



***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

Sunday, September 12, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sixteenth 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 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.

## LIVESTREAMED 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](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream). For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on the following day.

## CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

## Today's Schedule

### Childcare

8:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102

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### Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

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### Ages 2-3 Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Ed. Bldg. Main Lobby

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### Grades PreK & K Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Ed. Bldg. Porch

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### Grades 1-2 Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Front Lawn

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### Grade 3 Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Ed. Bldg. Rm. 202

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### Grade 4 Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204

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### Rally Day

11:00 a.m., Front Lawn

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### Sanctuary Choir Auditions

11:00 a.m., Choir Loft

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### Playground Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Playground

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

**All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

One: The highest in all creation lives among the least;

**All: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

One: Come all who thirst

**All: And drink the water of life.**

One: Come all who hunger

**All: And be filled with good things.**

One: Come all who seek

**All: And the doors to God's realm will be opened.**

† HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

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CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

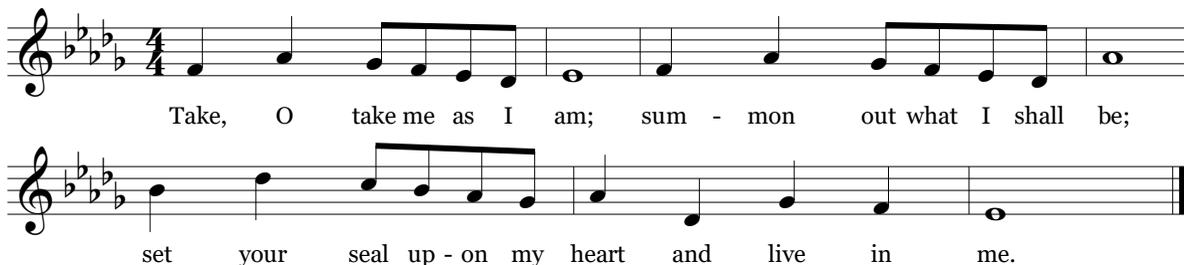
Holy God, we confess that while we seek to follow your commandments to live and love following the example of Christ, we fall short and wander down our own wayward paths. Yet you do not leave us alone. You come to us and invite us to come back to you seeking your grace. As recipients of your tender mercy, we offer ourselves to be bearers of your mercy to a hurting world. Equip us to show forth your reconciling love, to live in harmony with one another working for the common good, and to live the good news of the Gospel.

*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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 37:1-11 (*p. 34 in pew Bible*)

### ANTHEM

“Silent Devotion and Response” from Sacred Service Ernest Bloch  
Sanctuary Choir

O Lord, may the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable before Thee, Adonoy, my Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

### SECOND LESSON

Genesis 37:12-28 (*p. 34 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Dreams and Deception*

Agnes W. Norfleet

The Family of Joseph & the Providence of God Series

### † HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Brian K. Ballard

My soul, praise the Lord.

As long as I live I shall praise the Lord;

I shall sing songs to God all my life long.

Put no trust in princes  
or in any mortal,  
for they have no power to save.  
Happy is the one whose helper is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord God,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who maintains faithfulness forever  
and deals out justice to the oppressed.  
The Lord feeds the hungry  
and sets the prisoner free.  
The Lord restores sight to the blind  
and raises those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous  
and protects the stranger in the land;  
the Lord gives support to the orphaned and the widow,  
but thwarts the course of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign forever,  
our God for all generations.

~ From Psalm 146

## **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**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Make our Church one Joyful Choir     Jonathan Crutchfield  
Sanctuary Choir

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross and to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost. Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss and our acts and words of care trace the pattern of your cross. Shape us, Christ, to bear your name. Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire, so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Amen!

† **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 606

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

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN 305** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH

**BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE** Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Jill McConnel ~ August 9, 2021

# WORSHIP NOTES

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Doug & Margaret Stay.

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## BULLETIN COVER

“Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors” by Maritza L. Morgan.  
Part of the BMPC Art Collection. Late 20th Century. Oil on sculpted wood panel.

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## PLAYING THE CARILLON

Wade Fitzgerald

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## **Announcements**

**DRIVEWAY CLOSURE UPDATE.** Starting on Mon., Sept. 13, temporary fencing will be put up along Montgomery Avenue, and the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel is expected to be closed to vehicles for a month. The Sanctuary, Chapel and Education Building will be accessible to pedestrians via the back parking lot. All vehicles must enter and exit the campus from Radnor Street.

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS.** Please submit your recommendations by Thurs., Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2021-2022 via a paper nominating form: <http://bit.ly/nominating-form-2021> or online form: <https://bit.ly/bmpc-officer-nominations>. 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.

**UPDATED COVID POLICY.** With 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 socially distance in worship.

# Today

**SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS.** Today, 11:00 a.m.-noon, Sanctuary Choir Loft. Walk-ins welcome. Other times available by appointment. Contact [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org) to schedule.

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

# This Week

**YOGA CLASSES.** Gentle Hatha Yoga returns for the month of September. Classes are held on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Contact instructor Rosa Giletti at 267-644-9685 for class details.

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

**REACHING OUT: THE THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.** Tuesdays beginning on Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Directors Patricia Danzon and Betty Wright-Riggins in an exploration of the spiritual life using Henri Nouwen's classic book, *Reaching Out*. Meeting every other Tuesday evening this fall, this class will help you get to know our spiritual directors while taking some simple steps on a journey toward an engaged and curious spiritual life. For information about joining this class, contact [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org).

**LETTERS TO MY PALESTINIAN NEIGHBOR BOOK DISCUSSION.** Tuesdays, Sept. 14 - Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. In preparation for Yossi Klein Halevi's Community Forum presentation on Oct. 18, we will meet online to discuss his bestselling book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*. In a series of letters, Halevi endeavors to untangle the ideological and emotional knot that has defined the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for nearly a century. The discussion, co-led by Dr. Joshua Yoder and Rabbi David Straus, also includes members of Main Line Reform Temple. Register via this link, <https://bit.ly/letters-book>, or contact [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org).

**THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.** Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. starting on Sept. 16 via Zoom. Join the Rev. Brian Ballard in a six-week discussion of Christian M.M. Brady's new book, *Beautiful and Terrible Things: A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief and Hope*. Brady reflects on his own grief after the death of his son and the perseverance of hope in our Christian tradition. Contact [BrianBallard@bmpc.org](mailto:BrianBallard@bmpc.org) for information about joining this online class.

## **Next Sunday**

**FILLING THE WELL.** Sundays, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom. Resuming on Sept. 19, this class for women provides an opportunity to be in fellowship and study with one another each Sunday morning as we discuss issues of life and faith. Our time together this fall will be shaped by a series of videos created by The Bible Project as we explore topics such as generosity, holiness, covenants, justice, atonement and Sabbath. Contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

**SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.** Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Education Building, Room 204, and via Zoom. Resuming on Sept. 19, the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding Sunday morning class. You are invited to join this fall in reading Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. For information about joining the class and purchasing Rohr's book, contact Paul MacMurray at [paulcmac2@gmail.com](mailto:paulcmac2@gmail.com).

## **Upcoming**

**GENESIS FROM SCRATCH.** Thurs., Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m., Education Building, Room 204. This monthly Bible Study, taught by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, will be both a survey of the Book of Genesis as well as a deeper dive into some of the more difficult stories that have been handed down from centuries ago. Oriented toward those who may be studying Genesis for the first time, it also will be an opportunity for those who wish to refresh their understanding of and engagement with these formative stories. For the complete class schedule, visit <https://bit.ly/genesis-from-scratch>. Contact [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org) to sign up.

## **Caring and Sharing**

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TUTORING.** The BMPC Tutoring Program is resuming this fall with fewer students, but we still need adult volunteers to help in the classrooms. The tutoring sessions will be held in the Education Building on Tuesday evenings starting on Sept. 21. All participants will be masked (children, youth and adults), and this reduced program will allow for increased social distancing. To learn more about volunteering, contact Jackie Henisee at [tutoringontuesday@gmail.com](mailto:tutoringontuesday@gmail.com).

**BUILD DAY WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.** Sun., Oct. 3, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Join us for a hands-on afternoon of service as we build step stools for Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia. This outdoor event will be an opportunity to pitch in with Habitat and to learn how they have been impacted by the pandemic. Families are encouraged to come and build together. Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/habitat-registration-2021> or contact [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org).

**NEW AND GENTLY USED SHOE COLLECTION IN SEPTEMBER.** BMPC is accepting donations of new or gently used shoes in support of The Welcome Church and its work with Sanctuary Village, a tiny house project in Philadelphia. Donations may be dropped off in the collection bin located outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. Contact [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org) with questions.

**HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working closely with Presbyterian World Mission to respond to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. The most effective way we can support this work is through financial contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you wish to make a donation, you may do so through BMPC, by indicating Earthquake Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations may be given through the Sunday Offering or sent directly to the church office.

## Calendar

### Sunday, September 12

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1-2, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b> Sunday School for ages 2 - 3, Ed. Bldg., Main Lobby Sunday School for PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Porch Sunday School for Grades 1 - 2, Front Lawn Sunday School for Grade 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual Sunday School for Grades 4 - 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Rally Day, Front Lawn Sanctuary Choir Open Auditions, Choir Loft Playground Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Playground

### **Monday, September 13**

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Virtual  
4:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga, Congregational Hall  
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Virtual  
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Virtual

### **Tuesday, September 14**

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Virtual or Congregational Hall  
7:00 p.m. The Spiritual Life, Virtual  
Session Meeting, Virtual  
7:30 p.m. *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, Virtual

### **Wednesday, September 15**

- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Grades K-5), Front Lawn  
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center, Room B  
6:30 p.m. Handbells, Fine Arts Center, Room B  
7:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting, Virtual

### **Thursday, September 16**

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Book Group, Virtual  
7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Virtual  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, September 17**

*No events scheduled*

### **Saturday, September 18**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library  
5:00 p.m. **Bailey/Wise Wedding, Sanctuary**

### **Sunday, September 19**

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)**  
The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet 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

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