

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Sixteenth 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. 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

8:00 a.m. Worship Chapel

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 in Worship

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Ministry Fair

11:00 a.m., Atrium and
Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship;

All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,

All: And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us,

All: And God who has promised never to turn us away.

† HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; 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

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marian Chitester

FIRST LESSON 1 Timothy 6:11-19 (*p. 210 in the pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON John 17:9-19 (*p. 111 in the pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sanctification
Defining Words of Faith Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Brian K. Ballard

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 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

† 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."

Frederick Yannesss ~ September 10, 2022

Barbara "Bobbie" A. Ball ~ September 18, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard W. Knecht

BULLETIN COVER

Photo by Dave Tavani

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Marian Chitester

USHERING

Tom Hays

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.

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 Hoepp at bmpcfflowers@gmail.com.

Today

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION. Today during 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, third graders receive their new Bibles.

MINISTRY FAIR. 11:00 a.m., Atrium and Ministries Center. After worship you are invited to explore all the ways you may 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!

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this Offering through envelopes in the pews today and next Sunday, Oct. 2, or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You also may give online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering>.

This Week

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. Begins Wed., Sept. 28, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are welcome to join this group which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. 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.

Next Sunday

PRESENTATION ABOUT THE RECENT CHOIR TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. Sun., Oct. 2, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us as participants in the Choir Tour to Israel and Jordan share their experiences exploring the Holy Land, ancient archaeological sites, and singing side by side with musicians in the region. This presentation features images from the trip and music created and shared during their journey. JeffreyBrillhart@bmpc.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 2, 5:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

JOURNEY TO THE MIDDLE EAST. Sun., Oct. 2, Ministries Center Art Gallery. A photo exhibit by Bill Kemmerer of the recent BMPC Choir Tour to the Holy Land. On display through the end of October.

Upcoming

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@bmmpc.org by Mon., Oct. 3.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Oct. 7, 6:00 p.m., Jean Reynolds' home, Bryn Mawr. Brenda Oliphant leads our discussion of "Memories of the Middle East." RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/HolyLeisureOctober2022>. Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays, beginning on Sun., Oct. 9, 8:45 a.m., Cannon Room, Ministries Center. In this six-week study facilitated by the Rev. Frank Pottorff, we will explore James K.A. Smith's book, *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*. Smith helps readers recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices, and argues for why the church and worshiping in a local community should be the hub and heart of Christian formation and discipleship. FrankPottorff@bmmpc.org.

THE INTERSECTION OF SLAVERY AND FAITH COMMUNITIES IN GREATER PHILADELPHIA. Sun., Oct. 9, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Historians Colin McCrossen and Dr. Craig Baily from Villanova University will share the history of slavery in Greater Philadelphia, especially its connections with Christian congregations and faith leaders in this area. AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

FOOD COLLECTION. To help local residents experiencing food insecurity please drop off non-perishable food items at the Ministries Center weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. or in the baskets in the Sanctuary Narthex. AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, September 25

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
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 Third Grade Bible Breakfast, Congregational Hall
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101 Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Third Grade Bible Presentation, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Graders, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Ministry Fair, Atrium and Ministries Center Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Lobby
11:15	a.m.	Nomination Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Monday, September 26

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, September 27

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.	Child & Youth Protection Training, Virtual <i>Illuminated Life</i> : Book Group, Virtual

Wednesday, September 28

10:00	a.m.	Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
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.	Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Student Serve, Gymnasium

Thursday, September 29

10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
1:00	p.m.	R. Anderson Pew Memorial Service, Chapel
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Saturday, October 1

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Mothers in Charge Luncheon, Congregational Hall

Sunday, October 2

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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