



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 3, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion Sunday



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

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Ages 2 to Grade 5, Ed. Bldg.

Worship Together Sunday

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

For Grades 6 - 12

Lemonade on the Lawn

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

Playground Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Playground

A History of Presbyterians in the Middle East

11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE	The Heavenly Banquet	Olivier Messiaen
INTROIT	In Christ There Is No East or West Youth Chorale	Buryl A. Red

In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth. In Him shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord, Close binding all mankind. Join hands, then, brothers of the faith, Whatever your race may be: Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me. In Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and North: All Christly souls are one in Him, Throughout the whole wide earth.

WELCOME Leigh DeVries

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating communion as one family dining together.

All: **Our sisters and brothers, our siblings in Christ, join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

One: In Christ there is no east or west, no north or south, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

All: **May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!**

† HYMN 386 Come, Worship God O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

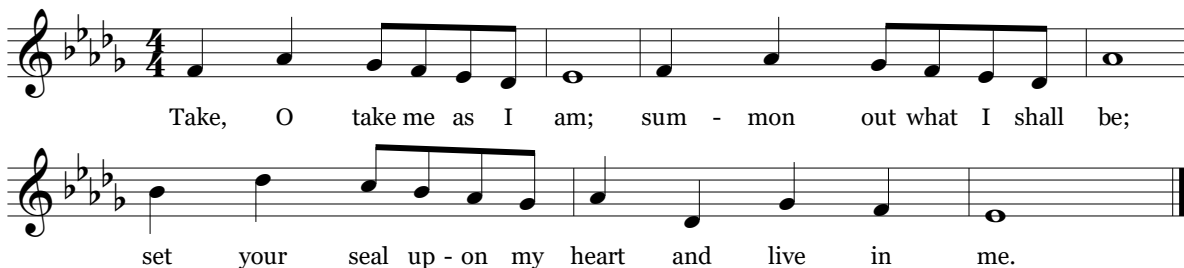
We gather at your table today, O God, with Christians from around a world coping with pandemic illness, warfare and famine. You call us to be one body, united by one faith, one Lord, one baptism. And yet we are a fractured church amid a broken world. We cannot see beyond differences that divide us, and we tear one another down instead of building each other up. Knead us together into one loaf. Fill our cups to overflow with love. Unite us in mission and service so that we may be instruments of your peace in the world.

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

Leigh DeVries

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 43:1-10 (*p. 40 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Sing Community, Sing Peace
Sanctuary Choir

Mark Hayes

Sister, brother, live in harmony. Same and other, live in harmony. Human family, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace. Simple song, sacred call; dare to sing and live in peace, and love for all. Against the silence, against the shouting, dare to sing and live in peace and love for all. With your neighbor, live in harmony, with the stranger, live in harmony. With the refugee, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace. For the children, live in harmony. With the frightened, live in harmony. With the enemy, in choirs for all to hear and see, sing community, sing peace.

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 43:26-34 (*p. 41 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Communion in the Midst of Famine

Agnes W. Norfleet

The Family of Joseph & the Providence of God Series

† HYMN 523

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

I will rise with all my daughters, I will rise against my foes. I will rise with all the mothers, I will carry all their woes. I will rise to fight for freedom, I will rise, though faced with fears. I will rise against all hatred while my eyes are veiled in tears. I will rise for religious freedom, for a rich diversity. I will rise for all the weary, for each lonely refugee. I will work for all our women who deserve equal pay, I will work for all our children who await a better day. Sisters, oh, stand with me. Rise up hand in hand. Oh, stand with me. We will rise to spread love across this bitter land. I will rise for love and justice that we may see a better day, I will rise in peace and service for our world in disarray. I will rise with all my brothers for all those who cannot stand, I will rise with all our fathers who have lost a home and land. I will rise to build up bridges for this broken world we see, I will tear down walls between us that divide you and me. Brothers, oh, stand with me, rise up hand in hand. Oh, stand with me. We will rise to spread love across this bitter land. I will rise.

† 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

An usher will invite you to come forward by pew from the center aisle.

Communion elements will be served from four stations. If you need gluten-free bread, please indicate when you approach your station. Please take bread and juice, deposit empty cup in basket, and return to your pew by the side aisle. Those who prefer to be served in the pew please raise your hand as a pair of elders serve from the side aisles.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†	HYMN 818	By Gracious Powers	INTERCESSOR
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Festal March	Florence B. Price

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Linda Ann Oberly ~ September 25, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

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. Temporary fencing has been put up along Montgomery Avenue, and the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel is expected to be closed to vehicles until the end of October. 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. The Worship Committee is pleased to welcome Natalie Hoepp as our new Sunday Flower Coordinator. We are grateful to the volunteers who have provided greenery and beauty for our Sanctuary throughout the summer. Fall spots are available for donors who wish to give flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, please contact Natalie at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this offering. You may give during worship today by using the envelopes in the pews or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You also may give online: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/-/give/peace>.

A HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. Today, 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 as well as provide a brief summary of the most recent statements the Presbyterian Church USA has made on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

BUILD DAY WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. Today, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Please note that we are unable to accommodate additional volunteers for this service opportunity.

This Week

REPOSE YOGA. Tuesdays, 9:00-10:15 a.m., 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.

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE (PD). Tuesdays through Dec. 15, 1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Two professional dance instructors integrate movement from modern, ballet, tap, folk and social dancing to engage the minds and bodies of persons with PD and their care partners, creating an enjoyable, social environment for artistic expression. Persons with PD pay \$5.00 per class; care partners attend for free. Masks and proof of vaccination required. Contact instructor Sharon Friedler for more information, 215-563-5701.

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@bmpc.org for information about joining this online class.

Next Sunday

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays starting Oct. 10, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom. Join our conversation this fall on Carolyn Helsel's and Suzie Park's new book, *The Flawed Family of God: Stories about the Imperfect Families in Genesis*. We will explore the ways these ancient families wrestle with the same struggles families experience today: sibling rivalry, infertility, family relocation, blended families, etc. Contact FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org for more information about joining the class.

THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT: IT'S COMPLICATED! FRAMING AN INTRACTABLE DEBATE. Sun., Oct. 10, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Adam Kessler, former director of the Jewish Community Relations Council in Philadelphia, will walk us through the numerous narratives that contribute to the challenging conflicts in the Middle East.

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.

Upcoming

A MATTER OF BALANCE. Main Line Health is offering its fall prevention program, A Matter of Balance, via Zoom starting Wed., Oct. 13. To register for this free program, contact Michele Kane at 484-337-5212, or via email: kanem@mlhs.org.

DR. SA'ED ATSHAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE. Sun., Oct. 17, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. As an anthropologist and peace and conflict studies scholar, Dr. Atshan's research is focused on contemporary Palestinian society and politics, global LGBTQ social movements, and Quaker Studies and Christian minorities in the Middle East.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood. Our Community Forum speaker is Yossi Klein Halevi who will share insights from his best-selling book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*. This event is being offered in partnership with Main Line Reform Temple. Halevi is a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and has been active in Middle East reconciliation work. Registration is required for this free event: <https://bit.ly/yossi-halevi-forum>. ElenaPerri@bmppc.org.

FLU SHOTS. Wed., Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm., Education Building. BMPC is partnering with Main Line Health to help us care for ourselves and one another by offering a flu vaccine clinic for individuals 18 and older. The high-dose vaccine for those 65+ will not be offered at this clinic. Please note that if you receive a COVID-19 booster shot, it will not interfere with your flu shot. Registration is required by contacting Carol Cherry, Parish Nurse, at 610-520-8832 or CarolCherry@bmppc.org. You will be assigned an appointment time and provided with additional instructions. Masks are required, and physical distancing will be in effect.

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 assist 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 assistance they receive. If you wish to contribute financially, please write Refugee Support on the memo line of your check, or give online: <https://onrealm.org/bmppc/give/refugee>.

PERSONAL CARE ITEM COLLECTION. During October, we invite you to donate the following personal care items to support the new Community Hygiene Truck at Broad Street Ministry: underwear for adults (all sizes and types), socks, shampoo and conditioner (travel size), hand sanitizer, toothpaste (travel size), toothbrushes, body wash (travel size), soap (regular-sized bars), and body lotion (travel size). Donations may be dropped off in the collection bin outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. AliciaFranklin@bmppc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, October 3

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 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 Worship Together Sunday for Grades 6-12
11:00	a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn, Chapel Driveway Playground Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Playground
11:15	a.m.	A History of Presbyterians in the Middle East, Sanctuary and Virtual
4:00	p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Next Steps Stool Build Day, Front Lawn

Monday, October 4

10:00	a.m.	Great Decisions, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Memorial Service for Linda Ann Oberly, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org

Tuesday, October 5

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Virtual or Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Virtual or Congregational Hall
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease
5:00	p.m.	Mid-Week Meetup, Virtual
6:45	p.m.	Tutor Training, Ed. Bldg., Lobby
7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, Virtual
7:30	p.m.	<i>Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor</i> , Virtual

Wednesday, October 6

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg., Patio
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30	p.m.	Handbells, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, October 7

10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
6:00	p.m.	Refugee Committee Meeting, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 8

No events scheduled.

Saturday, October 9

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library
7:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
9:00	a.m.	Memorial Service for Marilyn Irwin, Chapel or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org

Sunday, October 10

10:00	a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
4:00	p.m.	Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn

Worship Staff

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