

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Nineteenth 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

The Legacy of Music and Fine Arts

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

BMPC at 150 Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, enlarge our hearts,

All: so we can become more compassionate.

One: God, broaden our minds,

**All: so that we may see the needs of the world
and respond according to our gifts.**

One: God, deepen our souls,

All: so the depth of your grace may well up within us.

One: God, fill us with your love,

**All: so that we may overflow in generosity
to share your good and perfect gifts.**

† HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, you have called us and blessed us with spiritual lives that draw us beyond ourselves. You have promised us a future that leads us into the work of your reign on earth. Yet sometimes we get stuck in the past; we long for the way things used to be; and we treasure the things of this world more than spiritual riches which never fade. Forgive us for following our own desires rather than trusting you to lead us forward as bold followers of Christ.

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

Susan Daley-Gibson

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 138 (pg. 577 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-16 (pg. 198 in pew Bible) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joy in Remembering the Future
The Joy of Being Christ's Church, Fourth in Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

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 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

† 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 and in memory of
Anne M. and Edward A. Flood Jr.

CHAPEL FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God in memory of
Dr. Grafton D. Chase

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Susan Daley-Gibson, Elder

USHERING

Keith Brinks

NEW MEMBERS

Jacqueline and Clyde Briant
Dunham and John Churchill
Deborah (Debbie) Flanagan
Amy and Brant Henderson
Bridget Nurock

Melissa and Tom Peter
Faith and Fred Sandstrom
Sarah Trent and Joel Schlosser
Barbara and David Vahlsing
Leslie and Ben Wilson

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND OCTOBER 14-15

CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY. Sat., Oct. 14, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Celebrate the church's birthday with cake, fun mission project, games for children and families, and fellowship! Please register each member of your family to help us plan for how many friends are joining us to celebrate. <https://bit.ly/150ChurchParty>

CELEBRATION OF FORMER PASTORS. Sat., Oct. 14, 5:00 p.m., Atrium. This informal open house will honor former BMPC clergy and their families.

150TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER. Sat., Oct. 14, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Featuring the premiere of the BMPC anniversary video. Registration is closed for the dinner.

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE. Sun., Oct. 15, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. This service will feature 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.

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.

Announcements

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., Nov. 12 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

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS. The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our 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 and 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 leads this class.

THE LEGACY OF MUSIC AND FINE ARTS. 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.

HIGH SCHOOL BRUNCH. 11:15 a.m., Pastor Leigh's Manse. Following worship today, all high school students, high school prayer partners, and families are invited to Pastor Leigh's house for the annual grade brunches. Come hungry for breakfast, sweets, and drinks!

This Week

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

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

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.

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

Upcoming

TEILHARD'S MYSTICISM: SEEING THE INNER FACE OF EVOLUTION. Tuesdays, Oct. 17, 24 and 31, and Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon leads a four-week conversation on Kathleen Duffy's introduction to the writings of French Jesuit priest and scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Duffy, a physicist herself, examines Teilhard's mysticism, showing how science can help to illuminate the mystical path, while also demonstrating the compatibility between Teilhard's thoughts and current frontiers in scientific exploration. To sign up, please contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Oct. 20, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion, "Down at the Border with the Nuns." RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/BMPCHolyLeisure10-20-23> Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net

THE LEGACY OF GLOBAL MISSION. Sun., Oct. 22, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Since 1889, BMPC has been sending and supporting mission workers around the globe. In this next season of global mission, BMPC is partnering with the Joining Hands Peru Network, which brings together the Church and civil society to support vulnerable populations in many ways. The Rev. Jed Koball, who has been living and working in Peru for over 10 years, will share with us what it means to be thoughtfully engaged in global mission in this next generation.

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING. Sun., Oct. 22, 12:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for lunch and learn about the summer 2024 youth international mission trip to Peru! Families will hear from Jed Koball from Joining Hands, with whom we will be working while in Peru, and learn about the travel itinerary, trip cost, and the application process. The mission trip takes place July 10-20, 2024. ShaylaJordan@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

GOING INSIDE: A MEDITATION SAMPLER. Wednesdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 15 and 29, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for these classes to demystify meditation and make it more accessible for people. This class will be taught and guided through an ecumenical approach to breath work, meditation, and mindfulness by BMPC member Terry Charlton. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND. Sat., Oct. 28 and Sun., Oct. 29. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, a pastor, author and professor, is a leading voice in our denomination and the country on issues of leadership and the role of the church in this particular moment in history. He currently serves as senior pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. During his time with us, Dr. Johnston will help us explore our faith's resources for healthy conflict.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:30 a.m. Light Brunch, Congregational Hall
10:00 a.m. Presentation: "The Root of all Conflict"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: "Friend or Foe"
11:15 a.m. Lecture in Congregational Hall: "Faith, Conflict and the Great Awakening"

CARILLON TRAINING CLASSES. Saturdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 and 9, 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 and Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while preparing casseroles for area shelters. Fall dates: Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Please use RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

Calendar

Sunday, October 8

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.	New Member Breakfast, Congregational Hall
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 Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.
11:15	a.m.	High School Brunch, Pastor Leigh's Manse Legacy of Music and Fine Arts, Congregational Hall

Monday, October 9

6:00	p.m.	Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge
7:00	p.m.	Community Forum with Amanda Tyler, Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 10

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, (Hybrid), Gymnasium
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
6:45	p.m.	BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall
7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, October 11

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
12:00	p.m.	Flu Shots, Witherspoon 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
6:30	p.m.	Adult Education Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Youth Lounge

Thursday, October 12

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 13

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, October 14

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Witherspoon Parlor
11:00	a.m.	150th Church Birthday Party, Ed. Bldg. Lawn
6:00	p.m.	150th Anniversary Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:30	p.m.	Philippe Lefebvre Organ Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 15

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.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

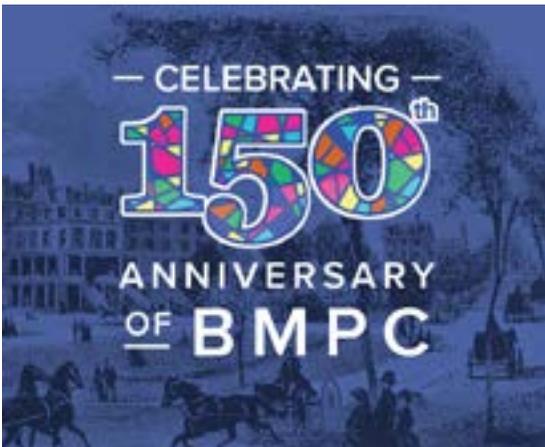
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