World. Tues., Feb. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 7:00 p.m., Zoom. Spiritual director Patricia Danzon will guide us through this beloved book by Henri Nouwen. To register, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Family Movie Night Featuring The Lorax. Fri., Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. All children, youth, and their families are invited to a family movie night with pizza and popcorn provided. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., and the movie will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please Register at bit.ly/movie_nightlorax so we can plan for the correct amount of food. Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Vacation Bible Camp 2025. Mon., June 23 – Fri., June 27, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., BMPC Campus. Registration is open for VBC. Ages Pre-K - Rising 5th Grade register at bit.ly/VBCRegistration2025 Campers must be at least 4 years old by May 1, 2025. Calling all Youth and Adult Volunteers! Rising 6th Grade and above register as a volunteer at bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2025 Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Youth Summer Mission Trip. July 6-11, 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

Youth Summer Camp. July 26-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

CARING AND SHARING

Serve Dinner at the Ardmore Food Pantry. The Ardmore Food Pantry has started offering a community meal on Monday evenings during pantry hours. On the second Monday of each month, they serve BMPC Hunger Casseroles. Two to three volunteers from BMPC are needed on those Monday nights to serve dinner from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for one month or on a regular basis, please contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection. Sun., Feb. 9, Narthex. This year, 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. If you need to bring donations prior to the 9th, please bring them to the Atrium or the Church office reception desk. 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

California Wildfire Relief. You can support wildfire relief efforts by making a financial contribution to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Simply write "Wildfire Relief" in the memo line of your check. Donations can be made through today's offering or sent to the church office during the week. To learn more about PDA's vital work in supporting churches and residents affected by the fires, visit bit.ly/PresbyterianDisasterAssistance

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in February and March 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

Calendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 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.
- 9:00 a.m. Feminine Energy Exhibit, Gallery
- 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
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:30 a.m. *Scatterlings* with Betty Wright-Riggens, Fullerton Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer Partner First Monday Prayer, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Love in the Hebrew Bible, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Monthly Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
- 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. Spiritual Direction Book Group, virtual

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9:30 p.m. Singing for Life Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Committee Meeting, virtual
- 11:00 a.m. Oil Painting for Beginners, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night, Congregational Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:00 a.m. **Youth Sunday with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Youth Sunday, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
Worship led by BMPC Youth.

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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