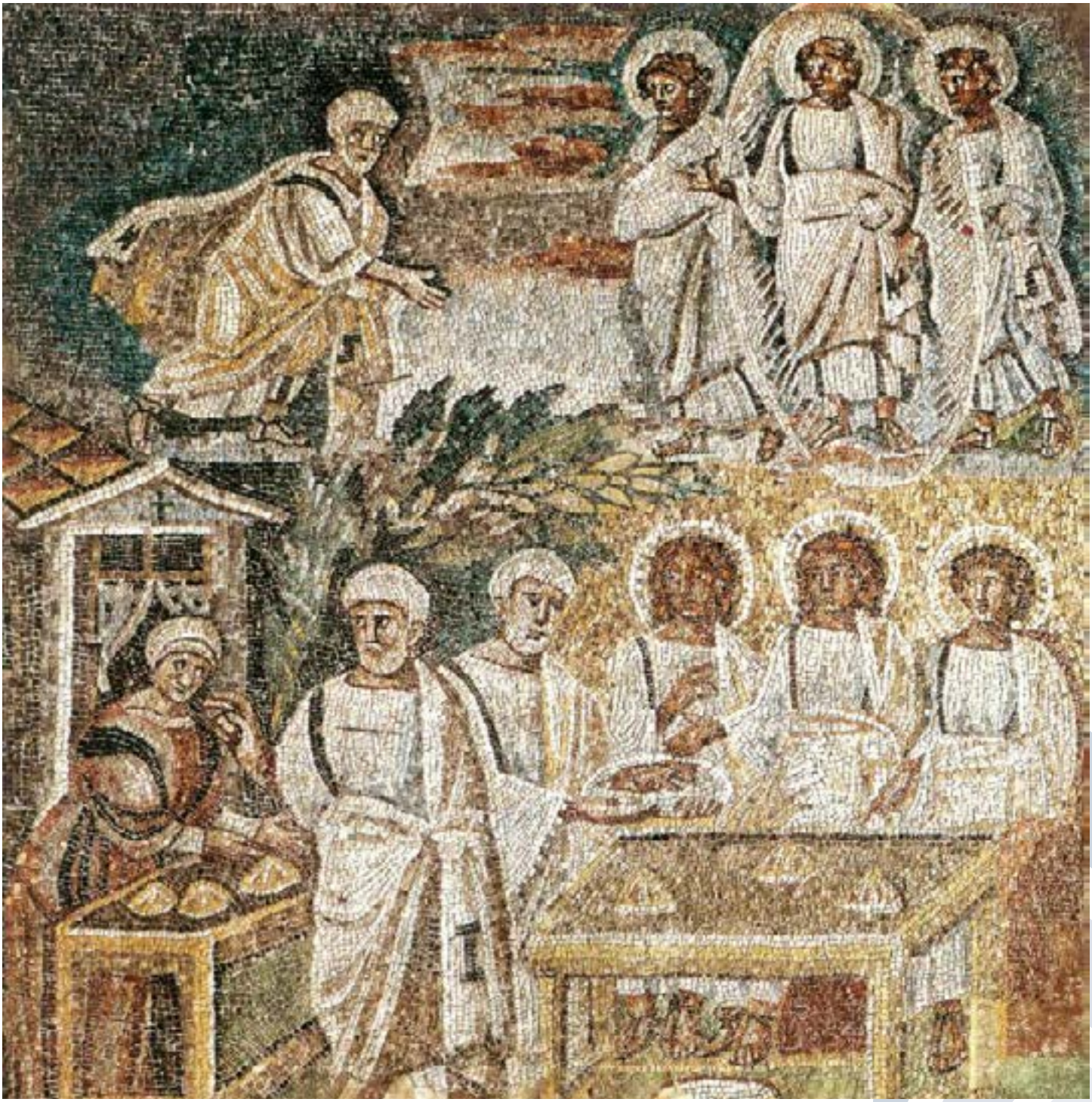
Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2026
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 | (610) 525-2821 | bmpc.org

Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Psalm Prelude (Set 1, No. 1: Ps 34:6) Herbert Howells

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

James Kealey, organist

WELCOME Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100:1-2, 4-5

One Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness;

All **come into God's presence with singing.**

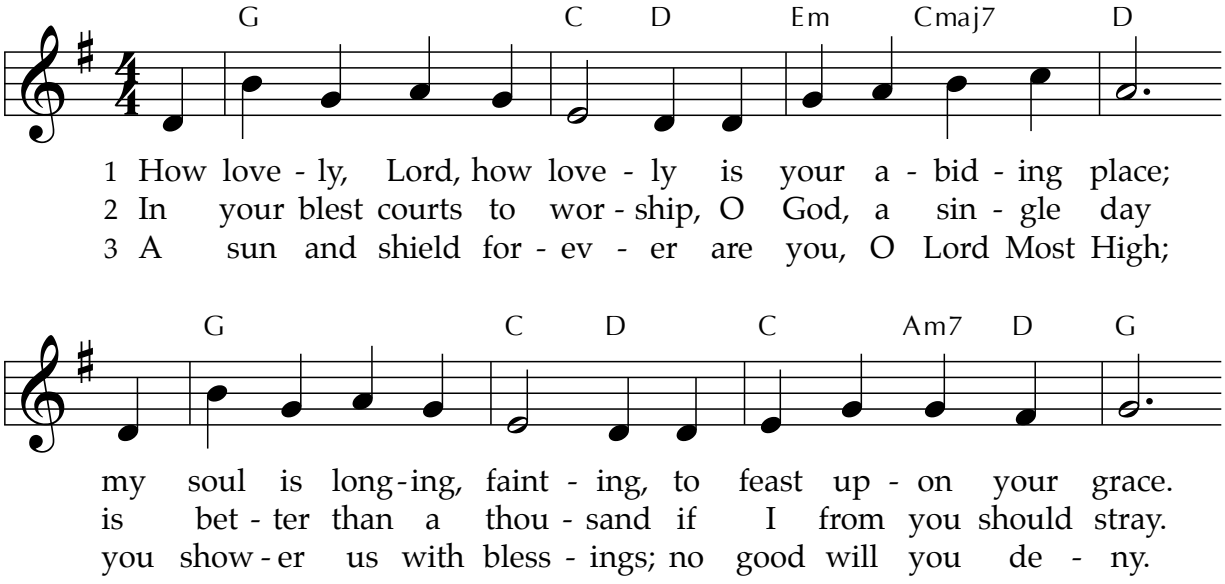
One Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

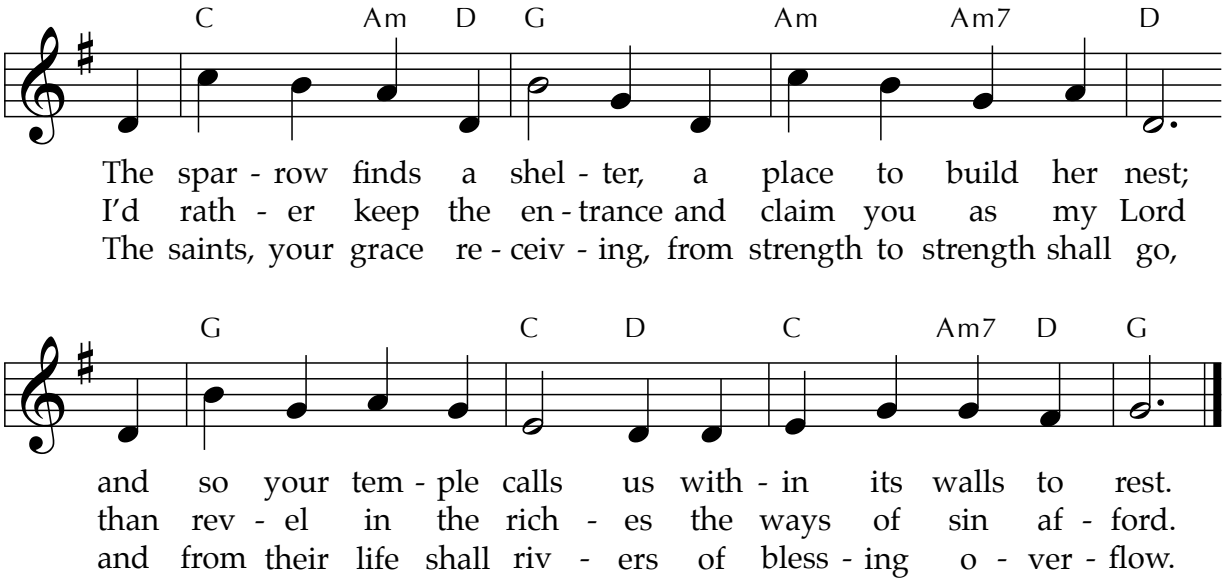
All **Give thanks to the LORD; bless God's name.**

One For the LORD is good, God's steadfast love endures forever

All **and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

HYMN 402 How Lovely, Lord MERLE'S TUNE





CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **God of our salvation, incline your ear to us. You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore. But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives. At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as we would welcome you.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you.
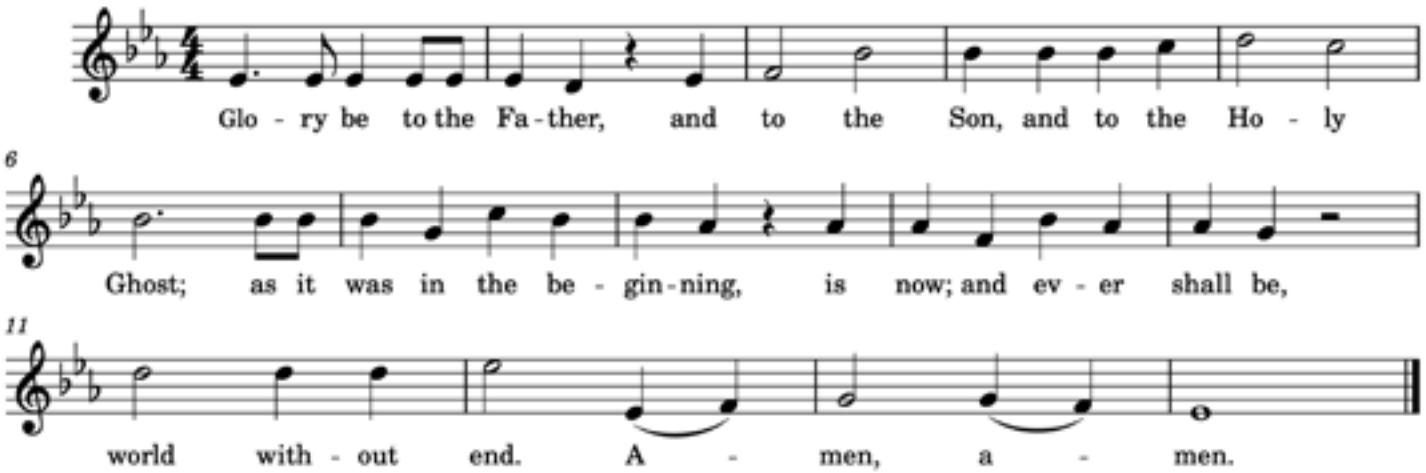
All **And also with you.**

Please stand, if able.

During the singing of the Gloria Patri, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI



Please be seated.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

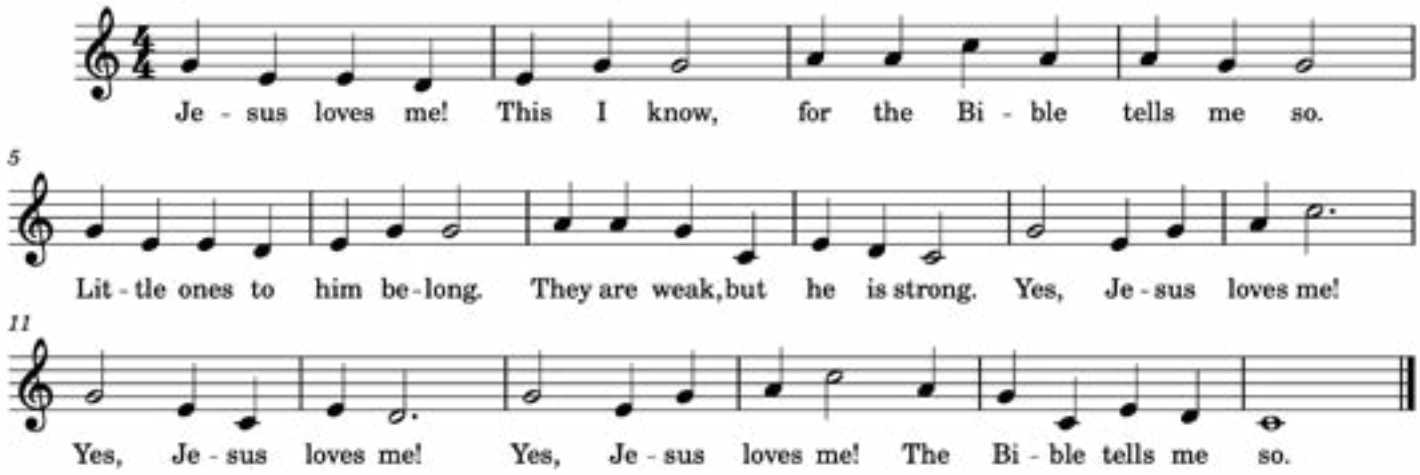
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful members of Christ's church?

All **We do.**

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Genesis 18:1-8

(Old Testament pg. 14 in pew Bible)

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

ANTHEM Be Thou My Vision — Alice Parker

Carlyle Quinn, alto

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven my victory won, may I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SECOND LESSON Luke 11:5-8 — John Willingham

(New Testament pg. 72 in pew Bible)

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of

friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

One The Word of the Lord.
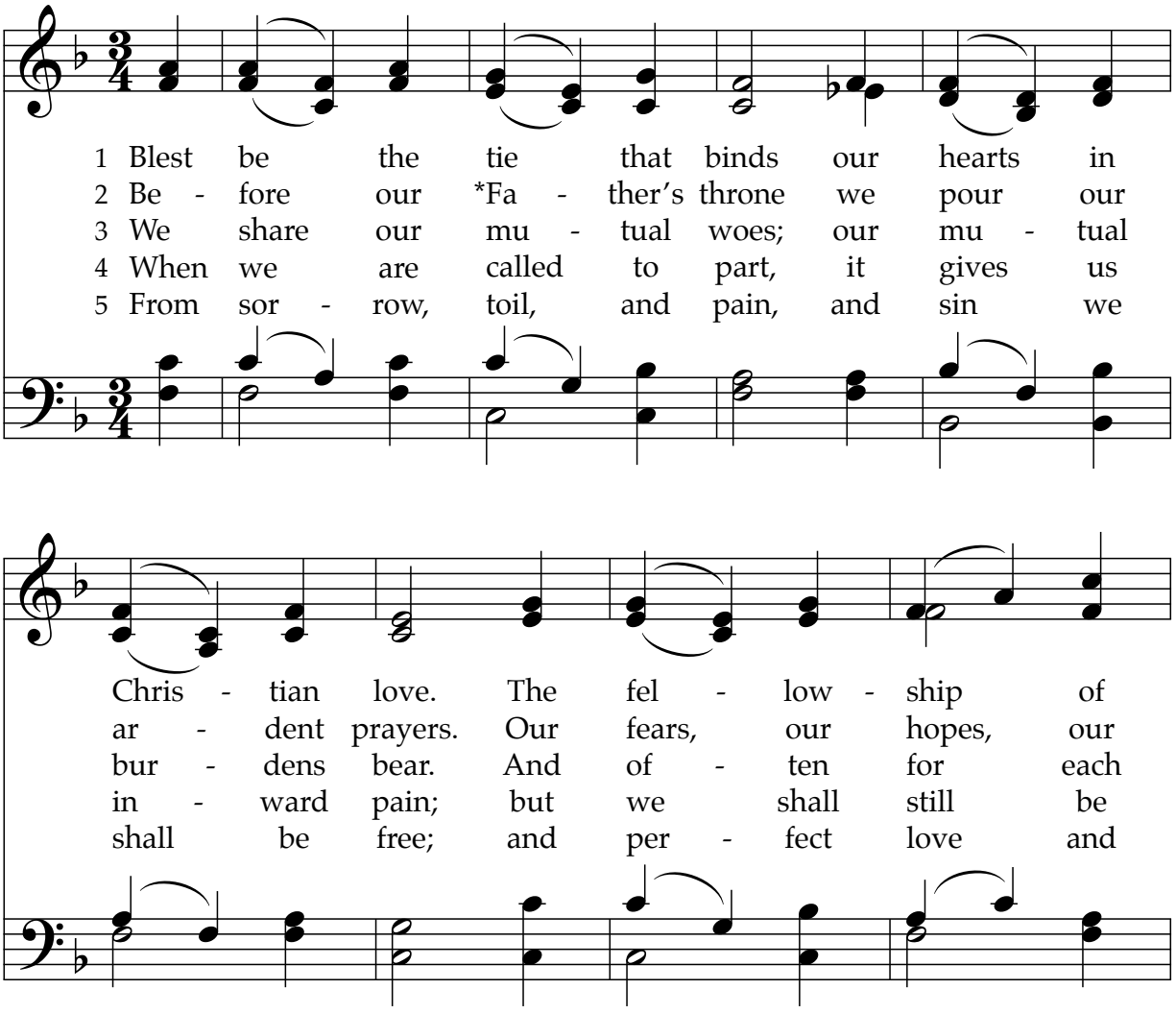
All Thanks be to God.

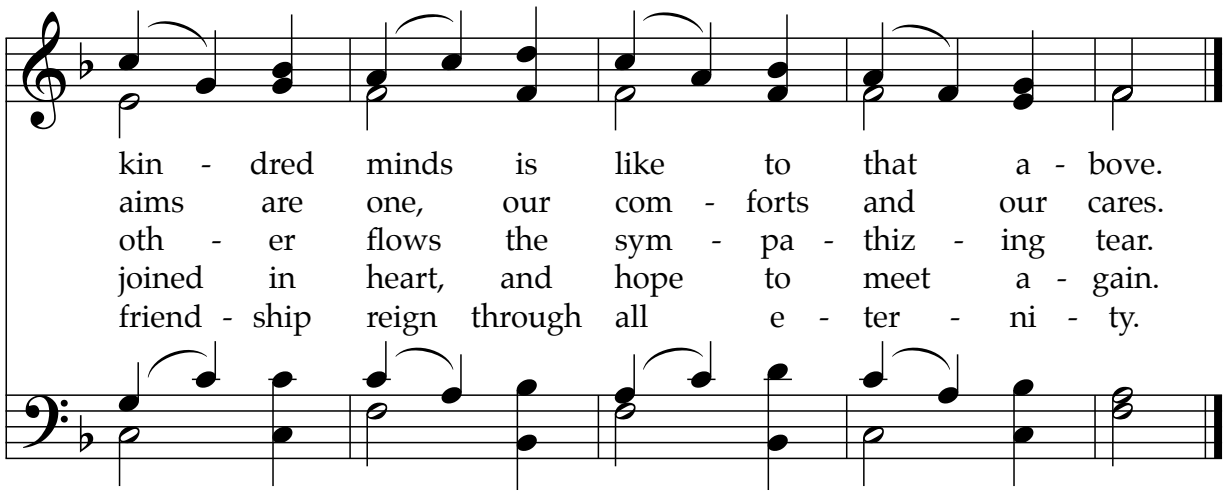
SERMON *A Persistent Hospitality* John Willingham

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 306 Blest Be the Tie that Binds DENNIS





**Or "Maker's"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — Melanie Hardison

All **We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

- from A Brief Statement of Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

MINISTRY MOMENT Advent Giving for Mission — Katie Quigley

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Verleih Uns Frieden — Felix Mendelssohn

Verleih uns Frieden genädiglich,
Herr Gott zu unsern Zeiten,
es ist doch ja kein ander nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,
Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble
and frail, trust we Thy word, all things
in Thee, possessing. In Thee is our hope
and safety.
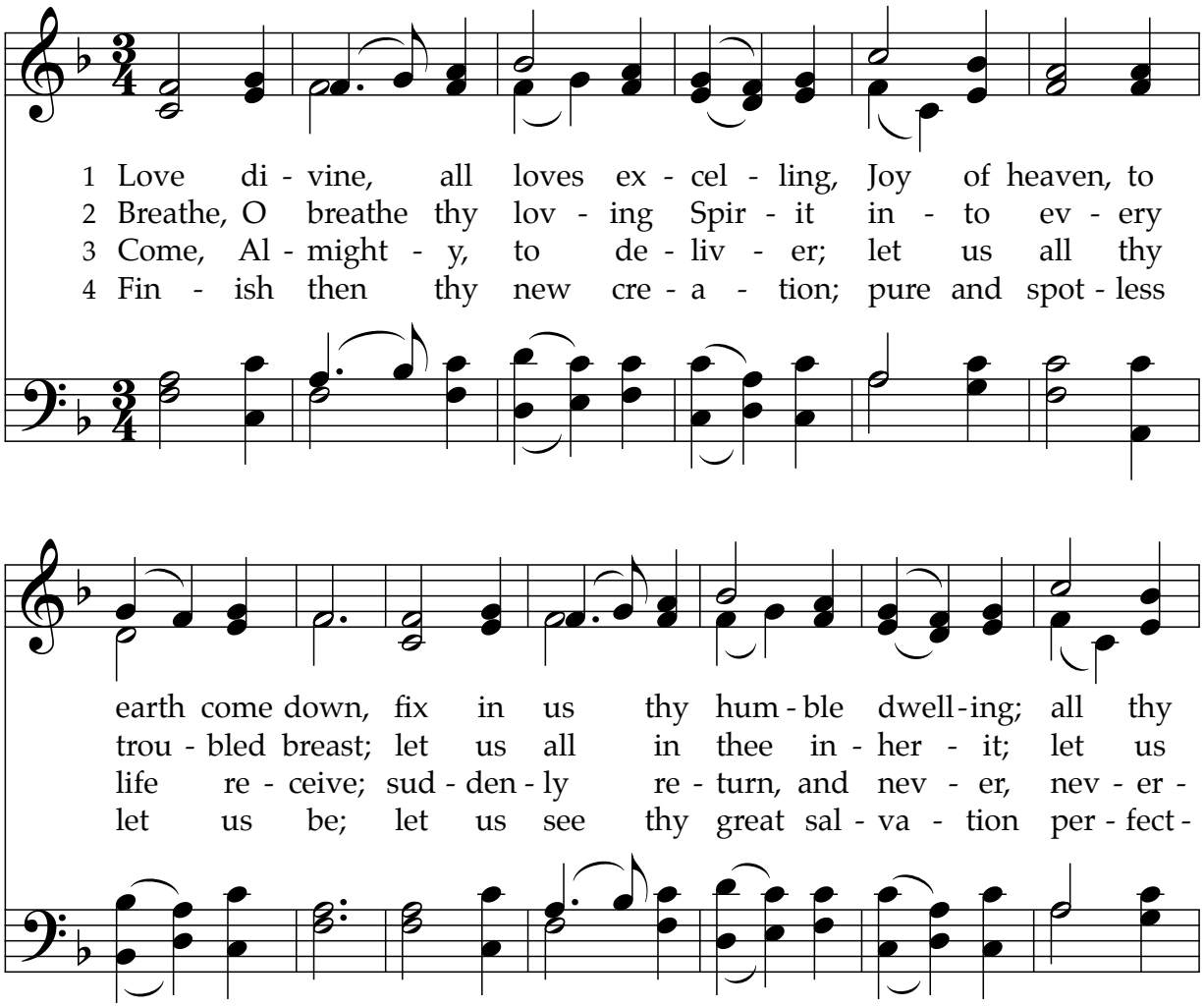
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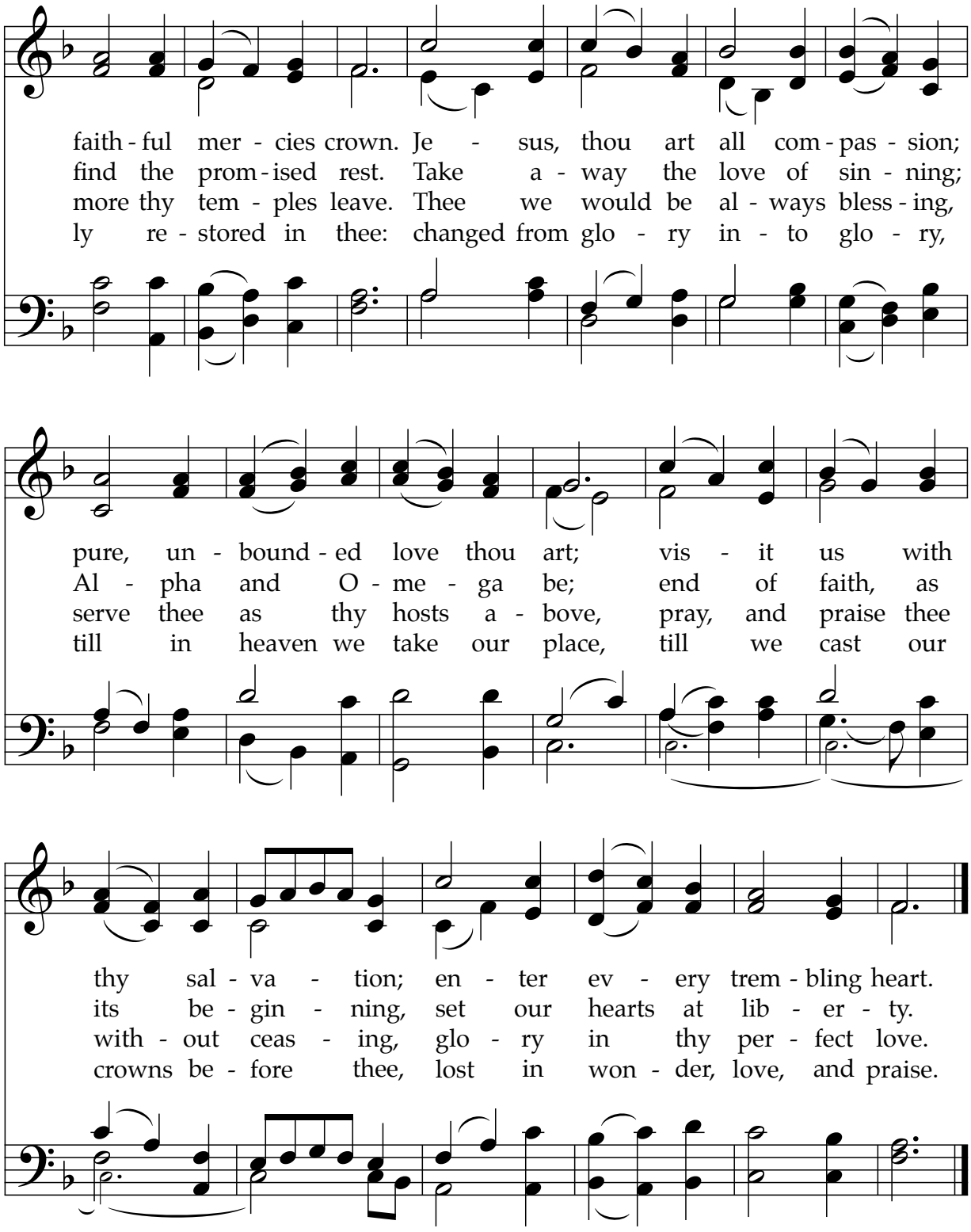
DOXOLOGY — OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — HYFRYDOL





BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE — John Willingham

POSTLUDE I. Allegro Risoluto from Symphony 2, op. 20 — Louis Vierne

Daniel Carroll, organist

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas P. Gadsden and Emily Heebner.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's prayer of confession comes from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts, vol. 56.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Peyton Elisabeth Cerami, daughter of Julie & Rob Cerami
Cameron Craig Crowther, son of Brielle & Julian Crowther
Tierney Monroe Haldy, daughter of Kate & John Haldy

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's scripture passages speak about companionship with God. In the reading from Genesis, the Lord visits Abraham, who prepares a meal and dines with him. In the reading from Luke, we hear the famous adage, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Today's two anthems serve a similar purpose, asking God to be with us and guide us in our lives. *Verleih uns Frieden* was composed by Felix Mendelssohn in 1831 when he was only 22 years old, as an original setting of the benediction commonly sung at the end of German Lutheran liturgies. The piece's simple text asks God to give us peace in our lives and to defend us against evil, just as the text of *Be Thou My Vision* asks God to accompany us and be with us in our daily lives, guiding our thoughts, words, and deeds until we reach the joys of heaven. The traditional tune for *Be Thou My Vision*, SLANE, is well-known and originated in Ireland as a folk tune associated with the ballad *With My Love on the Road*. It is named after a hill in County Meath, where St. Patrick reportedly defied the pagan king Leogaire in the 5th century by lighting an Easter fire atop it, leading to his unlimited freedom to preach the gospel in Ireland.

- Mitchell Miller, Assistant Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

MaryJeanette Dee

BULLETIN COVER

Hospitality of Abraham. 432-40. Mosaic Santa Maria. Maggiore, Rome.

WELCOME TO
BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church during this season after Pentecost, when we are reminded that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, sustain, and renew the church. In these weeks, we gather to worship, reflect, and grow together in faith, trusting that God is at work in every season of our lives.

Whether you are a longtime member, returning after time away, or visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to follow Christ with faithfulness and joy. May our time together today deepen your sense of God's presence and strengthen our shared calling as Christ's disciples in the world.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

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. Learn more at bmpc.org

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. If childcare would make it possible for you to attend a class or event outside of Sunday morning, please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Announcements

TODAY

Code Blue Shelter Volunteer Training. Sun., Nov. 15, 4:00 p.m. Congregational Hall. As we prepare for another winter of providing warmth, safety, and hospitality to neighbors experiencing homelessness, all Code Blue Shelter volunteers are asked to attend this important township-wide training. We will review new shelter procedures and expectations for all locations for the coming season. BMPC will again host in January. Contact: RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Bryn Mawr Gives to the Glory of God! Stewardship 2027. What is a pledge? A pledge is a statement of your intention of annual support to the church. It is a grateful response to the gifts of God that each of us receives, but it also reflects what you receive from BMPC in its creative and diverse offerings. The church budget draws from Foundation support and other contributions and gifts, but the majority consists of pledges from our members. Having reliable and predictable pledge income allows BMPC to develop a robust budget. Every gift matters!

Urban Suburban Book Group. Tues., Nov. 17, 12:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. All women are invited to the Urban Suburban Book Group to discuss *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. The story follows Rosie (a doctor) and Penn (a writer) and their five sons living in Madison, Wisconsin. Their youngest son, 5-year-old Claude, loves peanut butter sandwiches, wearing dresses, and states that he wants to grow up to be a girl. Please bring a sandwich and beverage.

LGBTQ @ BMPC. Wed., Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Come as you are and find connection in a welcoming, affirming space for all. This biweekly gathering (first and third Wednesday evenings each month) offers a judgment-free environment to build community, share experiences, ask questions, and receive support. For more information or to connect with our volunteer facilitators, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Family Movie Night Featuring "The Star." Fri., Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are welcome for a family movie night with pizza, popcorn, and hot chocolate! Wear your PJs and bring comfy blankets and pillows. Friends are welcome. RSVP requested so we can plan for the correct amount of food: bit.ly/TheStarMovieNight2026 Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Advent Giving to Mission. Sun., Nov. 22, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening celebration of our annual alternative giving program. Representatives from committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives will be in the Atrium after worship on successive Sundays to take your orders. Orders may also be placed at BrynMawrAGM.com starting November 15.

Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast. Thurs., Nov. 26, 8:30–11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Start your Thanksgiving morning with a delicious tradition. Our annual Pancake Breakfast, hosted by BMPC youth and their families, helps raise funds for youth trips throughout the year. All are welcome to enjoy a hearty meal of pancakes, sausage, fruit, and more, while supporting our youth ministry. Sign up as a volunteer: bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakes2026 Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Christmas Flower Donations. Each Christmas, the beauty of our Sanctuary is enhanced by the generous gifts of flowers contributed by members and friends of the congregation. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone special, or in celebration of a joyful milestone such as a marriage, retirement, birth, or baptism. These gifts not only adorn our worship spaces for Christmas Eve but also support our year-round flower ministry, bringing comfort and care through the Deacons' flower deliveries. To participate, please complete the form at bit.ly/Flower-donation by Sun., Nov. 29.

Advent Harpsichord Recitals. Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22, noon, Sanctuary. Free, 30-minute concerts during Advent, featuring BMPC's exquisite 1966 William Dowd-built Robert Hauptfuhrer Memorial Harpsichord. Performers include Gabriel Benton (Dec. 1), John Walthausen (Dec. 8), Alden Wright (Dec. 15), and Bálint Karosi (Dec. 22).

Camp Johnsonburg Middle School Retreat. Fri., Dec. 4–Sun., Dec. 6. Grades 6-8 are invited to a Middle School Retreat at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. The cost is $200, with scholarships available. Register by Mon., Nov. 23 at bit.ly/MSCampRetreat Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Youth Mission Trip to Tucson, Arizona. Sun., July 11–Fri., July 16, 2027. Current 5th-12th Graders will travel to Tucson, Arizona, for a unique opportunity to serve and learn what it means to welcome our immigrant neighbors. Cost: $850, with scholarships available. Registration required by Mon., Feb. 1 at bit.ly/BMPCYouthMission Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Turkey Collection. Help ensure every family has a Thanksgiving meal this year. The Hunger Committee is collecting frozen turkeys (up to 15 lbs.) for distribution throughout November. Donations should be received by Wed., Nov. 18, but early contributions are especially appreciated to help meet community needs. Turkeys may be dropped off in the Ministries Center, using the large freezer located downstairs. Contact: KathyLa@bmpc.org

Prayers for Pastor Melanie. The Rev. Melanie Hardison will have surgery on her foot on Tuesday, November 17, and will be out for several weeks as she recovers. This is a standard outpatient procedure, and she expects a full recovery. We anticipate that Melanie will return to worship leadership in mid-December. Thank you for your prayers.

Soup Ministry. The next time you are making soup, please consider making extra to share with someone who will appreciate it as a gift of comfort and care from their church. We have quart/pint containers with spill-proof lids and freezer-proof labels that you can pick up from the church. Contact: KathrynWest@bmpc.org

Serve Dinner at the Ardmore Food Pantry. The Ardmore Food Pantry offers a community meal on Monday evenings during pantry hours. On the second Monday of each month, they serve BMPC Hunger Casseroles. Two to three volunteers from BMPC are needed on those Monday nights to serve dinner from 5:00–7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for one month or on a regular basis, sign up at bit.ly/AFPDinner Contact: RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant–age 5), 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
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 105
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Intro to Worship for Twos and Threes, Chapel
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K–5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15 a.m. Choir Tour Commitee Meeting, Gloucester Room
11:30 a.m. Senior Chorister Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
11:30 a.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg., Room 204

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
6:00 p.m. Joint Session and Trustee Dinner, Congregational Hall
6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Gloucester Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30 a.m. Yoga Bone Boost, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room

4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

4:30 p.m. Piano Lab A, Fine Arts Kitchen

5:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202

5:30 p.m. Senior Chorister Piano Lab, Fine Arts Kitchen

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

6:00 p.m. Piano Lab B, Fine Arts Kitchen

6:00 p.m. Senior Chorister Rehearsal, Youth Rehearsal Room

6:30 p.m. Worship Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

7:00 p.m. 4th–7th Grade Fellowship, Gym Classroom

7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

7:00 p.m. LGBTQ@BMPC, Converse House Parlor

7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

5:30 p.m. Music & Fine Arts Council Meeting, Fullerton Room

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 a.m. Bible Study for Dads, Cannon Room

9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Support Group, Converse House Parlor

5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night: *The Star*, Congregational Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**

The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available throughout the year for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. For more information, contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

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