

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fifteenth 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 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is available to watch 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 7:45 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., Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Youth Kickoff

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Bryans – Tuten Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. – noon

Fine Arts Gallery, Ministries
Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: How pleasant it is to honor the Lord with praise!

One: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up the wounds of the injured.

All: Great is our God, and generous with love and mercy.

† HYMN 774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God, you are the fountain of all wisdom, yet we look to our own understanding to discern what is right, good and beautiful. Forgive us for failing to trust your Word and for failing to walk in your ways. Humble our hearts to embrace your mercy and grace with gladness that we may live more faithfully, following Jesus Christ for the sake of the world.

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! Lookup - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

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

† Please stand, if able.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

All: We do.

BAPTISM HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON

Romans 5:1-11 (*p. 155 in the pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven my victory won, may I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 18:9-14 (*p. 81 in the pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Justification

Agnes W. Norfleet

Defining Words of Faith Series

† HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female,
of every race and people, to live as one community.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to
welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

~ 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 There is a Balm In Gilead arr. William L. 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."

*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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Pièce d'orgue

Johann Sebastian Bach

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Phyllis Scott ~ September 11, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlotte Irene, Emma Victoria, & Isabella Anne Peterson

Daughters of Verenice & Matthew Peterson

Marion McCarthy Wilson

Daughter of Diana & Garrett Wilson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne and Bradford Smith

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth G. Watermulder

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PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

DOXOLOGY

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Announcements

BMPC 150TH FOCUS GROUPS. We invite you to sign up for a moderated 90-minute small group conversation to delve deeper into who we are as a church, our mission, and vision for the future as we prepare to celebrate BMPC's 150th anniversary in 2023. See schedule and register at <https://signup.com/go/SxUitTL> or contact LizEllis@bmpc.org.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations **by today** 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 ministry area tables, connect with others, and enjoy lunch in Congregational Hall. Come grow with us!

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.

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 Hoepf at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, starting Sept. 18, 8:30 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 his 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, paulmac2@gmail.com.

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays, starting today, Sept. 18, 8:45 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. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmipc.org.

CARILLON TOUR. 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and then leads you out after services. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. If you have keyboard skills and would like to take lessons with one of our carillonneurs, or if you are interested in becoming one of our carillonneurs, please send an email to MFA@bmipc.org.

This Week

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS. Join us on Wednesday nights 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.bmipc.org. \$10 for adults. \$7 for children.

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. Dawns, Dreams & Visions in songs of Tchaikovsky, Chopin, Canteloube, Rachmaninoff, Boyle, Ferré, Higdon, Cipullo, Lieberson, and more. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased on the Lyric Fest website: <https://lyricfest.org/tickets/>. For information: mfa@bmipc.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 the movie with popcorn on the lawn!
Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

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 the 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@bmpc.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.

Upcoming

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, increasing their appreciation of him so that a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Led by the Rev. Brian Ballard. To register, email MonicaDevane@bmpc.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 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.

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 experiences exploring the Holy Land, ancient archaeological sites, and singing side by side with musicians in the region. During the presentation you will see images from the trip and 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.

SINGING FOR LIFE CHOIR RESUMES. Thursdays, Oct. 6 to Dec. 22, 9:30 a.m., Fine Arts Center. The Singing for Life Choir is open to anyone 55 years or older. Cost is \$75. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining this choir, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org by Mon., Oct. 3.

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 18

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children's Library
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 Youth Kickoff, Gymnasium Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Graders, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Carillon Tour, Choir Loft Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Lobby

Monday, September 19

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, September 20

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Gymnasium Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
12:00	p.m.	Urban Suburban Book Club, Foerderer House, Back Patio
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Child & Youth Protection Training, Virtual <i>Illuminated Life</i> : Book Group, Virtual

Wednesday, September 21

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
7:00	p.m.	Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room Student Serve, Gymnasium Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton

Thursday, September 22

No events scheduled.

Friday, September 23

6:00	p.m.	Outdoor Movie Night, Ed. Bldg. Lawn
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Saturday, September 24

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, BMPC Kitchen
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Virtual

Sunday, September 25

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.

Worship Staff

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