

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 23, 2022 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Twentieth 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 Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship, Atrium

Doug Tallamy Presentations

11:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Congregational Hall

Journey to the Middle East Photo Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those who inhabit the house of the Lord,
for they may ever praise you.

**All: Happy are the people whose strength is in God,
for their hearts are set on the pilgrim way.**

One: Lord God of hosts, hear our prayers as we worship.

**All: For you, O Lord, are our sun and our shield;
yours alone is the grace and the glory.**

† HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, you have shown us the way of Jesus, and invite us into the world in service: to be compassionate and kind, faithful and loving. While you direct us to embrace the qualities that marked Jesus' life, we confess that we have stumbled and fallen. Our sins are real, and they are many. Have mercy on us and forgive our failings. Encourage us to live our faith everyday, wherever we are, extending your love and mercy into a world of need.

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

Annie Lee

FIRST LESSON Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 (*p. 866 in the pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Luke 4:14-30 (*p. 61 in the pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sovereignty
Defining Words of Faith Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT NOON

Theodore Baxter Arnold
Son of Molly & Chad Arnold

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne M. and Edward A. Flood Jr.

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of J. Brian Walsh

BULLETIN COVER

Photo by Dave Tavani

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.

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS. The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our beautiful new gallery. The "Members Only" exhibit will run from Nov. 20 through Jan. 29, 2023. Applications to show your work will be accepted through Sun., Nov. 13. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact Augustehallowell@mac.com or download an application by visiting the Visual Arts webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFineArts>.

Today

HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us as Doug Tallamy presents on Homegrown National Park, a national movement 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.

THE NATURE OF OAKS. 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.

This Week

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.

Next Sunday

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 help 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 of the freewill 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.

Upcoming

MONTHLY LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. You are invited to walk the Chartres Labyrinth in Congregational Hall on All Saints Day. Prayer and meditation cards will be available. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

FALL YOGA206 BONE BOOST SESSION. Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Nov. 2 -Dec. 21 (no class on 11/23), Gymnasium. Geared to persons proactive about strengthening bones or those with bone loss medical conditions. Participants age 50+ must be able to safely sit on and rise from a mat. Cost: \$91. COVID-19 vaccination required. For information, email Abby Contract at YOGA206@icloud.com.

THE BEATITUDES THROUGH THE AGES. Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17, 7:00 p.m., Cannon -Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick teaches this three-week evening Bible Study, drawing upon Rebekah Eklunds' exploration of how the Beatitudes have affected readers across differing eras and contexts. Books are available for purchase, although participants will receive relevant excerpts from Eklund's book for this class. AliciaFranklin@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.

PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT. Sign up by Mon., Nov. 7 to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant during the 4:30 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve. Our youngest participants must be at least three years old. Email MaryRichards@bmpc.org indicating if your child would like to read, speak, or act.

PASTOR'S BOOK GROUP. Wed. Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join us for the return of this unique Adult Education opportunity! The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet will lead a discussion about Pauline Boss' recent book, *The Myth of Closure: Ambiguous Loss in a Time of Pandemic and Change*. Boss identifies these vague feelings of distress as caused by ambiguous loss – losses that remain unclear and hard to pin down, and thus have no closure. This book provides many strategies for coping: encouraging us to increase our tolerance of ambiguity, and acknowledging our resilience as we express a normal grief and still look to the future with hope and possibility. Books are available to purchase for \$15 at the church or may be purchased online through most book sellers. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us in making 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. Additional Blitz date: Dec. 10. We ask that participants be vaccinated, but masks are optional. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

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

Calendar

Sunday, October 23

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.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Lobby Caring Corner, Caring Ministries Office
11:15	a.m.	Doug Tallamy - Home Grown National Park, Congregational Hall High School Brunch, Pastor Leigh's Manse
12:00	p.m.	Baptism Service, Chapel
2:00	p.m.	Doug Tallamy - Nature of Oaks, Congregational Hall

Monday, October 24

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, October 25

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

Wednesday, October 26

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor & Library

10:30 a.m. Flu Shots, Witherspoon Parlor

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
Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, October 27

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center

10:00 a.m. Thursday Book Group, Virtual

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 28

3:30 p.m. Halloween Open House, Court

Saturday, October 29

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

9:00 a.m. Fall Fest Presbytery of Philadelphia, BMPC Campus

Sunday, October 30

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. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.

Worship Staff

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