

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 15, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Second 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 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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., Kindergarten,
Ed. Bldg.

10:15 a.m., Grades 1-5,
Gymnasium

Youth in Worship

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m., Atrium

MLK Speaker Allen Hornblum

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

BMPC Members Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Ascension Suite

Sharon J. Willis

I. Juba, II. Elegy, III. Prayer

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

**All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.**

One: We your children take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: We feast on the abundance of your house;
you give us drink from your river of delights.**

One: For with you is the fountain of life;

All: and in your light we see light.

† HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious God, you call us to follow, yet we confess that we are uncertain. You point us to the pathway following Jesus, but we allow ourselves to be led astray. Wandering away from your guidance that leads us to justice and peace has disappointed those we love, failed to help our neighbors in need, and emptied us of conviction and hope. Deliver us, O God, from all that keeps us from faithful obedience. Set our feet upon solid rock, open our ears to hear you, and fill our hearts with trust that we may follow where you lead us, through Christ our Lord.

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (*p. 165 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Jesu, Bright and Morning Star

Leo Sowerby

Jesu, bright and morning star, uncreated light of ages, star of Jacob, seen afar, guide our footsteps with yon Sages, till we also, of thy grace, see thy face. If the timid mariner do but eye thee, star of morrow, though the winter night be drear, courage high he straight will borrow, soon will gain the port where he fain would be. Wonder star of eastern skies, grant that, at thy next appearing, with our bodies we may rise, joyfully thy summons hearing, and to realms of endless day wend our way.

SECOND LESSON John 1:29-42 (*pg. 92 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Art of Introducing

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

MC KEE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Brian K. Ballard

We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one
who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity,
is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
that God calls the church to follow him in this;
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
that God supports the downtrodden, and protects the stranger;
that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation,
in and through Jesus Christ.

~ from the Confession of Belhar

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We Shall Overcome

arr. Tom Trenney

We shall overcome. We shall overcome someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome someday. We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome someday. We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome someday. We are not afraid. We are not afraid today. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome someday. God will see us through. God will see us through someday. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome someday!

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

† DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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	Franklyn C. Pottorff
†	HYMN 307 God of Grace and God of Glory	CWM RHONDDA
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE	Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE Festal March	Florence B. Price

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 “I am the resurrection and the life.”
 Dolores “Dodie” Martell ~ January 8, 2023
 Roberta Taylor ~ January 9, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

MUSIC NOTES

Today’s prelude and postlude feature works by Sharon J. Willis and Florence B. Price, both African-American and female composers. Willis’ “Ascension Suite” was premiered this past summer in Seattle at the 2022 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists. It is a multimovement work that proudly pays tribute to three Civil Rights figures: Dr. C.T. Vivian, Congressman John Lewis, and Rev. Joseph E. Lowery. Throughout the work, spirituals are featured and pay additional tribute to the lost lives of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, as well as peaceful protestors who have been courageous enough to lift their voices, and their signs while marching against injustices, racism, and inequality across the United States for many decades. Price is recognized as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer and also the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Known for her lush orchestral writing, she was also trained as an organist and left behind a sizeable number of works for the instrument, including today’s delightful “Festal March.”

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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge already to our 2023 Stewardship Campaign: Hope Grows Here! One of the ways that we plant the seeds of hope is through our mission initiatives. BMPC supports many programs in the region, including Habitat for Humanity, Urban Tree Connection, West Philadelphia Alliance for Children, Broad Street Ministry and the BMPC Tutoring Program, just to name a few. If you have not made a pledge for 2023, 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 at www.bmpc.org/giving. Thank you!

Today

ACRES OF SKIN, A CONVERSATION WITH ALLEN HORNBLUM. 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.

This Week

DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP. Wednesdays through April 5, 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 experiencing. Learn practical information and gain hope for your future. Registration fee is \$20 and includes a workbook. This fee can be waived as needed. Sign up at www.divorcecare.org. Please contact Renee Malnak at 610-520-8833 or rmalnak@bmpc.org.

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>.

Next Sunday

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. A congregational meeting is called by the Session for next Sunday, Jan. 22, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a brief meeting to elect church officers and vote on changes to pastors' terms of call. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.bmpc.org/livestream.

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.

Upcoming

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.

WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY: WOMANIST EXPLORATIONS IN THE SPIRIT OF KATIE GENEVA CANNON. Thursdays, Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and 9, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead a three-week class that explores the legacy of the Rev. Katie Cannon, the first African American woman ordained in the PC(USA) and creator of the discipline of Womanist Theology. In 2022, BMPC named our new adult education classroom after Dr. Cannon, and this class will delve into generations of scholarship she has inspired. Using a newly-published collection of essays by leading black female scholars, we will broaden our understanding of the Christian experience and deepen our appreciation for Dr. Cannon's legacy. For information about this class, including purchasing a copy of the book and receiving the Zoom link, please contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION. Mon., Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Y-Group (mothers and caregivers of young children) offers a book selection for the winter season: *Steeped in Stories: Timeless Children's Novels to Refresh Our Tired Souls* by Mitali Perkins. Free copies of her book will be available on Sundays, Jan. 22 and 29 for you to pick up at 11:00 a.m. in the Education Building. You also can start listening to the book on the Hoopla app with your library card. Come for snacks and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. and a book discussion at 7:30 p.m. Contact ygroupbmpc@gmail.com for more information and to be added to their distribution list.

TWO PIANO CONCERT. Sun., Jan. 29, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward will perform a thrilling two piano recital featuring varied French repertoire that includes works by Bizet, Jongen, Poulenc, Rameau, and Ravel. For more information, please contact mfa@bmpc.org.

CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. All volunteers with children and youth are required to attend a BMPC Child & Youth Protection training, and renew every three years. Our upcoming dates include: Fri., Feb. 3, 10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204, and via Zoom; Wed., Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204, and via Zoom; Sun., Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204; and Sun., Feb. 26, 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204. Please register with MaryRichards@bmpc.org and contact her with any questions regarding your current clearance status.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Fri., Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a beach-themed movie night featuring Moana! Bring a towel or blanket and enjoy pizza and popcorn! Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the movie begins at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to MaryRichards@bmpc.org with number of adults and children, and any food allergies or considerations.

Caring and Sharing

REFUGEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. The BMPC Refugee Support Team is seeking volunteers in its ongoing work with local refugee families. Opportunities include English language conversation practice, tutoring for elementary school children, employment mentoring, and transportation assistance. Families are located in Bryn Mawr, Ardmore, and Overbrook. If you wish to become involved in this vital and rewarding work, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, January 15

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 in Worship, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School, Kindergarten, Ed. Bldg.
		First-5th Grade Serving and Learning Together, Gymnasium
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Café, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15	a.m.	MLK Speaker Allen Hornblum, Congregational Hall
		150th Vision Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Monday, January 16

Campus Closed in Celebration of MLK Holiday

Tuesday, January 17

8:30	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Stewardship Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, January 18

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
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
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Gymnasium Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room Mission Council Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Thursday, January 19

11:00	a.m.	Artist's Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center Hunger Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Friday, January 20

8:30	a.m.	Foundation Investment Committee, Virtual
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Saturday, January 21

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
2:00	p.m.	Richard S. Dillon Memorial Service, Chapel

Sunday, January 22

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and 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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