



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 19, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Seventeenth 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 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. 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 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

Childcare

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

Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. with
3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Ages 2-3, Ed. Bldg. Main Lobby
Grades PreK & K, Ed. Bldg. Porch
Grades 1-2, Front Lawn
Grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 202
Grade 4, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204

Youth Gathering & Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m., Foerderer House

Lemonade on the Lawn

11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Lawn

Playground Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Playground

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

1:00 p.m., Front Lawn

Y-Group Chat & Check In

4:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg.
Fishers Road Vestibule

In case of rain, signs will direct you to an alternate location.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Adagio” from *Symphonie III*

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come to worship

All: in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,

All: and who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts,

All: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us,

All: and God has promised never to turn us away.

† **HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

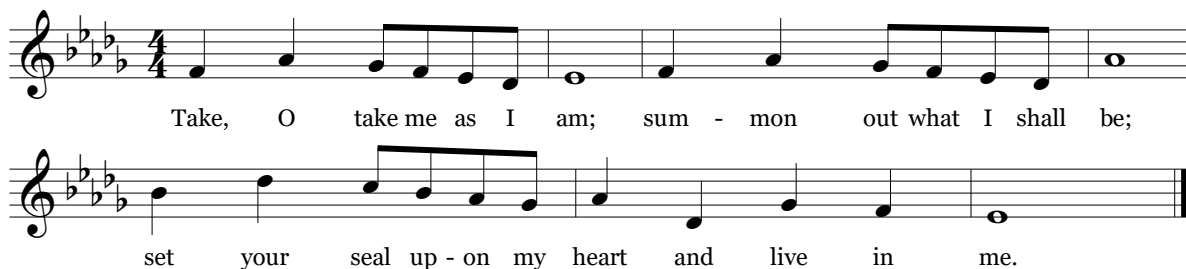
Merciful God, in calling us into covenant relationship, you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we sometimes doubt your presence through the ups and downs of life. Putting our trust in lesser things, we are reluctant to live fully into our faith, and we allow the past to hold us hostage to old regrets. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, free us from sin, and restore us to have hope in the future. Remind us of the promises you make to draw near to us in all the seasons of life, that we may live together in grace.

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

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 39:1-6a (*p. 36 in pew Bible*)

Brian K. Ballard

ANTHEM

Kiddush

Kurt Weill

Sanctuary Choir and Colin Doyle, tenor

Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, who createst the fruit of the vine. Blessed art thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us with thy commandments and hast been pleased with us; thou hast graciously given us thy holy Sabbath as a heritage, in remembrance of the creation. The Sabbath is the first among the holy festivals which recall the exodus from Egypt. Indeed, thou hast chosen us and hallowed us above all nations, and hast graciously given us thy holy Sabbath as a heritage. Blessed art thou, O Lord, who hallowest the Sabbath.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 39:6b-23 (*p. 36 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God in the Background

Agnes W. Norfleet

The Family of Joseph & the Providence of God Series

† HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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.

† Please stand, if able.

MINISTRY MOMENT Peace and Global Witness Offering

Phoebe Sheftel

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Jeffrey Honore

Sanctuary Choir

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real
though far off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost
calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that
music ringing; It sounds and echoes in my soul; How can I keep from singing?
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; All things
are mine since I am his; How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my
inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and
earth, how can I keep from singing?

† **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**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 441**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

"Final" from *Symphonie III*

Louis Vierne

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Richard G. Schneider ~ September 4, 2021

Margaret "Peggy" Dagit Rogers ~ September 10, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

to 3rd grade children during the 10:00 a.m. Service. Bibles are provided by the Catherine C. Miller Fund of The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Foundation.

** Receiving Bibles at another time.*

*Sasha Lou Rose Albahary
Emma Armstrong

Luke Craig Aronchick

*Ivy Frances Erdlen

Morgan Anne Gunther

Jackson Davis Jones

Everly Claire Knox

*Micah George Lee

Connor Paul Mackay

Shane Everett McCann

Evelyn Montgomery
McEvoy

Greer Kathryn McMahon

*Owen Alan Papson

Benjamin Marc Pidot

*Charles David Reiner

*Piper Elizabeth Reynolds
Avery Elizabeth Stoy

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and to honor the birth of Shea Fletcher Swenson.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Wade FitzGerald

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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Announcements

DRIVEWAY CLOSURE UPDATE. Temporary fencing has been 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

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom. Resuming today, 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.

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Education Building, Room 204, and via Zoom. Resuming today, 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.

This Week

REPOSE YOGA. Tuesdays, 9:00-10:15 a.m. starting Tues., Sept. 21, Congregational Hall, and via Zoom. This mixed level yoga class uses evidence-based movement and breath exercises to strengthen, stretch and feel better! Suggested donation of \$10 supports the BMPC Hunger Committee. In-person students are required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and wear masks. A virtual option is available. Contact instructor Karen Gagnier, 610-952-0622, karengagnier22@gmail.com.

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

LETTERS TO MY PALESTINIAN NEIGHBOR BOOK DISCUSSION. Tuesdays through 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@bmmpc.org.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., 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@bmmpc.org for information about joining this online class.

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@bmmpc.org to sign up.

Next Sunday

YOUTH FALL KICKOFF. Sun., Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m., Front Lawn. The BMPC Youth Ministry invites all youth and parents to hear about this fall's youth programming, reconnect with friends, and experience God's grace together in a faithful and inclusive community. Childcare is available. Reach out to Pastor Leigh if you have questions or want to reserve childcare: LeighDeVries@bmmpc.org.

Upcoming

A HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. Sun., Oct. 3, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Presbyterians have been actively engaged in mission in the Middle East for over 150 years. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will take us through the stories of how American Christian denominations divided up the Holy Lands for mission work and provide a brief summary of the most recent statements the Presbyterian Church USA has made on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 10, 4:00 p.m., Education Building Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

Caring and Sharing

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee invites you to help resettle an Afghan refugee family in our local community this fall. Volunteers are needed to welcome and support a family. To volunteer, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/refugee-volunteer-signup>. Look for information in a few weeks about donating items needed to set the family up in an apartment. Supporting a family also will take financial resources to supplement the limited government support they receive. If you wish to financially support these efforts, you can write Refugee Support on the memo line of your check, or give online using this link: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/refugee>.

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.

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 with questions.

Calendar

Sunday, September 19

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual
		Filling the Well, Virtual
		Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual and Ed. Bldg., Rm 204
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1-2, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		3rd Grade Bible Presentation
		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

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| 10:00 | a.m. | Sunday School for Grade 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual
Sunday School for Grades 4 - 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual
Confirmation Class, Foerderer House, 2nd Floor
Youth Gathering (Middle and High School), Foerderer House |
| 11:00 | a.m. | Lemonade on the Lawn, Ed. Bldg., Lawn
Playground Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Playground |
| 1:00 | p.m. | 3rd Grade Bible Presentation on the Lawn, Front Lawn |
| 4:00 | p.m. | Y-Group Chat & Check In, Ed. Bldg., Fishers Rd. Vestibule |

Monday, September 20

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| 10:00 | a.m. | Great Decisions, Virtual |
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Tuesday, September 21

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| 9:00 | a.m. | Repose Yoga, Virtual or Congregational Hall |
| 10:30 | a.m. | Tai Chi, Virtual or Congregational Hall |
| 12:00 | p.m. | Urban Suburban Book Club, Foerderer House, Patio |
| 6:00 | p.m. | Tutor Registration, Ed. Bldg. Lobby |
| 7:00 | p.m. | Worship Council, Virtual |
| 7:30 | p.m. | <i>Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor</i> , Virtual |

Wednesday, September 22

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| 10:00 | a.m. | Coffee Cup Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
Men's Study Group, Virtual and Ed. Bldg., Children's Library |
| 11:00 | a.m. | Leona Mae Swingle Memorial Service, Chapel |
| 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. | Outreach Committee Meeting, Virtual |

Thursday, September 23

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| 10:00 | a.m. | Thursday Book Group, Virtual |
| 7:00 | p.m. | Genesis from Scratch, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center |

Friday, September 24

No events scheduled.

Saturday, September 25

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| 7:00 | a.m. | Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library |
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Sunday, September 26

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| 10:00 | a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach. |
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Worship Staff

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