

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 22, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Twenty-first 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 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

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Legacy of Global Mission

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

Youth Mission Trip Meeting

12:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor

Conversation on

Israel and Palestine

4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† 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, broaden 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 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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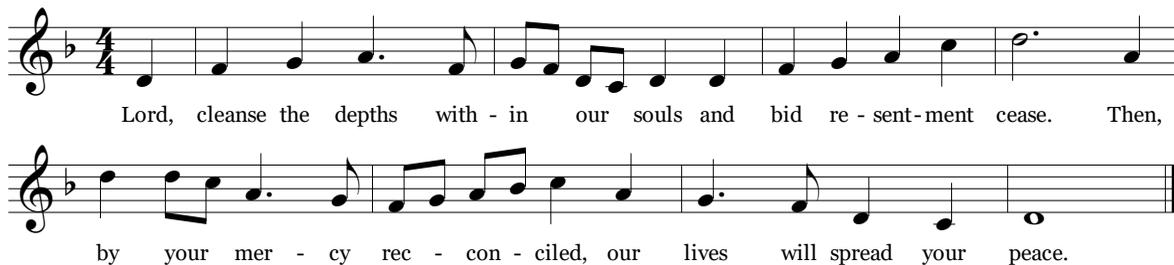
CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Creator God, you fill the earth with life and beauty, and entrust it to our care; and yet we fail to be good stewards of your creation. You have made us in your own image and likeness; and yet we fail to love ourselves fully, and deny the image of God in others. You have blessed us with a rich inheritance of faith, hope and love; and yet we have not wisely invested these greatest gifts of life. Forgive us, O God, and call us anew to live as your children, as heirs of your promises, and as brothers and sisters in 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

Elisha Gillette

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 111 (*pg. 562 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:10-20 (*pg. 499 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joy in Giving

Agnes W. Norfleet

The Joy of Being Christ's Church, Sixth in Series

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

† LITANY OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: You are the sure foundation, O God. Our lives are built on your promises.

All: You have entrusted us with gifts – time, talent, energy, finances – and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

One: We bring these gifts, along with our pledges, responding to your generosity.

All: We offer ourselves; our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and hours, and promises. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

† HYMN 652

A Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

† 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.”

John B. Huffaker ~ October 2, 2023

Kenneth Sweet, Jr. ~ October 14, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marilyn S. Irwin

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elisha Gillette, Deacon

USHERING

Keith Brinks

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

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>.

CONVERSE IN THE COURT. As we celebrate our past and current pastors, check out the books they've written, now on display in Converse Library's cozy reading corner in the Court. Inspirational and instructional works from David Watermulder, Eugene Bay, Bill Arnold and Margaret Anne Fohl, Pattie Kitchen, Rebecca Kirkpatrick, and more. Follow the instructions for self-checkout or use your new Converse Library card!

CHECK OUT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS BOOKS. Most books being used in current classes may be borrowed from Converse Library. Presently available are Thomas Lynch's *Whence & Whither* (Digging Deeper), Justo Gonzalez's *Heretics for Armchair Theologians* (Men's Discussion Group), Henri Nouwen's *Turn My Mourning into Dancing* (Thursday Discussion Group) and William Yoo's *What Kind of Christianity* for Rebecca Kirkpatrick's upcoming class. You also can check out *Elusive Grace* by the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, this year's Theologian in Residence. Putting a title on hold so you can pick it up later is strongly recommended. Access the Converse Library catalogue online: <https://bit.ly/converselibrary>

Today

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION: STEWARDSHIP 2024. Today is Dedication Sunday, where we offer up to God a portion of our time, talents, and treasure to support the work and ministry of BMPC in 2024. God shapes us in community to send us out in service to the world. Please place your completed pledge cards in the offering plate or you may pledge or donate online: <https://www.bmpc.org/giving/annual-stewardship> SarahMiciek@bmpc.org

THE LEGACY OF GLOBAL MISSION. 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. 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.

CONVERSATION ON ISRAEL AND PALESTINE. 4:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a conversation with Rabbi David Straus on the recent terror attacks and ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine. This informal but informed conversation will be an opportunity to ask questions, expand our understanding, and gather in hope for a world seeking peace.

This Week

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

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>

TEILHARD'S MYSTICISM: SEEING THE INNER FACE OF EVOLUTION. Tuesdays, Oct. 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

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

This Weekend

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"

Upcoming

PASTORS' BOOK GROUP. Wed., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this conversation on the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston's new book *Elusive Grace*, a collection of sermons on topics related to public life and dialogue in a conflicted world. Johnston, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, will be our Theologian in Residence on Oct. 28 and 29. For more information and to purchase a book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

THE COMMON PLACE. Sun., Nov. 12, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Chris Holland will share with us the vital and growing ministry of The Common Place, our longstanding partner that plays an important role in offering holistic care to families in Southwest Philadelphia. The organization is a recipient of a 150th Anniversary grant, partners with the Hunger Committee, Outreach Council and Anti-Racism Committee, and has been a recipient of the Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BMPC TUTORING DINNERS. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the school year to serve students from the William Dick Elementary School who attend the BMPC Tutoring Program most Tuesday evenings. All food, supplies, and instructions are provided at the church. Volunteers help with set up, provide welcome and hospitality, and do light clean up. Tuesdays from 6:00–7:00 p.m. Contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org to choose a date or multiple dates to volunteer this year.

VOLUNTEER WITH UPPER MERION AREA COMMUNITY CUPBOARD. BMPC members are welcome to volunteer with our Hunger Partner UMACC this fall as they have seen a large increase in the number of families they serve in our suburban community. Located inside Valley Forge Presbyterian Church in King of Prussia, UMACC serves over 175 families a week. Sign up directly through this link: <https://bit.ly/UMACCVolunteer> or contact Barbara Heaton for more information: barbhheaton@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE-ISRAEL/PALESTINE. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the humanitarian needs developing in the Middle East following the terror attacks and military action in Israel and Palestine. If you wish to support their work, please send a check to the church, with “Disaster Response” in the memo line. You also may give online: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/disaster> RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER TEAM. The BMPC Mission Council is seeking volunteers to be part of a small team to assist our neighbors at the Ardmore Food Pantry. This team will be asked to regularly volunteer with their food distribution programs, their new “Help Center” efforts, partially funded by BMPC, and with ongoing administrative work related to fundraising and community engagement. As we seek to be more deeply engaged in the life of our local community, this is a new and exciting opportunity for us to be better connected in Lower Merion. To learn more, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Calendar

Sunday, October 22

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
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	Worship Service 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.	Legacy of Global Mission, Congregational Hall
12:30	p.m.	Youth Mission Trip Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
4:00	p.m.	Conversation on Israel and Palestine, Congregational Hall

Monday, October 23

6:00	p.m.	Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00	p.m.	<i>What Kind of Christianity</i> , Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, October 24

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.	<i>Teilhard's Mysticism</i> : Book Group, Virtual

Wednesday, October 25

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.	Student Serve, Youth Lounge Going Inside: A Meditation Sampler, Witherspoon Parlor Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, October 26

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 27

8:30	a.m.	Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, Virtual
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Saturday, October 28

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
9:30	a.m.	Theologian in Residence, Congregational Hall
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Witherspoon Parlor

Sunday, October 29

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel The Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill will preach.
10:00	a.m.	Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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