

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 8, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

First Sunday after Epiphany



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!

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on the following day.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or 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

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m., Atrium

BMPC Members Art Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Choral in E Major

César Franck

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to the Lord,

All: For God has done gloriously;

One: Let this be known in all the earth,

All: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

For great in our midst is the Holy One.

† HYMN 689 When the Morning Stars Together

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CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Creator God, you have called us to glorify you and enjoy you above all else. You have given us joyful songs to sing. We confess that sometimes the words of good news get caught in our throats, and our harmonies of praise become muted by our love for the things of this world. Forgive us when we fail to give thanks for your abundant blessings. Inspire us to sing joyfully and to worship you in beauty that we may go forth empowered to serve you in 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

There is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,

peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing

Go now children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and May God be gracious to you, May the presence of God be with you. May the presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON Colossians 1:15-20 (*p. 200 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

He Comes To Us

Jane M. Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He came, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word. "Follow! Follow! Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself, in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn, in their own experience Who He is. O morning star, how fair and bright Thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly, Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son, My Lord and Master, Thou hast won My Heart to serve Thee solely! Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might over all possessing.

SECOND LESSON Acts 16:25-34 (*pg. 136 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When We Sing

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CELEBRATING JEFF BRILLHART'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Sandi Stouffer

† LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: We come into God's presence with singing.

One: When gratitude runs deep,
when joy lifts our hearts and fills our souls,

**All: We raise our voices in thanksgiving,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

One: When we feel lost or forsaken,
when we need hope and reassurance,

**All: We raise our voices in praise, singing
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

One: When the storms of life swell,
faith becomes fragile and words are not enough,

**All: We raise our voices in prayer, singing
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

One: O God, for choirs of angels heralding your birth,
for morning stars that sing together,
and this congregation lifting our voices in praise,

All: We thank you.

One: For blessing this church for forty years
with the extraordinary musical talent of Jeff Brillhart
at the organ, piano, and directing the choirs,

All: We thank you.

One: For Jeff's deep faith, love, and creative spirit,
for his commitment to this church and community,
for his advocacy for peace and justice,

All: We thank you.

One: On this day of celebration, we dedicate ourselves anew
to making music in this sacred space to nurture
our witness and join your good work in the world.

All: Amen.

† Please stand, if able.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

A Hymn for St. Cecilia

Herbert Howells

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing, in words of youth and phrases of the Spring, walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray, and sing as sunlight fills the waking day; till angels, voyaging in upper air pause on a wing and gather the clear sound into celestial joy, wound and unwound, a silver chain or golden as your hair. Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth, in words of music, and each word a truth; marriage of heart and longings that aspire, a bond of roses, and a ring of fire. Your summertime grows short and fades away, terror must gather to a martyr's death; but never tremble, the last indrawn breath remembers music as an echo may. Through the cold aftermath of centuries Cecilia's music dances in the skies, lend us a fragment of the immortal air, that with your choiring angels we may share a word to light us through time-fettered night, water of life, or rose of paradise so from the earth another song shall rise to meet your own in heaven's long delight.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.*

† DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

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

Brian K. Ballard

† HYMN 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

Verse 2 sung only by the Sanctuary Choir

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

"Final" from Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of Jeff Brillhart's 40 years of service as Director of Fine Arts at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

NARTHEX FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elia Durr Buck

BRYN MAWR FESTIVAL BRASS

Joseph Anderson and Steven Heitzer, trumpet
Karen Schubert, French horn
Jarred Antonacci and Robert Suttman, trombone

Announcements

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY. We are looking for volunteers to serve at our Reception Desk on the ground floor of the Ministries Center during weekdays. This position serves as a “minister of first impressions,” helping to answer phones and welcome guests who visit our campus or church offices. To learn more, please contact Liz Ellis, LizEllis@bmpc.org.

“MEMBERS ONLY” ART EXHIBIT. Ministries Center Art Gallery. Come and see the artistry of several of our BMPC members! This exhibit features works in fabric, paint, and ceramics. Some of the pieces are for sale and would make excellent gifts! This exhibit runs through Jan. 22. The gallery is open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To purchase one of the works, please contact mfa@bmpc.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE. Pledges play an essential role in our financial planning. BMPC's annual budget is based in large part on the pledges we receive from members. In order to fund our ministries, programs, activities and staff, we rely on revenue that comes from member pledges. We hope to conclude our 2023 stewardship campaign in the coming weeks and ask members to please prayerfully consider how you would like to support the ministries and programs of our church with a pledge this year. You may complete a pledge card in the pews and drop it in the offering plate, mail your pledge card from home, or pledge online: www.bmpc.org/giving. Thank you!

Today

CELEBRATING JEFF BRILLHART'S FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE. A special reception celebrating Jeff's service at BMPC will be held in the Atrium following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

This Week

DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP. Begins Wed., Jan. 11, 6:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Whether you are divorced or separated, Divorce Care is a weekly support group that will help you through this difficult time. It is a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Learn practical information and gain hope for your future. Registration fee is \$20 and includes a workbook. This fee can be waived as needed. Meetings will be held every Wednesday through April 5; sign up at www.divorcecare.org. Please contact Renee Malnak at 610-520-8833 or rmalnak@bmpc.org.

INTERFAITH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY WORSHIP. Fri., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., Beth David Reform Congregation, 1130 Vaughan Lane, Gladwyne. Join together with nine congregations representing our diverse faith community in Lower Merion for an evening Interfaith Shabbat service – Bethel AME of Ardmore, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Or Zarua, Muslims Serve, Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, Beth David Reform Congregation, and the Baha'i Faith Lower Merion. An interfaith choir and clergy from each faith community will lead this worship service. A dessert reception and fellowship follows the service. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

ACRES OF SKIN, A CONVERSATION WITH ALLEN HORNBLUM. Sun., Jan. 15, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. In his 1999 book, *Acres of Skin: Human Experiments at Holmesburg Prison*, Hornblum shed light on a dark episode in Philadelphia medical history, when prisoners were subjected to inhumane dermatological experiments without their consent. He will share more about this injustice as well as the journey toward the City of Philadelphia's recent formal apology, 40 years after these experiments occurred. Allen Hornblum teaches Urban Studies at Temple University. BMPC's Anti-Racism Taskforce is sponsoring this lecture in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

POLITICS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT. Sundays, Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Does the New Testament offer any guidance on political questions? Should Christians be involved in politics? This class will examine the political context of the New Testament, how these early Christian writings address political issues, and how we might be guided in our political thinking today. Joshua Yoder, who has a PhD in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity from the University of Notre Dame, will lead this class. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 23, 1:00-6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood; register online: <https://bit.ly/2023-Blood-Drive>. Contact Monica Devane at 610-520-8823 or MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

TWO PIANO CONCERT. Sun., Jan. 29, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward present a two piano concert featuring French repertoire and celebrating the recent release of their CD recording "Suite D'Hiver." For more information, please contact mfa@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us this spring to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Spring dates: Feb. 18, March 18 and April 15. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>.

2022 THANK YOU FROM BMPC HUNGER COMMITTEE. Because of your donations to the BMPC Hunger Fund this past year, the Hunger Committee was able to significantly increase the quarterly grants it gives to over a dozen local organizations that provide support to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity in Greater Philadelphia. As you consider giving a gift to the Hunger Fund in 2023, please remember that you can give by using the Hunger Fund envelopes in the pew racks, by sending checks marked "BMPC Hunger Fund" to the church, or by giving online: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger>. The Hunger Fund is supported entirely through direct giving, and 100 percent of the donations given to the Hunger Fund are used to support our local partners. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

Ongoing Weekly Opportunities

FILLING THE WELL WOMEN'S GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., resuming Jan. 8, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. For more than seven years, this small group for women has been meeting weekly on Sunday mornings for conversation, support, and study. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmmpc.org.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., resuming Jan. 8, Cannon Room and via Zoom. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding Sunday morning class. Paul MacMurray, paulcmac2@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., resuming Jan. 18, Cannon Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study. MaryRichards@bmmpc.org.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m., resuming Jan. 11, Converse House Parlor. Led by the Rev. Brian K. Ballard, this group reads books dealing with biblical and theological study. Men of all ages invited.

STUDENT SERVE. Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Youth Lounge. High school small group that meets weekly to delve into issues of faith, life, and preparing for major youth events like Youth Sunday. LeighDeVries@bmmpc.org.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP. 10:00 a.m. every Thursday, resuming Jan. 26, via Zoom. Come join the discussion of *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully* by Sister Joan Chittister. Email Monica Devane to obtain the Zoom link: MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org.

BMPC MEN'S GROUP. Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Men of all ages are invited for fellowship and lively discussions.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS. Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., via Zoom. A virtual bereavement group. KikiMcKendrick@bmmpc.org or 610-515-0766.

CHOIR REHEARSALS. "Wednesdays Together" program for grades K-5 from 4:45-5:45 p.m. led by Edward Landin Senn and the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, followed by Youth Chorale for grades 6-12 from 5:45-6:30 p.m., and Handbell Ensemble from 6:30-7:00 p.m.; Singing for Life: Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; and Sanctuary Choir: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP. Weekly Repose Yoga, Tai Chi and Yoga206 Bone Boost (bone-strengthening yoga for women 50+) classes are held in the gym. Options for those with Parkinson's Disease include a weekly dance class and monthly support group. For more information, search "Fitness Offerings" at www.bmmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, January 8

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
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
		Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Café, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
12:00	p.m.	Luncheon Honoring Jeff Brillhart (Reservations Only), Congregational Hall

Monday, January 9

4:00	p.m.	Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
6:00	p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, January 10

8:30	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, January 11

10:00	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
		Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30	p.m.	Handbell Ensemble, Fine Arts Center
		Adult Education Council Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Gymnasium
		Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, January 12

11:00 a.m. Artist's Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 13

6:30 p.m. Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr. Community Worship, Off Campus

Saturday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 15

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary,
and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**

Worship Staff

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

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