

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 16, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Nineteenth 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 with Sanctuary Choir

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 Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Family Fellowship:

Pancake Breakfast

11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Hall

50th Anniversary

Membership Celebration

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

Journey to the Middle East

Photo Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

Sonata I, in Eb-dur

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In the midst of our busy lives,

All: God calls us to community.

One: In the rush of work, family, and our friends,

All: God calls us to Sabbath rest.

One: With those who are known and with those who are strangers,

All: God calls us to be the church.

One: With Christian people all around the world,

All: God calls us the body of Christ.

† **HYMN 278** Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of mercy, you give us grace to call Jesus Christ our Lord and serve him with faith, hope and love. We acknowledge that we have not always been loving, hopeful or faithful. We often fail to follow Christ in the world and to support the mission of the church in unity and praise. Forgive our sin and failures, and renew us to be members of Christ's body, that we may be beacons of hope showing forth your love for the world.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN

Go Now, Children, With Our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God

Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may

God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the

pre - sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:18-28 (*p. 158 in the pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Psalm 121

David Conte

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for ever more.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9 (*p. 13 in the pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Brian K. Ballard

God keeps God's promises and gives us hope.
 All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.
 But the work of God in Christ is not over.
 God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
 The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that
 supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
 In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over
 death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
 This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.
 All things will be renewed in Christ.
 In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
 God has already begun and will surely finish.

~ 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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stewardship

Katie & Josh Hirt

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling, from "The Creation"

Franz Josef Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of His work displays the firmament. Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of His work displays the firmament.

*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 360**

Christ is Coming!

UNSER HERRSCHER

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in A minor

Dieterich Buxtehude

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Linda Walters ~ October 8, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Woodcock

BULLETIN COVER

Photo by Dave Tavani

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available on Sunday, Dec. 18 for a donor who wishes 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 bmpcfflowers@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL TO THE LOST. As you arrived today you likely saw the display of T-shirts honoring the lives of those who were killed with illegal guns in Philadelphia last year. These shirts represent only 100 of the 486 people who died in 2021. We are grateful to our youth for helping to set up the T-shirt display. The Memorial to the Lost is a project of Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, an interfaith organization bringing the voice of faith to the call for justice. To learn more about this group, contact Phoebe Sheftel at pasheftel@gmail.com.

Today

SURPRISE SABBATH! PANCAKE BREAKFAST. 11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Hall. During Sunday School, students in grades 1-5 are celebrating Sabbath with games and fun. After worship, all families are invited to a special pancake breakfast in the Education Building Hall! MaryRichards@bmprc.org.

This Week

Y-GROUP COFFEE AND CATCH UP. Tues., Oct. 18, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Y-Group is for mothers/caregivers of younger children; join us for fellowship, coffee and featured guests Carol Cherry and Renee Malnak. Carol, our Parish Nurse, and Renee, BMPC's Social Worker, will share information about Caring Ministries and the resources available to support one another. RSVP to ygroupbmprc@gmail.com. If you need childcare, please contact childcare@bmprc.org with names and ages of children.

SACRED THREADS: STUDYING THE BEATITUDES. Wednesdays, Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 2, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a four-week exploration using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, *Beatitudes from the Backside*, as our guide and the scriptures Matthew 5:4-7; 10-11. Sacred Threads is a gathering open to all who are curious about the threads that knit our faith together. Led by the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director. KikiMcKendrick@bmprc.org.

Next Sunday

HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK. Sun., Oct. 23, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us as Doug Tallamy presents on Homegrown National Park, a national challenge to create diverse ecosystems in our yards, communities, and surrounding lands by reducing lawn, planting native, and removing invasives. We are losing many native plant and animal species which jeopardizes our natural life support, but if many people make small changes, healthy ecological networks can be restored. Register: <https://bit.ly/BMPCTallamyTalks>

THE NATURE OF OAKS. Sun., Oct. 23, 2:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for Doug Tallamy's second presentation where he continues the discussion about how homeowners can take action by planting natives, specifically focusing on oaks. Oaks support more species of animals, sequester more carbon, protect our watersheds, and nourish soil communities better than any other plant genus in North America. Tallamy will discuss these roles by highlighting what happens with the oaks in his yard each season. Register: <https://bit.ly/BMPCTallamyTalks>

Upcoming

FLU SHOTS. Wed., Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. BMPC is partnering with Main Line Health to help us care for ourselves and one another by offering a flu vaccine clinic for individuals 18 and older. The high-dose vaccine for those 65+ will not be offered at this clinic. Please note that if you received a COVID-19 booster shot, it will not interfere with your flu shot. Registration is required by contacting Carol Cherry, Parish Nurse, at 610-520-8832 or CarolCherry@bmpc.org. You will be assigned an appointment time and provided with additional instructions.

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE. Fri., Oct. 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ministries Center Offices and Court. Trick-or-Treat through the church offices any time between 3:30-5:30 p.m.! Costumes are optional; hot cider and treats will be served. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION. Sun., Oct. 30, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Hunter Farrell and Balajiedlang Khylllep, director and associate director of Pittsburgh Seminary's World Mission Initiative, will help us rethink what it means to be engaged in mission as a church based on their new book, *Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility and Co-Development*. Hunter and Bala will share key takeaways from the latest mission research, inspiring examples from innovative congregations, and step-by-step tools for churches to discern and implement sound practices that will work for them. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

VINCENT DUBOIS IN CONCERT. Sun., Oct. 30, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Vincent Dubois, an organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, will play selections of Johann Sebastian Bach, César Franck, Camille Saint-Saëns, and Maurice Duruflé. Half the free will offering from this concert will go toward the Cathedral of Notre Dame's restoration fund to support the rebuilding of the Cathedral following the tragic fire in 2019. For information: mfa@bmpc.org.

GABRIEL FAURÉ'S REQUIEM. Sun., Nov. 6, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir will perform Gabriel Fauré's masterpiece Requiem during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

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@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, October 16

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 Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
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 Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Graders, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Surprise Sabbath! Pancake Breakfast, Ed. Bldg., Lobby
11:15	a.m.	150th Vision Committee Focus Group, Cannon & Gloucester Rms. 50th Anniversary Membership Celebration, Congregational Hall

Monday, October 17

9:15	a.m.	150th Vision Committee Focus Group, Cannon Room
11:00	a.m.	Linda Walters Memorial Service, Chapel
7:00	p.m.	Anti-Racism Taskforce Meeting, Ed. Bldg. Children's Library Discover BMPC Class, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, October 18

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
9:15	a.m.	Y-Group Coffee and Catch Up, Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's, Gymnasium

Wednesday, October 19

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room 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.	Sacred Threads, Virtual Student Serve, Gymnasium Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, October 20

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Hunger Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 21

8:30	a.m.	Foundation Investment Committee, Virtual
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Saturday, October 22

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Virtual

Sunday, October 23

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. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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

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Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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