



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 15, 2021 | 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 stop by and introduce yourself to one of our pastors outside the Sanctuary doors following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Given the rise in cases due to the Delta variant, masks are now required for both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people inside church buildings. Masks are not required for outdoor spaces. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that COVID vaccines are not available to children under 12 at this time.

LIVESTREAM 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. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on the following day.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available on Sundays from 9:40 - 11:15 a.m. for children ages six months to five years old. Summer Sunday School classes are being offered for kindergarten students. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: www.bmpc.org.

Today's Schedule

Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praise to the Lord, you faithful people.

All: Give thanks to God's holy name.

One: For the Lord restores our life;

All: God raises us from the dead.

One: Will the dust sing God's praise, or tell of God's faithfulness?

All: Our souls will sing to the Lord.

One: How can we be silent?

All: We will give thanks to God forever.

† HYMN 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, have mercy on us,
for we have failed to be faithful to you,
though you have been faithful to us.

You show us your wisdom,
but we prefer to go our own way.

Our broken relationships with you and one another
have created poverty in us and our neighbors.

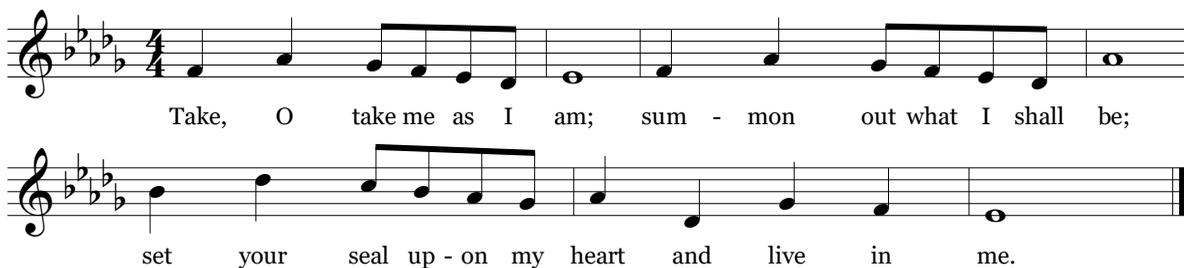
In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another
for the work of justice, peace, and love,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

Take, O Take Me As I Am



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM

Lord of all Hopefulness
Siddhartha Misra, soloist

arr. Alan Bullard

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labours, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

SECOND LESSON 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 (*p. 304 in pew Bible*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

An Understanding Mind

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Leigh DeVries

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

† HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

WORSHIP NOTES

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Announcements

UPDATED COVID POLICY. Given the rise of the Delta variant and an increasing local positivity rate, the BMPC Regathering Taskforce is now requiring masks for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, while inside buildings on the church campus. We will continue to sing hymns and social distance in worship.

DRIVEWAY CLOSURE UPDATE. The closure of the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel has been postponed due to a change in the construction schedule. Updates on the closure will be included in the bulletin and weekly eNews.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2021-2022 via the nominating forms found here: <http://bit.ly/nominating-form-2021>. Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

SUMMER PODCAST. The second season of the BMPC Summer Podcast is completed, but if you missed any episodes, you may listen to them online: <https://bit.ly/SummerPodcast> or subscribe to the podcast via Apple Podcast, Google Podcast and Spotify.

This Week

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years; rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

Upcoming

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING. Sun., Aug. 29, 11:00 a.m., BMPC Lawn. Join us for a special blessing before the start of the school year. Bring your backpack or school bag to the front lawn for a time of blessing and fellowship. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Sundays, Sept. 5 and 12, 11:00 a.m.-noon, Sanctuary Choir Loft. Walk-ins welcome. Other times available by appointment. Contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org to schedule.

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 12, 11:00 a.m., Education Building Lawn. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and then enjoy food truck fare and fellowship on the lawn. All are welcome; bring a friend!

VIRTUAL SMOKEFREE PROGRAM. Main Line Health's SmokeFREE Program is a free six-week behavior management program designed to help smokers/vapers quit. Participants may be eligible to receive free nicotine replacement therapy. Sessions with start dates in August and September are available. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or view flyer online here: <https://bit.ly/2021-smokefree-summer>. To register for any SmokeFREE class, call 484-227-FREE (3733).

Caring and Sharing

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TUTORING. The BMPC Tutoring Program is restarting this fall with a reduced program, and we need adult volunteers to help in the classrooms. The tutoring sessions will be held in the Education Building on Tuesday evenings starting on September 21. All participants will be masked (children, youth and adults), and this smaller program will allow for increased social distancing. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, contact Jackie Henisee at tutoringontuesday@gmail.com.

Calendar

Sunday, August 15, 2021

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**

Monday, August 16, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Virtual

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

7:00 p.m. Children & Youth Protection Training, Virtual
Trustees' Meeting, Congregational Hall

Thursday, August 19, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Friday, August 20, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Saturday, August 21, 2021

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library

12:00 p.m. **Ruth Bosch Memorial Service, Sanctuary
or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**

Sunday, August 22, 2021

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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