

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Third Sunday after Epiphany



WELCOME

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. Come join us!

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 AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: www.bmpc.org.

Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

“Seascapes” Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - Pre-K

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Mental Health Workshop

11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall

James Kealey Organ Concert

2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
& There is a Happy Land

George Shearing

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the morning light, may we glimpse God's image deep within us,
the threads of eternal glory woven within us.

**All: May we catch sight of the mystery of the human spirit
fashioned in God's likeness.**

One: Let us recall God's love for us, deeper than knowledge,
more enduring than time.

All: Let us respond to God's call to us with our whole heart.

One: With our whole life we worship the Living God,

All: Together in this sanctuary of praise and adoration.

† HYMN 409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin and to be washed clean in a baptism of forgiveness. You have called us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. We confess we fall short of a ready response to follow in word and deed. May we be like Jesus' first followers, hear the call to discipleship and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world. Help us be faithful to our calling and to live with authenticity as we bear the name of Christ.

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 698

Take, O Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Psalm 62:5-12 (pg. 526 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing

Jeffrey Honoré

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; All things are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:14-20 (pg. 35 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Called to Follow

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Franklyn C. Pottorff

We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God supports the downtrodden, and protects the stranger; that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation, in and through Jesus Christ.

~ from the Confession of Belhar

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Verleih Uns Frieden

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee, possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.*

† 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Claire Swarr ~ January 15, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY & CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Eugene K. Wolf and his daughter Maria K. Wolf

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

MUSIC NOTES

“Verleih uns Frieden” was composed by Felix Mendelssohn in 1831 as part of a set of eight choral cantatas based on Lutheran chorales. Of the eight, only “Verleih uns Frieden,” a setting of a Martin Luther text about peace, was published. Mendelssohn did not use the melody associated with that text, but rather, a new melodic idea, that starts with the men and gradually moves through the entire choir. Fellow composer, Robert Schumann wrote of the work, “The small piece deserves to be world famous and will become so in the future; the Madonnas of Raphael and Murillo cannot remain hidden for long.” The choir performed this work in Israel with Palestinian musicians on its 2022 tour to the Middle East.

Announcements

CODE BLUE SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. For the month of January, BMPC will host a Code Blue Shelter to house up to five men sleeping outside in Lower Merion on the coldest nights. Volunteers will work in shifts from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. the nights the shelter is open. To receive the sign-up link, a recording of the training/information session, or if you have questions, please contact the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Today

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. A congregational meeting is called by the Session today after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a brief meeting to elect church officers and vote on changes to pastors' terms of call.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP. Sun., Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join volunteers of children and youth, parents, and community members for an important discussion around mental health. Laurel Roe (child and adolescent counselor) and Kathryn West (BMPC social worker) will walk us through key signs of emotional distress and tools for helping children and youth navigating challenging times. We can arrange childcare if that would allow you to participate. Lunch will be provided after the 10:00 a.m. worship service and Congregational meeting. Please RSVP to Mary Richards, MaryRichards@bmpc.org, including any dietary restrictions.

JAMES KEALEY ORGAN RECITAL AND GALLERY RECEPTION. 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. James Kealey is the Laureate of the 2022 American Guild of Organists' "National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance" and Interim Director of Music/Organist at Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY. Fifty percent of the free-will offering taken will benefit the AGO Philadelphia Scholarship Fund. Following the recital, please enjoy a special reception featuring Brazilian delicacies and the opportunity to meet and speak with James Kealey and João Magalhães, the artist of the current "Seascapes" exhibit in the BMPC Art Gallery.

This Week

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 22, 1:00-6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood; register online: <https://bit.ly/2024-Blood-Drive>. Contact Monica Devane, 610-520-8823 or MDevane@bmmpc.org.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thurs. Jan. 25 - Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. This fully online book discussion group focuses on topics around faith, spirituality, and personal growth. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, this winter we will spend five weeks on John Philip Newell's book – *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World*. By embracing the wisdom of Celtic Christianity, we can learn how to listen to the sacred and see the divine in all of creation and within each of us. To register for this class and to purchase the book, contact Alicia Franklin, AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org.

150TH VISION COMMITTEE REPORT. Wed. Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m, and Sun. Jan. 28, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Come hear the outcomes of the visioning process around the question: *Where do we believe God is calling BMPC in ministry and mission?* This is the culmination of broad congregational input from the public forums, focus groups, and a church-wide survey. The final report, adopted by the Session to guide our ministry into the future, will be presented.

Upcoming

LEGACY OF MEDICAL MISSION, MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION.

Sun. Feb. 4, 11:15 a.m. Fullerton Room. The Medical Benevolence Foundation transforms historic models of medical mission around the world with an emphasis on strengthening the local leaders who oversee mission hospitals, clinics, and nursing schools in the 21st century. BMPC has a long history of international medical mission work dating back to 1889 when the church sent Dr. Wanless to engage in medical mission in India. Join us as MBF staff share what medical mission means today, and how they have put the \$50,000 Anniversary grant from BMPC into action.

THE WISDOM JESUS: TRANSFORMING HEART AND MIND. Tuesdays, Feb. 6-27, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon leads a four-week conversation on Cynthia Bourgeault's book. *The Wisdom Jesus* provides a new perspective on Christ and an expansive interpretation of his message. Cynthia Bourgeault creates a masterful guide to Jesus' vision and the traditional contemplative practices you can use to experience the heart of his teachings for yourself. To sign up, please contact Kiki McKendrick, KikiMcKendrick@bmmpc.org.

BMPC MIDWINTER FESTIVAL. Sat., Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. “Life is a Cabaret!” Come spend an evening of fun, featuring the performance talents of the BMPC membership, and tables full of luscious desserts! Tickets are \$20.00 per person. There are only 120 tickets available so act fast! Tickets can be purchased at the table in the atrium after Sunday services, or by contacting the Music and Fine Arts Department, MFA@bmpc.org.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD COLLECTION. Sun., Feb. 11. 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 communities need. Donations should be brought to the Narthex on Sunday morning, February 11 before worship. Suggested donations include: cold cereals, spaghetti sauce, canned meals, soups (particularly hearty ones), peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned fruit and applesauce (or cups), mac & cheese, crackers (Saltines or Ritz), instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars, single-serving snacks, bottled salad dressings, and mayonnaise (smaller sized jars preferred).

HOW TO BE A POVERTY ABOLITIONIST. Mon. Mar. 4, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary. The Community Forum will host Pulitzer prize-winning author, Matthew Desmond to speak about the current state of poverty in America and how we, as a society, can address it. This Princeton professor of Sociology is the author of the New York Times best-selling books *Poverty, By America* and *Evicted*.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP. June 25-28. Rising 6th-8th graders will be traveling to Camp Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA for Middle School Camp! Youth will hear all about Jesus from the keynote speaker, swim, meet new friends, and play lots of games! The cost is \$650, with scholarships available. Sign up by March 15! The link to sign up can be found on the website, Realm, youth Enews, or by emailing Shayla Jordan, shaylajordan@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP. July 28- August 3, Montreat Conference Center. Rising 9th-12th graders are invited to join the youth group for the High School Summer Camp in Montreat, NC. Youth will learn all about Jesus, connect with new and old friends from across the country, and play games! Sign up on the website by March 15. Questions? Reach out to Shayla Jordan, ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, January 21

- 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
- 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 Service on www.bmpc.org
Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
Atrium Cafe, Atrium
Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:30 a.m. Mental Health Workshop for Teachers & Volunteers,
Congregational Hall
- 2:00 p.m. James Kealey Organ Concert and Gallery Reception

Monday, January 22

- 1:00 p.m. Deacons' Red Cross Blood Drive, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Tuesday, January 23

- 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 (PD) Class, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg

Wednesday, January 24

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	150th Vision Committee Report Presentation, Fullerton Room High School Student Serve, Gymnasium Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, January 25

10:00	a.m.	Thursday Discussion Group (Zoom only)
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 26

8:30	a.m.	Foundation Investment Committee Meeting (Virtual)
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Saturday, January 27

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
8:00	a.m.	January Jumpstart (AGO Philadelphia), Sanctuary
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Room 200

Sunday, January 28

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
11:15	a.m.	150th Vision Committee Report Presentation, Sanctuary
2:00	p.m.	Claire Swarr Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Kirby Lawrence Hill, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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