



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 24, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel
Seventeenth 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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COVER IMAGE

Sketch of the burgeoning Bryn Mawr village from the viewpoint of the train station. Note the newly built Keystone Hotel (now the Baldwin School) on the left and the original BMPC chapel on the right.

Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

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

BMPC at 150 Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Oh give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

All: Give thanks to the Lord.

One: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

All: Give thanks to the Lord.

One: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

All: Glory and praise to the Lord.

† HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Lord our God, you knew us before we were born and called us to serve you faithfully. You delivered us from captivity and provided abundantly for our needs. Yet we have forsaken you. We have abandoned your way and followed false gods. We are like cracked vessels that can hold no water. We are skilled at doing evil and unable to do what is right. Forgive us, O Lord. Reshape us with your hand. Renew your covenant with us. Put your law within us and write it on our hearts, so that we may be your people as you have been our God; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,
by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dave Bravo

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:6-12 (*pg. 688 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21 (*pg. 16 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

When a Meal is More than a Meal

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leigh DeVries

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

† HYMN 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MC KEE

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God in honor of the BMPC Sanctuary Choir and in
Celebration of Jeff Wilber's 40 Years as a BMPC Staff Singer

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Dave Bravo, Deacon

USHERING

Tom Hays

150th Anniversary Celebration Events

Church Birthday Party

Saturday, October 14, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Celebrate the church's birthday with cake, fun mission project, games for children and families, and fellowship!

Celebration of Former Pastors

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Ministries Center Court. This informal open house will honor former BMPC clergy and their families.

150th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Pre-paid reservations are required. Tickets \$20. Featuring the premiere of the BMPC anniversary video. Go to <https://bit.ly/150Dinner> (case sensitive) or scan the QR code for registration.



Organ Concert

Saturday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Philippe Lefebvre, principal organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, will perform.

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, October 15, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. This service will feature music by the Sanctuary Choir singing a newly-commissioned anthem by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen in celebration of BMPC's 150th anniversary, with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet.

Announcements

150TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT. Join in celebrating BMPC's 150th Anniversary by purchasing this newly-created Christmas ornament featuring our renovated church property. Designed and crafted by Wendell August Forge, this ornament is a beautiful way to celebrate the past and the future of our congregation. Ornaments will be on sale for \$20 each on Sun., Oct. 15, following worship.

150th ANNIVERSARY DINNER. Sat., Oct. 14, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Pre-paid reservations are required. RSVP online: <https://bit.ly/150Dinner> (case sensitive) or at the registration table in the Atrium after worship by Mon., Oct. 2. Tickets are \$20 per person. Featuring the premiere of the BMPC anniversary video. Please call 610-525-2821 if you have any questions.

BMPC AT 150: FAITHFUL ENGAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD. Exhibit runs through Sun., Oct. 29, Art Gallery. This exhibit offers glimpses of the church's history through the changing realities of society and culture. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday. For information, please contact mfa@bmpc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available for Sun., Oct. 15 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 bmpcfowers@gmail.com

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS. The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our beautiful gallery. The "Members Only" exhibit will run from Nov. 5 to Dec. 17. Applications to show your work will be accepted through Sun., Oct. 29. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org, or download an application by visiting the Visual Arts webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFineArts>.

Today

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room, and via Zoom. Join us for a thoughtful and comprehensive reflection on the New Testament: From Beginning to End. In troubled times we need to be grounded in the way we have chosen to live our lives together. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding class which has a discussion format. Please note that homework will be required. .

FILLING THE WELL. 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. All women are welcome to join this longstanding Sunday morning class. This fall we will spend time reflecting on portions of Don Fisher's and Tom Allender's classic book, *God Loves an Unmade Bed: Spirituality for the Imperfect*. In the book they share how God is always present, especially in the midst of the messes and struggles of life.

DIGGING DEEPER. 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This eight-week study will be guided by the book, *Whence and Whither: On Lives and Living*. In this collection of essays on death and the meaning of living, funeral director, poet and National Book Award finalist Thomas Lynch has an uncanny knack for writing about death in ways that are never morbid, always thoughtful, often humorous, and quite moving. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this class.

THE LEGACY OF LOCAL MISSION. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. We are honored to host the Rev. Eustacia Marshall, pastor of New River Presbyterian Church, who will help us celebrate the rich legacy of BMPC's 25-year commitment to West Philadelphia as well as invite us alongside her congregation as they lead us in a new moment for Presbyterians in West Philadelphia. New River Presbyterian is a merger of First African Presbyterian Church, Calvin Presbyterian Church, and Church of the Good Shepherd. Through innovative ministries, intentional engagement, and a vision for hope and hospitality in the community, Rev. Marshall will help us imagine how we might be involved in this next season of mission in the city.

HUNGER COMMITTEE CELEBRATION FOOD COLLECTION. As we celebrate our longtime commitment of addressing food insecurity, the Hunger Committee is collecting non-perishable donations in the Narthex today. Donations will be distributed among six of our local partners. If you forgot your food donation this morning, please donate using the hunger envelope located in the pew rack.

This Week

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S CLASS. Tuesdays through Dec. 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. For more information, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>

YOGA206 BONE BOOST CLASS. Wednesdays through Oct. 18, 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. Email YOGA206@icloud.com for registration information.

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP. Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are welcome to join this study and discussion group. In Justo and Catherine Gonzalez' book, *Heretics for Armchair Theologians*, these noted church historians introduce readers to important early church figures whose teachings were denounced by the church as heresies. Dr. Joshua Yoder will lead this group. To register and purchase the book, contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER. Wed., Sept. 27, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and students.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays, Sept. 28-Oct. 26, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, we will spend five weeks discussing the classic book, *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times* by Henri Nouwen. In this collection of some of Nouwen's unpublished writings, he focuses not only on how we can survive hard times but on how we can live fully in the midst of them and beyond. To register and purchase the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

SACRED THREADS. Thursdays, through Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Led by spiritual director Betty Wright-Riggins, the sessions will focus on Anne LaMott's book, *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. LaMott explores prayer through examples, musings and humor. Register: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Next Sunday

CARILLON TOUR. Sun., Oct. 1, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and then leads you out after services. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. If you have keyboard skills and wish to take lessons with one of our carillonners, or if you want to become a BMPC carillonneur, please send an email to mfa@bmpc.org.

THE LEGACY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN. Sun., Oct. 1, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Throughout our history, women have shaped and guided the mission and ministry of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us for a special presentation about the legacy of Presbyterian Women and the different roles women have held over the past 150 years.

EVENING WORSHIP WITH BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 1, 5:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals. Tookany Creek Bluegrass Band will provide music for the service.

Upcoming

EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY TOUR. Tues., Oct. 3, 10:00 a.m. All are invited to join this 60-minute guided tour which highlights Eastern State's history, revolutionary architecture, and stories of people who lived and worked in the building. Tour cost: \$10. Participants will meet in the BMPC parking lot behind the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. To register, please email MonicaDevane@bmpc.org or call 610-525-2821.

SINGING FOR LIFE CHOIR RESUMES. Thursdays, Oct. 5 to Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m., Fine Arts Center. The Singing for Life Choir is open to anyone 55 years or older. Cost is \$75. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining this choir, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org by Mon., Oct. 2.

THE LEGACY OF MUSIC AND FINE ARTS. Sun., Oct. 8, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. One of the most defining aspects of BMPC is a strong and creative legacy of music and fine arts programming. From bells to stained glass, pipe organs and choirs, to a full-scale art and music program, join us as Jeff Brillhart, our Director of Music and Fine Arts, takes us back to the beginning.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and Livestream. Amanda Tyler, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and lead organizer of Christians Against Christian Nationalism, will speak about the rise of Christian Nationalism in the United States and how it threatens democracy and Christianity. A question-and-answer session follows her talk. No registration is required for this free event. Tyler's presentation will be livestreamed at www.bmpc.org/livestream. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org

FLU SHOTS. Wed., Oct. 11, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. BMPC is partnering with Main Line Health to help us care for ourselves and one another by offering a flu vaccine clinic for individuals 19 and older. The high-dose vaccine for those 65+ will not be offered at this clinic. Please note that if you receive a COVID-19 booster shot, it will not interfere with your flu shot. Registration is required by contacting Carol Cherry, Parish Nurse, at 610-520-8832 or CarolCherry@bmpc.org. You will be assigned an appointment time and provided with additional instructions.

PHILIPPE LEFEBVRE ORGAN CONCERT. Sat., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. A special evening performance during BMPC's 150th Celebration weekend, Lefebvre, one of three Titular Organists of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, returns to BMPC to perform a program featuring French masterworks by Jehan Alain, Claude Debussy, Marcel Dupré, César Franck, and Louis Marchand. The program will conclude with an improvisation based on Gregorian chant themes. For information, please contact mfa@bmpc.org.

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY: A HISTORY OF SLAVERY AND ANTI-BLACK RACISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Mondays, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. As our church celebrates its 150th anniversary, we will reflect upon our Presbyterian legacy and our work toward justice and reconciliation. In *What Kind of Christianity*, William Yoo argues that to understand how Presbyterian Christians can promote racial justice today, they must first acknowledge and understand how deeply racial injustice is embedded in their history and identity as a denomination. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this class. To sign up for the class and reserve a copy of the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

CARILLON TRAINING CLASSES BEGINNING SOON. Saturday mornings, dates TBA, Sanctuary Carillon Room. Intrigued by making music with 20 tons of bronze? Princeton University carillonneur Lisa Lonie will teach free classes on how to play the carillon. Prerequisites for the lessons: the ability to read treble and bass clefs and a minimum of three sharps and flats. Must be able to climb stairs and be comfortable with confined spaces. If you want to learn how to play the carillon, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this offering through envelopes in the pews today and next Sun., Oct. 1, or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You also may give online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering>

Calendar

Sunday, September 24

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 Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room Filling the Well, Children's Library
9:00	a.m.	Faithful Families Class, Ed. Bldg.
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Graders, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15	a.m.	Middle School Brunch, Pastor Leigh's Manse Legacy of Local Mission, Congregational Hall

Monday, September 25

9:00	a.m.	Doing Good Together Service Day, Congregational Hall
6:00	p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room Middle School Monday, Youth Lounge
7:00	p.m.	Discover BMPC Class, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, September 26

10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

Wednesday, September 27

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Chapel
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Student Serve, Youth Lounge

Thursday, September 28

10:00	a.m.	Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sacred Threads: <i>Help, Thanks, Wow</i> , Virtual Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 29

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, September 30

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
11:00	a.m.	Robert Bergen Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 1

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
5:00	p.m.	Evening Worship with Blessing of the Animals, Ed. Bldg. Lawn

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

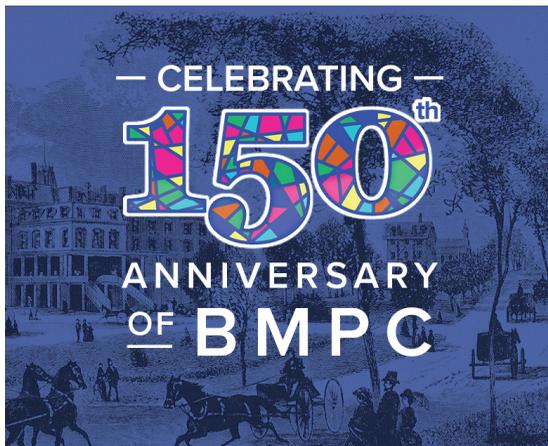
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