

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 13, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth 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

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 2

10:00 a.m., Ed Bldg.

Worship Together Sunday

Grades 3 - 12

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Adult Education Class

The Refugee Resettlement

Landscape in Philadelphia

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. - noon

Fine Arts Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Serene Dance
Handbell Ensemble

John C. Dare

Morning Has Broken
Blair and Casey Williams, Violins

arr. Cindy Blevins

WELCOME

Kathryn Chang

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Stella Rowbotham

One: Happy are those who trust in the Lord;
they will be like trees planted by the streams.

All: They won't be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit.

One: A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit,
nor does a bad tree produce good fruit.

**All: Each tree is known by its fruit,
the inner self overflowing through word and deed.**

One: Those who delight in the law of the Lord yield their fruit in season;

All: Their leaves do not wither and in all that they do, they prosper.

† HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lowell and Finley Hoffman

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, you have loved us and we have not loved you. We have been arrogant and greedy, selfish and insensitive, judgmental and performative, fearful and jealous, close-minded and exclusive. We have taken the gifts you give us for granted. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to help shoulder the burden of suffering in our broken world. We have put you second, prioritizing our obsessions with success, beauty, and competition. Set us free from the past we cannot change; open for us a future where we can be changed.

Forgive us and grant us grace, that we might become agents of your love and reconciliation in Christ Jesus.

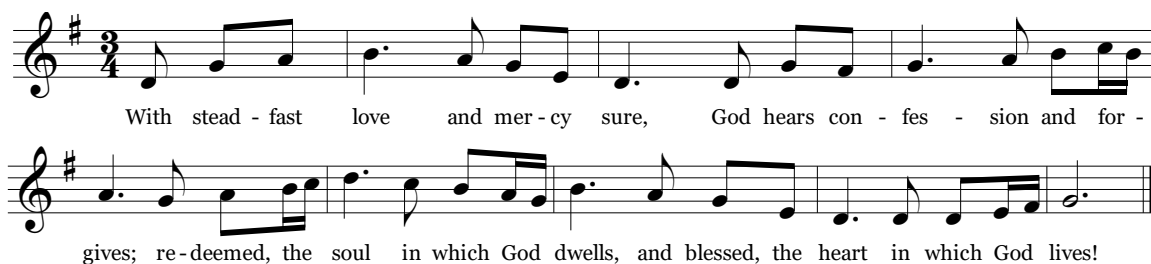
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

With Steadfast Love

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peter McConnell

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17: 5-8 (*p. 719 in pew Bible*)

Owen Yoder

ANTHEM

For Everyone Born
Oscar Medina, Tenor

Brian Mann

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for straight, a chalice of grace. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6: 43-49 (*pg. 65 in pew Bible*)

Elizabeth Rothman

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMONS

Paul McConnell
Jack Stevens
Olivia Blusiewicz

† HYMN 250

In the Bulb There is a Flower

PROMISE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Zack Powers

We believe in God, our Creator, the One who is love.

We believe in Jesus, the great Teacher, Reformer, and Healer,
the promised Emmanuel.

Through his life, death, and resurrection our sins are forgiven,
and we know that death does not have the final word.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who connects us to God
and is the force that sustains our faith.

We believe in the Church, the hands and feet of Christ,
a space where all are welcome, all are called and all are accepted. Amen.

~ Written by Student Serve, High School small group

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Maeve and Bridget Daley-Gibson

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

David Blusiewicz

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer for Today

Margaret R. Tucker

Youth Chorale

Klaus Volpert, Flute

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people every where, Who live in fear or pain or doubt; Whose homes are gone, and hopes run out. God in heaven, I make my prayer For all the children everywhere Who live in terrible warring places; Who live with hunger and strange, sad faces. God in heaven, I make my prayer For all good people everywhere Who live in comfort, love and peace, And pray sincerely for strife to cease; But who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all. God in heaven hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere To come closer together in plenty and need, And to make our world your home, indeed.

† DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

† Please stand, if able. 5

†	PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Katie McGuirl
†	HYMN 353	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	SOLID ROCK
†	BENEDICTION		Leigh DeVries
		Paul McConnell, Jack Stevens, Olivia Blusiewicz	
	POSTLUDE	Epilogue	William Lloyd Webber

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Robert E. Campbell and Colin A. Campbell.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Jonathan Jones

BULLETIN COVER

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Announcements

FAMILY LEAVE FOR BRIAN BALLARD. The Rev. Brian Ballard will be on family leave until March 28. BMPC grants eight weeks of family leave for the birth or adoption of a child. Brian took two weeks when Florence was born and saved the remaining time to care for her when his wife Amy returned to work. During the next six weeks, Brian is choosing to stay connected to BMPC by participating in Sunday worship and some evening programs, but he will not be in the office on weekdays. In his absence, please contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org with questions related to Pastoral Care and Senior Adults.

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 its updates and changes.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available on March 20 and 27 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 bmpcfflowers@gmail.com.

Today

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD COLLECTION. 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 partners located from Lower Merion to Chester that serve the hungry in their communities. If you didn't bring food donations this morning, you are invited to give directly to the Hunger Fund by using the white envelopes in the pew racks. These funds will directly support more than 18 local organizations that fight hunger every day.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT LANDSCAPE IN PHILADELPHIA. Today, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall or streaming via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/spring-adult-ed>. 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 our efforts with the Sepah family. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

This Week

GREAT DECISIONS. Begins Mon., Feb. 14, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. After this initial session, the group meets on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Led by Bob Martin, Great Decisions is America's largest world affairs discussion program. This month's topic: Changing Demographics in the World. The program is free, but registration is required. Contact MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org to register and receive your Briefing Book and the Zoom link.

SACRED THREADS: NAVIGATING THE THREADS THAT KNIT OUR FAITH TOGETHER. Wednesdays through Feb. 23 and on March 9, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is an exploration of 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@bmmpc.org.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. The Rev. Brian Ballard and church members lead these weekly sessions. We will read and discuss *Seeing Jesus: Visionary Encounters from the First Century to the Present*. Contact MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org to register.

Next Sunday

SHARING FROM ST. JOHN RETREAT. Sun., Feb. 20, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall or by streaming via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/spring-adult-ed>. 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@bmmpc.org.

Upcoming

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD: THE WILLIAM STILL STORY. Sun., Feb. 27, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall or by streaming via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/spring-adult-ed>. Underground Railroad: The William Still Story focuses on how a humble Philadelphia clerk risked his life to shepherd runaway slaves to freedom in the tumultuous years leading up to the U.S. Civil War. Still was the director of a complex network of abolitionists, sympathizers and safe houses that stretched from Philadelphia to what is now Southern Ontario. We will view this 50-minute documentary and then discuss Still's legacy. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmmpc.org.

SUNDAY'S PALMS ARE WEDNESDAY'S ASHES. Sun., Feb. 27, following Worship, Ed. Bldg. Lawn. All church members are invited to help make the ashes for the Ash Wednesday services. We will use last year's palm fronds to create this year's ashes reminding us that the journey to Jerusalem begins again.

SINGING FOR LIFE CHOIR RESUMES. Thursdays, March 3 - April 28, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., BMPC Fine Arts Center. The Singing for Life Choir is open to anyone 55 years or older. There is no charge to participate in the choir this spring. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the choir, please contact Patrick Howley at PatrickHowley@bmpc.org by Mon., Feb. 28.

YOUTH SABBATH RETREATS. Middle school, March 11-13, and high school, March 18-20, Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. This March, we'll take our youth to Johnsonburg Camp for weekend retreats that focus on the biblical call of the Sabbath and how that call impacts our daily lives. These retreats will provide youth with opportunities for rest, fun and renewal. If you're interested in participating or know a youth who wants to join us, contact BMPC Youth Director Jack Liskey at jliskey@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.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2022. Mon., June 20 - Fri., June 24. This year's VBC theme is Follow Me! Meet the people and explore the places where Jesus taught and served. From a stormy sea to a crowded city street, come travel with Jesus' disciples and learn how you can help share God's love with others. VBC is held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for ages 3 years to 5th grade. Volunteers of all ages are invited to sign up to help make this a special week for the children of our church and community. Register campers online: <https://bit.ly/vbc-22>. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

REFUGEE CLOTHING DONATIONS. In our continuing support of the Sepah family from Afghanistan, we are collecting clean, gently used and new clothing for the four children from Sun., Feb. 20 through Sun., March 6. They are average in size for their genders and ages: 9-year-old boy, 7-year-old girl, 4-year-old girl and 7-month-old boy. Donations may be placed in the designated bin at the Radnor Street entrance to the Ministries Center. In addition, a limited amount of suitable clothing (skirts, tops, sweaters) will be accepted for Mitra, women's size small (6-8). AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS AND 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@bmmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, February 13

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 Youth Chorale, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmmpc.org Ages 2-3, Ed. Bldg., Nursery PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201 Grades 1 & 2, Ed. Bldg., Main Lobby Worship Together Sunday for Grades 3 through 12
11:15	a.m.	The Refugee Resettlement Landscape in Philadelphia, Congregational Hall or via Zoom
1:00	p.m.	<i>Stories of God</i> Adult Education Class, Virtual
1:30	p.m.	New Officer Training, Virtual

Monday, February 14

10:00	a.m.	Great Decisions, Virtual
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Tuesday, February 15

8:30	a.m.	Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Virtual
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Virtual or Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
5:00	p.m.	Midweek Meet-Up, Virtual
6:00	p.m.	Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, February 16

8:00	a.m.	Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Ed. Bldg., Covered Patio
		Sacred Threads, Virtual
		Mission Council Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, February 17

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

Friday, February 18

No events scheduled.

Saturday, February 19

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Ed Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual
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Sunday, February 20

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

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

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