

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 11, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fourteenth 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 in the Atrium 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 optional inside church buildings, although masks may be required in some areas of the Education Building. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and while COVID vaccines are available for children as young as six months (Pfizer), 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 livestreaming 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 (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Rally Day

11:00 a.m., Front Lawn

Bryans – Tuten Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. – noon

Fine Arts Gallery, Ministries
Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Cathedrals

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God of heaven has made a home on earth;

All: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

One: The highest in all creation lives among the least;

All: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

One: Come all who thirst,

All: And drink the water of life.

One: Come all who hunger,

All: And be filled with good things.

One: Come all who seek,

All: And be warmed by the fire of God's love.

† HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

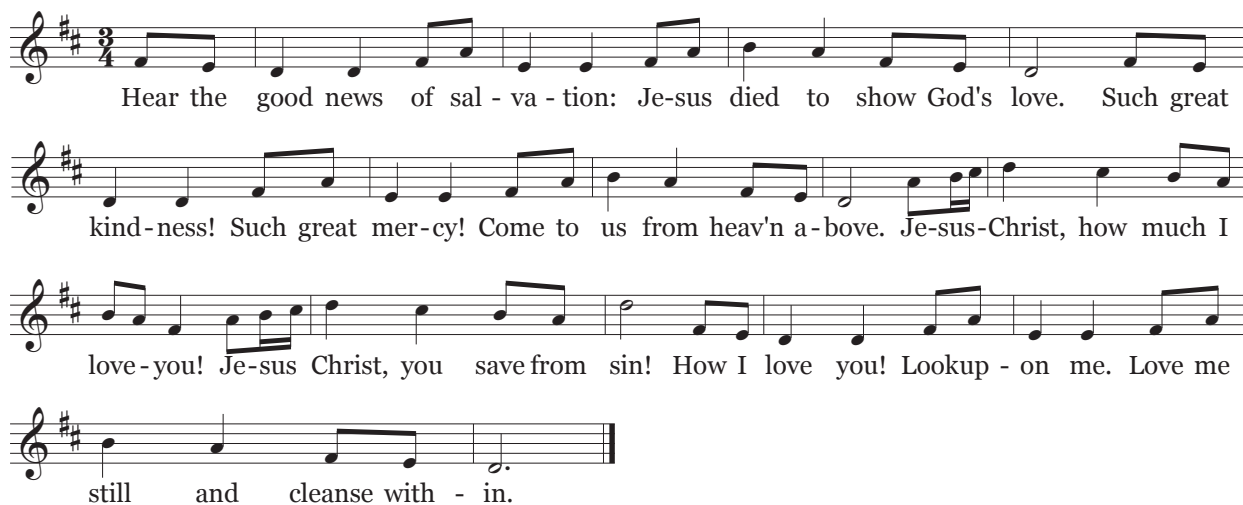
AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy God, we confess that our sins lead us astray from your ways of love, peace and justice. Our wrong doing separates us from one another and distances us from you. Yet you do not leave us alone; in Christ you come back to seek and save the lost. As recipients of your tender mercy, we offer ourselves to be bearers of your mercy. Equip us to show the world your healing love in Christ, working faithfully for your reign and proclaiming the good news of your salvation.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE Hear the Good News of Salvation



Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je-sus died to show God's love. Such great kind-ness! Such great mer-cy! Come to us from heav'n a - bove. Je-sus-Christ, how much I love-you! Je-sus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 (*p. 197 in the pew Bible*)

ANTHEM I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me C. Hubert H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

SECOND LESSON Luke 15:1-10 (*p. 78 in the pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Incarnation

Agnes W. Norfleet

Defining Words of Faith Series

† **HYMN 801** The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

CRIMOND

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ from A Brief Statement of Faith

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 Behold, the Tabernacle of God

William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with us, and the spirit of God dwelleth within you, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are, for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia. grace? Will you leave a thoughtful imprint? In your city streets will you be God's heart? Will you listen to the voiceless? Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start, will you share your faith with the faithless? Will you walk the path that will cost us much and embrace God's love and sorrow? Will you trust in One who entrusts to you the disciples of tomorrow.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.*

† 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.

†	PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Brian K. Ballard
†	HYMN 301	Let Us Build a House	TWO OAKS
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Carillon de Westminster	Louis Vierne

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Judith MacFeely

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PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

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Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Mondays, Oct. 10 and 17, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Consider learning more about being in community at BMPC. Attending our “Discover BMPC” classes will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. Contact the Rev. Frank Pottorff at 610-525-2821 or via email: FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by next Sunday, Sept. 18, for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2022-2023 via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominationForm>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex. 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.

MINISTRY FAIR. Sun., Sept. 25, 11:00 a.m., Atrium and Ministries Center. After worship you are invited to come and explore all the ways you can engage in the life of our congregation! Stop by a ministry area table, connect with others, and grab lunch in Congregational Hall. Come grow with us!

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available on Sundays, Oct. 9 and 16 for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepp at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

RALLY DAY. 11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Join us after worship for food truck fare, fellowship and activities on the lawn. All are welcome!

This Week

GREAT DECISIONS. Mon., Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Church member Bob Martin leads this group discussion. This month's topic is The Quad Alliance. The program is free, but registration is required. E-mail MonicaDevane@bmpc.org to register and receive the materials and Zoom link.

FITNESS AND SUPPORT OFFERINGS. The fitness classes and Parkinson's Support Group that BMPC hosts will be resuming this week: Repose Yoga (Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., starting Sept. 13), Tai Chi (Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.), Dance for Parkinson's Disease (Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., starting Sept. 13), Yoga206 Bone Boost (Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.) and the Parkinson's Support Group (fourth Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.). For more information, contact Parish Nurse Carol Cherry at CarolCherry@bmpc.org or visit the Fitness Offerings webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>.

ILLUMINATED LIFE: MONASTIC WISDOM FOR SEEKERS OF LIGHT. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon in an exploration of Joan Chittister's *Illuminated Life* book. In this little dictionary of monastic wisdom, she shares how to "be in the world, but not of the world." For information about joining this class, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME. Beginning on Sept. 14 join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Congregational Hall for fellowship and fresh-ingredient meals catered by Chef Ruth. Food is served until 6:45 p.m. Reservations not required. Monthly menus are available on www.bmpc.org.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING AND DESSERT. Sat., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. The congregation is invited to enjoy our shared hymn tradition with guests of nearby churches. Our guest pianist is Brenda Tildon, and Sandra Stouffer will lead the singing. The BMPC Anti-Racism Task Force is sponsoring this event.

Next Sunday

8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE TO RESUME. Beginning on Sun., Sept. 18, we will return to offering a worship service with communion at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel. This service will not be livestreamed.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, starting Sept. 18, 8:45 a.m., Cannon Room, and via Zoom. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding Sunday morning class. This fall we will compare Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with the teachings of Epictetus (b. 55 AD), the Greek Stoic philosopher. *The Art of Living* by Sharon Lebell is a modern English interpretation of the straightforward and practical philosophy, where readers will learn to meet the challenges of everyday life successfully and to face life's inevitable losses and disappointments with grace. For information about joining the class and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray, paulcmac2@gmail.com.

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays, starting Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Children's Library. For more than seven years this small group for women has met weekly on Sunday mornings for conversation, support and study. This fall we will continue our conversations about *For Everything A Season*, Joan Chittister's book which explores the cycles of life described in the book of Ecclesiastes: the purpose and value of human life, the balance of joy and sorrow, work and rest, love and loss. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick facilitates this group. For information, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

LYRIC FEST. Tues., Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. A 20th anniversary celebration of Lyric Fest's beginnings with solos and duets by Sun-Ly Pierce and Magdalena Kuźma. These young artists are alums of the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, California, where artistic directors Suzanne DuPlantis and Laura Ward first dreamed of founding Lyric Fest. Dawns, Dreams & Visions in song of Tchaikovsky, Chopin, Canteloube, Rachmaninoff, Boyle, Ferré, Higdon, Cipullo, Lieberman, and more. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased through the Lyric Fest website: <https://lyricfest.org/tickets/>. For more information: mfa@bmmpc.org.

CHANTICLEER GARDEN TOUR. Fri., Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. The Senior Adult Council invites all seniors to a guided walking tour of Chanticleer Garden in Wayne. The tour includes the first floor of the historic Rosengarten home as well as the surrounding gardens. Participants will meet at Chanticleer; transportation will not be provided. Cost: \$22 per person. To register, email MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org.

FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT. Fri., Sept. 23, 6:00 p.m., Front Lawn (rain location: Congregational Hall). Children & Family Ministry and Weekday School families are invited to a movie with popcorn on the lawn! Register: MaryRichards@bmmpc.org.

THIRD GRADE BREAKFAST AND BIBLE PRESENTATION. Sun., Sept. 25, breakfast 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. in Congregational Hall; presentation during 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Families are invited for a Third Grade Bible Breakfast before the 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. During that service, third graders receive their new Bibles. Contact MaryRichards@bmmpc.org with the full name of your child (as it should be printed on the bookplate), and to RSVP with the number of attendees for the breakfast.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. Begins Wed., Sept. 28, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are welcome to join this discussion group which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. This fall the group will discuss *The Misunderstood Jew* by scholar Amy-Jill Levine. In the book Dr. Levine helps readers understand the "Jewishness" of Jesus so that their appreciation of him deepens and a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Led by the Rev. Brian Ballard. To register, email MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP. Begins Thurs., Sept. 29, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. All are welcome to read and discuss *The Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister. The book is a wonderful celebration of the blessings of growing older, showing us that our later years are a gift, not a burden. Led by the Rev. Brian Ballard. To register, contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP MINI RETREAT. Fri., Sept. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., IHM Conference Center, Bryn Mawr. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCRetreat>. For information, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

CHOIR TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. Sun., Oct. 2, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. This summer 45 choir and church members traveled to Israel and Jordan for BMPC's 11th international Choir Tour. Join us as leaders and participants share their remarkable experiences exploring the Holy Land, ancient archaeological sites, and singing side by side with musicians in the region. During the presentation you will see some images from the trip and also experience the music created and shared along their journey. For more information, contact JeffreyBrillhart@bmpc.org.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and livestream. Dr. Paul A. Offit, a pediatrician specializing in infectious diseases and an expert on vaccines, immunology and virology, will be our featured speaker. All are invited to attend Dr. Offit's presentation, "COVID: Where We Are and What We Can Do." A question and answer session follows his talk. No registration is required for this free event. Dr. Offit's presentation will be livestreamed at www.bmpc.org/livestream. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us this fall to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitzes! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Fall Blitz dates: Saturdays, Sept. 24 (please note date change), Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. We ask that participants be vaccinated, but masks are optional. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

Calendar

Sunday, September 11

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Sunday School (Virtual)
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101 Sunday School K - 5th Graders, Ed. Bldg. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
11:00	a.m.	Rally Day, Front Lawn

Monday, September 12

10:00	a.m.	Great Decisions (Virtual)
4:00	p.m.	Environmental Justice Committee Meeting (Virtual)
6:00	p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting (Virtual)
7:00	p.m.	Peacemaking Committee Meeting, (Virtual)

Tuesday, September 13

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	<i>Illuminated Life</i> : Book Group (Virtual) Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, September 14

10:00	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinners, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30	p.m.	Handbell Ensemble, Fine Arts Center

Thursday, September 15

7:00	p.m.	Hunger Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
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Friday, September 16

10:00	a.m.	Child & Youth Protection Training (Hybrid) Ed. Bldg.
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Saturday, September 17

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
7:00	p.m.	Community Hymn Sing, Congregational Hall

Sunday, September 18

8:00	a.m.	8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion , Chapel
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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