

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, August 20, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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 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](http://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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry at [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## **WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER**

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)

## Today's Schedule

### **Childcare (infant - age 5)**

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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### **Worship with Summer Choir**

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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### **Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12**

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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### **Stories Through Art Exhibit**

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center



*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!

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

### 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 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

† HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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

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

How Very Good and Pleasant

Arlen Clarke

How very good and pleasant, How very good to see, When kindred live  
together, together in unity. It is like the dew of Hermon, Which falls upon the  
hills, For there the Lord gives blessing, And there our spirit fills. For peace shall  
come upon you, Anointing ev'ry race, The precious oil of Aaron, The precious  
gift of grace. The poor shall be uplifted, The scornful be made low, The Lord  
ordains his blessing, And life, forever more.

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

† DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and  
 low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly  
 known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

† HYMN 187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Franklyn C. Pottorff

POSTLUDE

“Offertoire” from Suite Française

Pierre Cochereau

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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

### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

# **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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@bmipc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmipc.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](mailto: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@bmipc.org](mailto:CarolCherry@bmipc.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](http://www.bmpc.org)**  
Worship Together Sunday for Grades K-12, Sanctuary  
Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202  
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](http://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](http://www.broadstreetministry.org)**

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

### **Chester Eastside - [www.ceichester.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.habitatphiladelphia.org)**

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

### **Lutheran Settlement House - Jane Addams Place - [www.lutheransettlement.org](http://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](http://www.unitedcommunityclinic.com)**

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

### **Urban Tree Connection - [www.urbantreeconnection.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.theArtWell.org)**

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

**Gemma Services - [www.gemmaservices.org](http://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](http://www.wepac.org)**

Reopening and staffing public school libraries throughout Philadelphia.

**Tree House Books - [www.treehousebooks.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bethelacademy.net)**

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

**Central Presbyterian Church of Norristown - [www.centralpresweb.org](http://www.centralpresweb.org)**

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

**Beacon Church - [www.thewordatbeacon.org](http://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](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

## **Worship Staff**

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**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

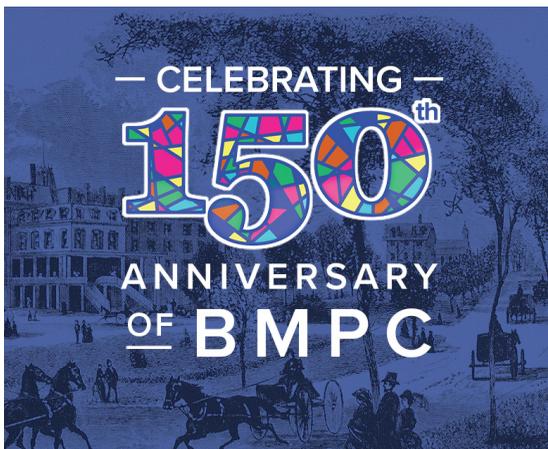
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