

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 20, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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 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 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service is available to watch on our livestreaming 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 Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Summer Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Stories Through Art Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

All: Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal;

One: To be forgiven and to forgive;

All: To be freed and to set others free;

One: To tell one another and the world: God's presence is at hand.

All: Let us worship God!

† HYMN 673

Jesus, Light of Joy

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy and Gracious God,

You are all light and wonder and glory.

You are our strength and our delight.

You give us all we need to live.

Yet we are distracted by all that glimmers,
continually grasping for more.

Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.

Forgive us, O Lord, and turn us back to you.

Overwhelm us with your goodness and grace,
and remind us that you are the Source of life.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sung twice.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Frazier

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 138 (*pg. 577 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20 (*pg. 18 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Pointed Question

Franklyn C. Pottorff

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 462 I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”
Dr. Robert L. Walter ~ August 15, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Diane E. VanderVeer

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Judy Frazier, Deacon

USHERING

Keith Brinks

Announcements

PRAYER PARTNER MINISTRY. The Prayer Partner Ministry connects members of our church through prayer. Adults pray for six to eight children or youth throughout the year, and prayer partners will have the opportunity to connect through special events and programs. You may sign up online: <https://bit.ly/PrayerPartners2023> or email RachelPedersen@bmpc.org with questions.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for Sundays, Oct. 1 and 8 for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepf at bmpcflowers@gmail.com

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Sun., Sept. 17 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2023-2024 via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominationForm>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

Today

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Today and Sept. 3, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir is looking for new members to sing during the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Perhaps you have participated in Summer Choir or you have been using your voice to lead hymns among the congregation. If you are interested in auditioning, please come up to the choir loft following the postlude today or Sept. 3 to learn about this leadership opportunity. If you are a parent of a young child, childcare is available at the church from 7:45 a.m. to noon each Sunday. EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org

Next Sunday

EVENING WORSHIP WITH BLESSING OF BACKPACKS. Sun., Aug. 27, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary. School is just around the corner! Bring your backpack and join us for a special Backpack Blessing during the first Evening Worship service of the season. Evening Worship continues on the first Sunday of the month: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3 and April 7.

Upcoming

EDUCATION BUILDING WORKDAYS. Wed., Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.-noon, and Thurs., Aug. 31, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come help get the Education Building ready for Sunday School. Projects include putting together furniture, organizing supplies, painting, and more. All skill levels welcome! MaryRichards@bmpc.org

YOGA206 BONE BOOST CLASS. Begins Wed., Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m., Gymnasium. This is an all-levels mat and chair yoga class focusing on bone strength with safely-adapted poses. Geared to persons proactive about strengthening their bones due to diagnosed bone loss. Participants, age 50+, must be able to safely sit on and rise from a mat. Class runs through Oct. 18. Email YOGA206@icloud.com for registration information.

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 10, 11:00 a.m., Education Building Lawn. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and then stay to enjoy food, fellowship, and activities on the lawn. All are welcome; bring a friend!

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S CLASS. Begins Tues., Sept. 12, 1:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Our Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) class is open to those living with PD and their care partners. This session runs through Dec. 12. For more information, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>

Calendar

Sunday, August 20

7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

Monday, August 21

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, August 22

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium

Wednesday, August 23

No Events Scheduled.

Thursday, August 24

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center

Friday, August 25

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group,
Converse House Parlor

Sunday, August 27

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.
5:00 p.m. **Evening Worship with Blessing of Backpacks, Sanctuary**

Outreach Committee Partners

Each year the BMPC Outreach Committee grants funding to non-profits in Greater Philadelphia. Below are the 2023 recipients along with a snapshot of what they are doing to support vulnerable communities.

Broad Street Ministry - www.broadstreetministry.org

Providing radical hospitality to build communities among those in Center City Philadelphia experiencing chronic homelessness.

Chester Eastside - www.ceichester.org

Providing access to hunger safety-net programs, as well as programs for education, social services, and justice for families throughout Chester, Pennsylvania.

Families Forward - www.familiesforwardphilly.org

Providing comprehensive support services and operating the largest emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia.

Habitat for Humanity - www.habitatphiladelphia.org

Supporting their Critical Repair Program and New Home Construction in Philadelphia.

Lutheran Settlement House - Jane Addams Place - www.lutheransettlement.org

Providing assistance in locating and obtaining independent housing, coordination of parenting education, employment, benefits, mental health services, addiction treatment, financial literacy and healthcare.

United Community Clinic - www.unitedcommunityclinic.com

Serving patients with no health insurance in the East Parkside Community of West Philadelphia.

Urban Tree Connection - www.urbantreeconnection.org

Building a neighborhood-rooted food and land system through community leadership development and land-based strategies in West Philadelphia.

Welcome Church - www.thewelcomechurch.org

An Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregation that proclaims the hope and love of a gracious God to all people, especially to people experiencing homelessness.

Artwell - www.theArtWell.org

Bearing witness to the way arts can transform students in Philadelphia public schools.

Gemma Services - www.gemmaservices.org

Providing support and specialized services for children, teens, and families throughout the Philadelphia region experiencing emotional and behavioral concerns.

WePAC - www.wepac.org

Reopening and staffing public school libraries throughout Philadelphia.

Tree House Books - www.treehousebooks.org

Providing free books and literacy programs to families in Northern Philadelphia to grow and sustain a community of readers, writers, and thinkers.

The Common Place - www.thecommonplacephilly.org

Offering arts-based after-school enrichment programs, social services and community events to families in Southwest Philadelphia.

West Kensington Ministry - www.westkensingtonministry.com

Providing a spiritual foundation for people experiencing poverty and violence in the West Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia.

Bethel Academy at Bethel AME Church in Ardmore - www.bethelacademy.net

Providing after-school academic support for students in our local community.

Central Presbyterian Church of Norristown - www.centralpresweb.org

Serving the Latino Community through worship, outreach and home Bible studies.

Beacon Church - www.thewordatbeacon.org

A neighborhood faith community located in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia that strengthens its community, its children and neighbors, through faith, art and storytelling.

Support of organizations like these is possible because of your generous contributions through our annual Stewardship campaign. Thank you for your gifts. If you wish to learn more about the work we do in mission in Greater Philadelphia, please contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

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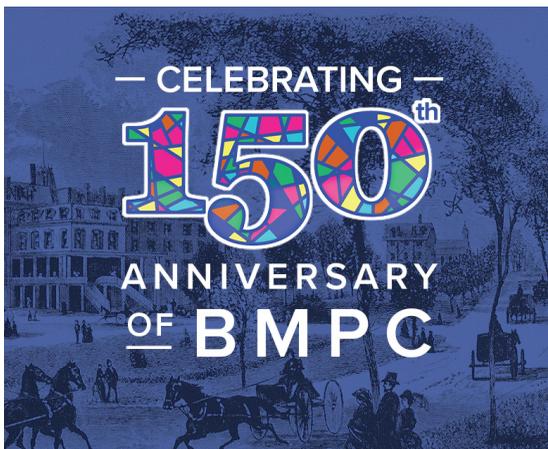
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