



*Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

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

Twentieth 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](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

### 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

**Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.**  
Ages 2 to Grade 5, Ed. Bldg.

### Youth Gathering & Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m., Foerderer House and Congregational Hall

### Lemonade on the Lawn

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

### Playground Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Playground

### Youth Gathering

11:15 a.m., Virtual

### The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: It's Complicated! Framing an Intractable Debate

11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

### Nominating Committee

11:30 a.m., Foerderer House

### Blessing of the Animals

4:00 p.m., Front Lawn

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

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

It Is Well

Craig Phillips

Branson Yeast, cello, and Edward Landin Senn, organ

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, enlarge our hearts,

**All: so we can become more compassionate.**

One: God, broaden our minds,

**All: so that we may see the needs of the world  
and respond according to our gifts.**

One: God, deepen our souls,

**All: so the depth of your grace may well up within us.**

One: God, fill us with your love,

**All: so that our lives may overflow with forgiveness and love.**

† HYMN 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, you have made us in your image and likeness, but we fail to live up to the full measure of your intentions. We have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have heard your summons to follow, and we have failed to be faithful to your calling. We have heard how you bless us with a spirit of unity, and yet we look for the differences that divide us one from another. Forgive us, O God, and free us to be a community of forgiveness and blessing, spreading the Gospel in word and deed, through Jesus Christ.

*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.

† Please stand, if able.

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful member of His church?

All: We do.

**BAPTISM HYMN** 188      Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)      JESUS LOVES ME

**FIRST LESSON**      Genesis 45:1-15 (*p. 42 in pew Bible*)      Brian K. Ballard

**ANTHEM**      Come Down, O Love Divine      Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Sanctuary Choir      Arr. P.R. Dietterich

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passion turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

**SECOND LESSON**      Genesis 45:25-28; 50:20-21 (*pgs. 43 and 48 in pew Bible*)  
Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      *Family Reunion & Forgiveness*      Agnes W. Norfleet  
*The Family of Joseph & the Providence of God Series*

† **HYMN** 774      There Is Now a New Creation      STUTTGART

## 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**

Beautiful Savior  
Sanctuary Choir

E. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful  
Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise,  
adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.

### **† DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

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. Amen.

† Please stand, if able.

†	<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>	Brian K. Ballard
†	<b>HYMN 755</b> Alleluia! Laud and Blessing	WEISSE FLAGGEN
†	<b>BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE</b>	Agnes W. Norfleet
	<b>POSTLUDE</b> Fantasia in G minor	J.S. Bach

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 “I am the resurrection and the life.”  
 Robert J. Herman ~ October 2, 2021

# WORSHIP NOTES

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Oliver Ronald Rainone  
 Son of Jennifer & Brian Rainone

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marilyn Irwin

## CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Grafton D. Chase

## PLAYING THE CARILLON

Wade FitzGerald

## BULLETIN COVER

“Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors” by Maritza L. Morgan.  
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## **Announcements**

**WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23.** The Weekday School offers programming for children ages 2 years and 7 months through age 5. Children build their kindergarten readiness skills in a play-based program designed to develop a lifelong love of learning. BMPC members have priority in placement through Fri., Oct. 29. For more information about the Weekday School, visit [www.bmpcweekdayschool.org](http://www.bmpcweekdayschool.org). If you are interested in enrolling your child, please complete the application (<https://bit.ly/weekday22-23>) and submit to [weekdayschool@bmpc.org](mailto:weekdayschool@bmpc.org). If you have any questions, contact Kim Black at 610-520-8840.

**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 Hoepf 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, contact Natalie at [bmpcflowers@gmail.com](mailto:bmpcflowers@gmail.com).

## **Today**

**DIGGING DEEPER.** Sundays starting today, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom. Join our conversation this fall on Carolyn Helsel 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 wrestled with the same struggles families experience today: sibling rivalry, infertility, family relocation, blended families, etc. Contact [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org) for more information about joining the class.

**THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT: IT'S COMPLICATED! FRAMING AN INTRACTABLE DEBATE.** Today, 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.** Today, 4:00 p.m., Education Building Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE (PD) SUPPORT GROUP.** Tues., Oct. 12, 2:30 p.m., Foerderer House. Free to persons with PD and care partners. Participants are required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and wear masks. Contact facilitator Dolly Johnson for more information, 610-647-1486.

**REACHING OUT: THE THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.** Tues., Oct. 12, 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*. This biweekly 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).

**THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.** Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Join the Rev. Brian Ballard in a 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**

**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.

## **Upcoming**

**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@bmpc.org](mailto:ElenaPerri@bmpc.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@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolCherry@bmpc.org). You will be assigned an appointment time and provided with additional instructions. Masks are required, and physical distancing will be in effect.

**SING! FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT.** Fri., Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Bring your blanket, wear a jacket, and get ready to SING! RSVP to [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS, GETTING IN THE WAY IN THE WEST BANK.** Sun., Oct. 24, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Christian Peacemaker Teams is an international non-profit organization of peacemakers working in areas of conflict around the world. Team members will join us from their site in Hebron on the West Bank in Palestine. They will share the story of their work including the challenges and signs of hope.

**KICKBALL WITH CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.** Sun., Oct. 24, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Baldwin Field. All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join Pastor Leigh for a friendly game of kickball with our friends from the Church of the Redeemer. After kickball, enjoy a slice or two of pizza! Register: [JackLiskey@bmpc.org](mailto:JackLiskey@bmpc.org).

**TRICK-OR-TREAT HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL.** Fri., Oct. 29, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Drop by any time, costumes optional, to Trick or Treat and enjoy fellowship together.

## **Caring and Sharing**

**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). Please drop off new and unopened items in the collection bin outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org).

**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 the 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/bmpc/give/refugee>.

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, October 10**

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual Digging Deeper, 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.	<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 Confirmation Class, Foerderer House, 2nd Floor Youth Gathering (Middle and High School), Foerderer House
11:00	a.m.	Lemonade on the Lawn, Chapel Driveway Playground Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Playground

- 11:15 a.m. Youth Gathering, Virtual  
The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: It's Complicated! Framing an Intractable Debate, Sanctuary or Livestreamed on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)
- 11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee, Foerderer House
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn

**Monday, October 11**

*No scheduled events.*

**Tuesday, October 12**

- 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, Congregational Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Foerderer House
- 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meetup, Virtual
- 6:45 p.m. Tutor Training, Ed. Bldg., Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. The Spiritual Life, Virtual  
Session Meeting, Virtual
- 7:30 p.m. *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, Virtual

**Wednesday, October 13**

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204  
Men's Study Group, Children's Library and Virtual
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg., Patio
- 5:00 p.m. Foerderer House Committee Meeting, Foerderer House
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells, Fine Arts Center

**Thursday, October 14**

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

**Friday, October 15**

*No scheduled events.*

**Saturday, October 16**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library
- 1:00 p.m. **Memorial Service for Richard S. Chew, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)**

**Sunday, October 17**

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

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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