

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

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 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 10:00 Sunday Worship Service is available to watch on our livestreaming 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 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](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 (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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### 8:00 a.m. Worship Chapel

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### 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.

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### Youth Kickoff

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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### Bryans – Tuten Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. – noon

Fine Arts Gallery,  
Ministries Center

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## † 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! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Bravo

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

**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  
Defining Words of Faith Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

*You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle. Gluten and casein-free elements are on the center table.*

*You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**



“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Phyllis Scott ~ September 11, 2022

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT 10:00 A.M. SERVICE**

Charlotte Irene, Emma Victoria, & Isabella Anne Peterson

Daughters of Matthew & Verenice Peterson

Marion McCarthy Wilson

Daughter of Garrett & Diana Wilson

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### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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

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### **CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS**

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

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### **BULLETIN COVER**

Photo by Dave Tavani

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### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon David Bravo

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### **USHERING**

Tom Hays

# **Announcements**

**BMPC 150<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Hoepp at [bmpcfflowers@gmail.com](mailto:bmpcfflowers@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 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](mailto:paulcmac2@gmail.com).

# **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@bmmpc.org](mailto: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.

# **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@bmmpc.org](mailto: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 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@bmmpc.org](mailto:MonicaDevane@bmmpc.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@bmmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmmpc.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 images from the trip and experience the music created and shared along their journey. For more information, contact [JeffreyBrillhart@bmpc.org](mailto:JeffreyBrillhart@bmpc.org).

**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@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.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@bmpc.org](mailto:MFA@bmpc.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.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.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, Lieberman, and more. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased on the Lyric Fest website: <https://lyricfest.org/tickets/>. For information: [mfa@bmpc.org](mailto:mfa@bmpc.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](mailto:MaryRichards@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](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream). [ElenaPerri@bmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
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
		<b>Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir,</b>
		<b>Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b>
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Graders, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	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 Illuminated Life: 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 Room

## **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.	<b>8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b> 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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