

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 30, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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

Masks are 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 while COVID vaccines are available for children ages five to 11, some children may not have been vaccinated.

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 Monday.

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 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

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

Confirmation &

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Renovations Dedication, Adult Education Open House, Art Exhibition Opening

11:00 a.m., Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Air; Prelude for Organ

Gerre Hancock

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord, open my lips.

All: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

One: You created the day and the night, O God;

All: You set the sun and the moon in their places;

One: You set the limits of the earth; you made summer and winter.

Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord's name be praised.

† HYMN 689

When the Morning Stars Together

WEISSE FLAGGEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

With Steadfast Love

O WALY WALY

With stead - fast love and mer - cy sure, God hears con - fes - sion and for -

gives; re - deemed, the soul in which God dwells, and blessed, the heart in which God lives!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:12-20 (*p. 174 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead
Sanctuary Choir

William Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all."

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (*pg. 175 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet
One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Gathered in Diversity and Love Agnes W. Norfleet
Second in a three-part series on the Church as Community

† HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF RENOVATIONS

Agnes W. Norfleet

LITANY OF DEDICATION FOR RENOVATIONS

Paul Bergsteinnsson

One: Almighty God, the heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of buildings made by human hands. Yet, whenever we gather in your name, you promise you are with us. With gratitude for this church campus which brings us together in love and sends us forth in service,

All: **We give you thanks, O God.**

One: For the vitality of this community of faith which has called for improved spaces for ministry and mission, for increased access and a more inclusive welcome,

All: **We give you thanks, O God.**

One: For the amazing generosity of congregation members who supported the vision of revitalizing our church campus to meet the church's needs for today and for the future,

All: **We give you thanks, O God.**

One: We dedicate the newly-renovated Education Building to support the Christian formation of our younger members; the new Youth Ministry spaces, better suited for nurture, growth and fun; the brand new Atrium to welcome all into the worship and work of the church; and the renovated Ministries Center as a gathering space for creative engagement with the gospel.

All: May today's celebration be but a glimpse of your calling us toward a bright future of Christian worship, education, ministry and mission. We dedicate these gathering spaces anew to your glory. May this dedication be a sign of our commitment to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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 Farewell (from Twelve Canticles) Randall Thompson
Sanctuary Choir

Finally, brethren, farewell, be of good comfort, be of one mind. Live in peace, and the God of love shall be with you. Amen.

† **DOXOLOGY** 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN** 321 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

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

POSTLUDE Fanfare Jacques-Nicolaus Lemmens

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Jane Bastian
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Peggy Gregg
Kevin Nicholson

We are grateful for the contributions and memory of Brian Walsh, a BMPC Trustee, who provided legal expertise during contract negotiations with the architecture firm and contractors.

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Dr. Robert F. and Edith Madden; Lewis V. and Jane Ellen Chamberlin.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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Announcements

COVID-19 UPDATES. While we are continuing in-person worship and require masks and distancing in the Sanctuary, we are postponing some programs and transitioning others to virtual on a week-by-week basis. Each ministry area will communicate updates and changes.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for every Sunday in March for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Our Deacons then deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepf at bmpcfowers@gmail.com.

Today

RENOVATIONS DEDICATION. Today we will celebrate the completion of our new Atrium and other building renovations with a Service of Dedication during our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, followed by an Open House of the Ministries Center. To assure social distancing, there will be no guided tours, but as you move through the Atrium to the renovated Ministries Center, please stop by the gym, youth spaces, the adult education rooms, the new office suites for our Caring Ministries team and Music and Fine Arts staff in Converse House, Congregational Hall, the Court, and Art Gallery. Please join us after worship for this significant celebration in the life of our congregation.

ADULT EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE. Today, 11:15 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us in the newly-renovated Ministries Center space for an Adult Education Open House. Participants will be encouraged to walk through the newly-designed library and classrooms to learn more about these new meeting spaces, how to volunteer in the library, discuss opportunities to connect through adult education, and purchase deeply-discounted books from the Book Center. For more information, contact Alicia Franklin, afranklin@bmopc.org.

MICHAEL BARTMANN ART EXHIBIT. The newly-designed art gallery in the Ministries Center will open today with an exhibit of paintings by Michael Bartmann. His work is largely inspired by the vacant industrial spaces of cities such as Camden and Philadelphia, and his paintings capture the beautiful and dynamic play of light, surface and space within these abandoned settings. The exhibit will be on display through March 27.

Next Sunday

AN INTRODUCTION TO AFGHAN CULTURE. Sun., Feb. 6, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Patrick and Joan Krayer will provide an introduction to Afghan culture and traditions to enhance our support of the Sepah family who moved into Foerderer House last December. The Krayers will help us understand values, customs and history to assist us in being better neighbors and friends to the Sepah family. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

CORDELIA FRANCES BIDDLE PRESENTATION. Mon., Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. The Senior Adult Council presents Cordelia Frances Biddle, who will speak about Nicholas Biddle, her ancestor who was an American statesman and served as president of the Second Bank of the United States. Ms. Biddle's talk will focus on her latest book, *Biddle, Jackson, and a Nation in Turmoil: The Infamous Bank War*. All are welcome. To register, call the church office at 610-525-2821 or email Monica Devane, MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

SACRED THREADS: NAVIGATING THE THREADS THAT KNIT OUR FAITH TOGETHER. Wednesdays, Feb. 9 - Feb. 23 and March 9, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a four-week gathering that explores some of the central tenets for living a practical sustaining faith: Poverty of Spirit, Prayer, Scripture, Practices. Led by the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director. For more information, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT LANDSCAPE IN PHILADELPHIA. Sun., Feb. 13, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Staff from Nationalities Service Center (NSC) will share an update on its goal of resettling 500 Afghan refugees in our region this year. Celebrating 100 years of welcoming refugees to Greater Philadelphia, NSC began partnering with BMPC last fall to support local Afghan refugees and the work we are doing with the Sepah family. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

SHARING FROM ST. JOHN RETREAT. Sun., Feb. 20, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Last October a group of women from BMPC joined with women from neighboring congregations for a four-day retreat and exploration of the history of slavery in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Join us to hear reflections from participants, see images from the original sugar plantations, explore the ways the trauma of this history impacts our experience of the world today, and build relationships with one another. For more information, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT 2022. Fri., April 1- Sun., April 3, Pendle Hill (Swarthmore). Beginning with dinner on Fri., April 1 and continuing through worship on Sun., April 3, the women of BMPC are invited to a special weekend of rest, fellowship and study. Our retreat will be led by Lori Erickson, author and travel writer, reflecting on her work exploring genealogy, family stories and faith. Participants may stay on site or commute. The commuter rate is \$75, and the overnight option is \$175. We understand that not everyone can commit to the entire weekend; participants may opt to join in for individual sessions: Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday morning. Scholarships are available to cover all or part of the cost for participation. Register online: <https://bit.ly/pendle-hill-retreat>. For more information, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS – VEHICLE DONATION. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee continues to work closely with the Sepah family living in Foerderer House. The committee is seeking a used vehicle that can seat six people. If you have a car that you would consider donating, or if you can help share this need with the larger community, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org. If you wish to help by making a donation or participating in one-time volunteer opportunities such as driving, making meals or babysitting, you may use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/support-sepah>

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Make casseroles and friends! Get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause! Join the Hunger Committee in preparing casseroles for area shelters, and enjoy a family activity (children over age 5). Participants are required to be vaccinated, masked and to practice social distancing. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD COLLECTION. Sun., Feb. 13. For over 30 years, communities have come together on Super Bowl Sunday to give financial and non-perishable donations as a part of the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. This year our BMPC donations will be distributed among six of our local partners located from Lower Merion to Chester that serve the hungry in their communities. Donations may be dropped off in the Atrium starting Mon., Feb. 7 from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., or on Feb. 13 before worship. Suggested donations include cold cereals, spaghetti sauce, canned meals, soups (particularly hearty ones), peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna or chicken, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned fruit and applesauce (or cups), mac & cheese, crackers (Saltines or Ritz), instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars, single-serving snacks, bottled salad dressings, and mayonnaise (smaller-sized jars preferred).

Calendar

Sunday, January 30

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual Filling the Well, Virtual Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Ages 2-3, Ed. Bldg., Nursery PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201 Grades 1 & 2, Ed. Bldg., Main Lobby Grade 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual Grades 4 & 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual Confirmation Class, Gym Youth Gathering for Middle School and High School, Gym
11:00	a.m.	Renovations Dedication Adult Education Open House, Ministries Center Opening Day for the Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit, Art Gallery, Ministries Center
1:00	p.m.	<i>Stories of God</i> Adult Education Class, Virtual

Monday, January 31

10:00	a.m.	Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit, Art Gallery, Ministries Center
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Tuesday, February 1

8:30	a.m.	Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Virtual or Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Chartres Indoor Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit, Art Gallery, Ministries Center
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Virtual or Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
5:00	p.m.	Mid-Week Meetup, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, Virtual

Wednesday, February 2

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual
Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit, Art Gallery, Ministries Center
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Ed. Bldg., Covered Patio
Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, February 3

10:00 a.m. Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit, Art Gallery, Ministries Center
6:00 p.m. Refugee Committee Meeting, Virtual
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Hybrid

Friday, February 4

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council, Virtual
Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit, Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Saturday, February 5

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Ed Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual
10:00 a.m. Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit, Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Sunday, February 6

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

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