

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, November 12, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Twenty-fourth 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!

## **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](http://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 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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry at [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## **WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER**

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# Today's Schedule

## **Childcare (infant - age 5)**

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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## **Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir**

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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## **Sunday School Classes**

### **Age 2 - PreK**

10:00 a.m., Education Building

### **Grades K - 5**

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

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## **Youth Gathering**

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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## **Atrium Cafe**

11:00 a.m., Atrium

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## **BMPC Members Art Exhibit**

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

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## **The Common Place**

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

Petite Suite Liturgique

Jan Mannee

I: Entrée, II: Offertoire, III: Élévation, IV: Communion, V: Toccata et Fugue

## WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

One: For the Lord is a great God,

**All: And a great king above all gods. Let us worship God.**

## † HYMN 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, you alone are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people.

You are the God of the Living Water and the Bread of Life;

yet we continue to thirst for that which does not quench,  
and hunger for that which does not satisfy.

You nourish and sustain us day by day;

yet we worry that you have left us alone.

You seek to reconcile all your children one to another;

yet we continue our warfare and strife.

Forgive our hardness of heart and restore us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who knows everything we have ever done

and loves us anyway.

*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.*



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,  
by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rachel Pedersen

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?

All: **We do.**

### BAPTISM HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

### FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:18-24 (*pg. 854 in pew Bible*)

### ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Anonymous (16th cent.)

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is even at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30 (*pg. 28 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Wise Waiting

Agnes W. Norfleet

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### HYMN 350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

In Christ the new world has already broken in  
and the old can no longer be tolerated.  
We know that we cannot bring in God's kingdom.  
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible  
now in the world, the church and our individual lives.  
It gives us courage and energy  
to contend against all opposition,  
however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and new humanity  
that are surely coming.

~ From A Declaration 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

Advent Gift Market

Heewon Chang  
Zamumtima Chijere

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and  
longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the  
living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my  
God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee.  
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work  
of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages  
past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our  
eternal home.

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



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| † | <b>DOXOLOGY 606</b>  |                                    | OLD HUNDREDTH          |
|   | Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;<br>praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. |                                    |                        |
| † | <b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>  |                                    | Franklyn C. Pottorff   |
| † | <b>HYMN 12</b>   | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | ST. DENIO              |
| † | <b>BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE</b>   |                                    | Agnes W. Norfleet      |
|   | <b>POSTLUDE</b>  | Chorale Prelude on “Hyfrydol”      | Ralph Vaughan Williams |

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 “I am the resurrection and the life.”  
 Carol Pendergrass ~ November 8, 2023

## WORSHIP NOTES

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Craig M. Drake, Hollis MacVaugh and Helen Burdick.

### RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eva Rose Perez  
 Daughter of Alexandra & Gabriel Perez

Penelope Louise Bujaky Sanders  
 Daughter of Lauren & Steve Sanders

Charlotte Lynn Rainone  
 Daughter of Jen & Brian Rainone

Alden Jai Trent & Sage Lulu Trent  
 Son and Daughter of Sarah Trent &  
 Joel Schlosser

### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

## **Announcements**

**BMPC MEMBERS ART EXHIBIT.** Through Sun., Dec. 17, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Come and view the artistry of our BMPC members! This exhibit features works in paint and ceramics. Some of the pieces are for sale and would make excellent Christmas gifts! 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 any of the works, please contact [mfa@bmpc.org](mailto:mfa@bmpc.org)

**CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION: STEWARDSHIP 2024.** Thank you to those who have taken the time to send in your pledges! Did you know that one of the biggest reasons we ask for those pledge commitments is so that we can best allocate those resources for the coming year, knowing what our budget is? It allows us to continue to support the many mission, outreach, educational and spiritual programs we provide and partner with here at BMPC. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS.** Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: "In memory of," "In honor of," or "In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism)." Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or online. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons' flower ministry.

Deadline: Sun., Dec. 3.

## **Today**

**THE COMMON PLACE.** Sun., Nov. 12, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Chris Holland will share with us the vital and growing ministry of The Common Place, our longstanding partner that plays an important role in offering holistic care to families in Southwest Philadelphia. The organization is a recipient of a 150th Anniversary grant, partners with the Hunger Committee, Outreach Council and Anti-Racism Committee, and has been a recipient of the Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry.

## **This Week**

**WHICH MEDICARE DRUG PLAN IS BEST FOR YOU IN 2024?** Tues., Nov. 14, 10:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Do you have a Medicare Drug Plan? The Medicare Open Enrollment Season ends on December 7. This is a vital time to compare plans to be sure which will be the best for you in 2024. BMPC member Louisa Mygatt, a volunteer Medicare counselor, leads a workshop on How to Do a Drug Plan Comparison online. The workshop is open to all, so bring your laptop, your list of medications, and your questions.

**GOING INSIDE: A MEDITATION SAMPLER.** Wed., Nov. 15 and 29, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for these classes to demystify meditation and make it more accessible for people. This class will be taught and guided through an ecumenical approach to breath work, meditation, and mindfulness by BMPC member Terry Charlton. [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**POLAR EXPRESS MOVIE NIGHT.** Fri., Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a movie night with pizza, popcorn, and hot chocolate! RSVP to [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) with how many adults and children, and any food allergies or considerations.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us 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. Upcoming dates: Dec. 16, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17, 2024. Please use RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

**CARILLON TRAINING CLASSES.** Sat., Nov. 18, and two additional dates TBA, 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. options, Sanctuary Carillon Room. Intrigued by making music with 20 tons of bronze? Princeton University carillonneur, Lisa Lonie, will teach free classes on how to play the carillon. Prerequisites for the lessons: the ability to read treble and bass clefs and a minimum of three sharps and flats. Must be able to climb stairs and be comfortable with confined spaces. If you want to learn how to play the carillon, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at [mfa@bmpc.org](mailto:mfa@bmpc.org)

## **Next Sunday**

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Sun., Nov. 19 at 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening Market Festival of our annual alternative giving program. Representatives from committees and councils will be present to answer questions about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives will be in the Atrium after worship on successive Sundays to take your orders. Orders also may be placed online: [www.brynmawragm.com](http://www.brynmawragm.com)

**SOUP AND STOCKINGS.** Sun., Nov. 19, 3:00 p.m. Join women from our congregation for an afternoon of fellowship and service. We'll help make 60 Christmas stockings for Gemma Services and homemade soup for our Caring Ministries team to deliver to church members. RSVP to [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), or email [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) if you would like to help with prep for the afternoon.



## **Upcoming**

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Thurs, Nov 24, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the youth ministry! All are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and all-you-can-eat pancakes! Proceeds (\$5 per person, \$20 per family) will all go to support the youth ministry. Contact [ldevries@bmpc.org](mailto:ldevries@bmpc.org) with questions or if you know anyone who'd like to volunteer to help!

**LIVE NATIVITY AND ADVENT WORKSHOP.** Sun., Dec. 3, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Youth and adult volunteers and actors needed! Please email [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) to sign up to help. Families are invited to dress for the weather and experience the Christmas Story, meeting live animals and actors while creating ornaments and simple gifts to share.

## **Caring and Sharing**

**TURKEY COLLECTION.** Frozen turkeys may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November, but donations must be received by Sun., Nov. 19. Turkeys may be dropped off in any of the freezers on the lower level of the Ministries Center. [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org)

**ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER TEAM.** The BMPC Mission Council is seeking volunteers to be part of a small team to assist our neighbors at the Ardmore Food Pantry. This team will be asked to regularly volunteer with their food distribution programs, their new "Help Center" efforts, partially funded by BMPC, and with ongoing administrative work related to fundraising and community engagement. As we seek to be more deeply engaged in the life of our local community, this is a new and exciting opportunity for us to be better connected in Lower Merion. To learn more, contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE-ISRAEL/PALESTINE.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the humanitarian needs developing in the Middle East following the terror attacks and military action in Israel and Palestine. If you would like to contribute in support of their work, please send a check to the church, with "Disaster Response" in the memo line. You can also give online at <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/disaster> [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

# **Calendar**

## **Sunday, November 12**

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b> Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.
11:15	a.m.	The Common Place, Fullerton Room

## **Monday, November 13**

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

## **Tuesday, November 14**

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Medicare Drug Selection Class, Witherspoon Parlor
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
6:00	p.m.	Joint Meeting of Session & Trustees, Congregational Hall
6:45	p.m.	BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall
7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting, Fullerton Room Trustee Meeting, Congregational Hall

### Wednesday, November 15

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room  
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall  
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center  
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Youth Lounge  
Going Inside: A Meditation Sampler, Witherspoon Parlor  
Mission Council Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

### Thursday, November 16

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center  
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

### Friday, November 17

5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night: The Polar Express, Congregational Hall

### Saturday, November 18

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall  
10:00 a.m. Carillon Training Class, Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m. **Grace Hopkins Memorial Service, Chapel**

### Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and  
Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)**  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

## **Worship Staff**

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Leigh DeVries**, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

**Kirby Lawrence Hill**, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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