



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One Let us come into the presence of God,
All one in faith and one in spirit.
One For it is good to give thanks to the Lord,
All to sing praises to God's name.
One We come seeking new life,
All trusting in God's goodness and grace.
One In gratitude and thanksgiving,
All let us worship God with joyful songs of praise.

HYMN 744 Arise, Your Light is Come!

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- All Merciful God, we give thanks for all your gifts of grace: the abundant life we share; families, friends, and church community who love us; and a call to use our gifts in your service. Forgive us when we become so preoccupied with our own concerns we neglect to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. Pardon our lack of courage to be your disciples wherever you lead, and help us to live to your glory, through Jesus Christ.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

DETROIT

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.

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Swanson

FIRST LESSON Psalm 146

(pg. 581 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Mark 10:35-45

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 47 in pew Bible)

- One The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *In Service*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Bryn Mawr Gives Light Stewardship Series

Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

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

BRYN MAWR GIVES LIGHT MINISTRY MOMENT

Seth Pidot

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 818 By Gracious Powers

INTERCESSOR

SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Agnes W. Norfleet

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Marilyn Loos - October 13, 2024

Worship Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. David B. Watermulder and Ruth Watermulder

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anne M. & Edward A. Flood, Jr

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Susan Swanson, Elder

USHER

Keith Brinks

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

One of our more contemporary hymns, *Let Us Build a House*, includes this refrain: *All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place*. It bears repeating! This church is a place to encounter friends who have been here longer than they can remember and first-time visitors, young and old and in between, seasoned disciples of Christ and seekers of spiritual connection. Through worship, program, fellowship, and mission, we are growing as a community of faith, and your presence is a sign of our genuine welcome.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
Senior Pastor

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. Learn more at bmpc.org.

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 Monday.

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

Announcements

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bryn Mawr Gives Light: Stewardship 2025. Dedication Sunday is a week away. By pledge card in your pew, mail, or online, we are grateful for your willingness to share your financial commitment to our congregation. This week, we note that children and youth programming depend on your stewardship gifts. Your gifts are critical to the continued success and strength of our church. Thank you!

BMPC eNews. Are you receiving the weekly BMPC eNews in your inbox? Would you like to receive monthly eNewsletters from specific ministry areas, a digital copy of the Messenger, or Community Forum updates? Sign up at eepurl.com/gAc9RP or contact LBuscaglia@bmpc.org

APNC Open Forum. Sun., Oct. 27, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Nominating Committee for the Associate Pastor for Congregational Care will hold one last gathering for church members to share their hopes as we seek the pastor to fill this position.

Sign up for the Christmas Eve Pageant! Sign up by Mon., Nov. 4, if your child wants to participate in the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Tues., Dec. 24.

Our youngest participants must be at least three years old (our sheep!). Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org if they would like to speak, read, or act. Please let us know if you want to volunteer to help with the service!

Church-wide Line Dance and Potluck Dinner. Fri., Nov. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall and Gym. C'mon down, enjoy great food, put on your dancing shoes, and step into BMPC's Church-wide Line Dance Party. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. in Congregational Hall, followed by line dancing for all in the Gym. Instructor and line dance caller Donna Boyle will guide beginners and experts of all ages! Bring a side dish or dessert, and let MonicaDevane@bmpc.org know if you can attend.

Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag. Sun., Nov. 10, 6:00 p.m., Gym. Current 6th-12th graders are invited to the annual youth Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag event! Arrive at 6 p.m. in the gym for pizza. Games will follow at 6:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/GlowCTF Contact, AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Opportunity. Thurs., Nov. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. We are looking for youth and adult volunteers

to help make and serve the breakfast for our annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast! Our youth and their families host this event to help raise funds for trips throughout the year. Sign up for a timeslot! bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakesVol

TODAY

Hurricane Relief. To make a donation to assist with hurricane recovery, you can make a direct financial contribution to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by indicating Hurricane Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations may be given through today's offering or sent directly to the church office during the week.

Navigating Difficult Conversations. Sun., Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. A 90 min. workshop to develop skills for engaging productively with sensitive and challenging topics; conducting yourself so that conversations, even around divisive subjects, can be opportunities to build understanding rather than occasions that deepen conflict; and discovering how your own opinions and triggers influence your ability to enter into conversation with integrity and objectivity. Sponsored by Interfaith Philadelphia. Lunch will be provided.

UPCOMING

Looking For A Church Home? Mon., Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Join the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet for “Discover BMPC” classes which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, Presbyterian heritage, and mission. Inquirers welcome. Visit bit.ly/BMPCNewMember to register. Questions? Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Join Or Die: A film about why you should join a club... and why the fate of America depends on it. Wed., Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. In conjunction with our discussion of Robert Putnam's book *The Upswing* on Oct. 30, we will also be screening the new documentary featuring Putnam. The film follows the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the lens of his research. The 90-minute film explores three urgent civic questions: What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? And, most importantly, what can we do about it?

Pastors' Book Group, *The Upswing*. Wed., Oct. 30, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet for a discussion of Robert Putnam's most recent book – *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It*

Again. This book represents a capstone to Putnam's illustrious career as the sociologist and political scientist who helped us all come to understand the incredible value of connections across the community and the building of social capital. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to reserve a copy of the book.

Braiding Sweetgrass. Mon., Nov. 4, 11, 18. 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join this three-week conversation on Robin Wall Kimmerer's striking book, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* as we examine our call as people of faith to be engaged in the work of Environmental Justice. This conversation will be led by Dr. Joshua Yoder, who will help the class make connections to the ways that biblical wisdom on creation care connects with Kimmerer's writings. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to reserve a copy of the book.

S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous! An Evening Gala Featuring our Staff Singers. Sat., Nov. 9, 5:00–8:00 p.m., Merion Cricket Club. Registration spots are filling up quickly for an evening of food, drink, conversation, song, and exciting silent auction items—all to support funding to include BMPC's illustrious roster of Staff Singers on the Sanctuary Choir's upcoming Choir

Tour to France in June 2025. Registration is \$125 (\$65 tax deductible) per person. Secure your spot now at bit.ly/swonderfulgala

CARING & SHARING

Soup Needed. Our Soup Ministry supply is getting low. Please consider dropping off some soup to be given to those in the congregation who need it. We have stocked quart/pint containers with spill-proof lids and freezer-proof labels that you can pick up from the church. Please include the kind of soup, ingredients, and date made. Contact, KathrynWest@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 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. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Witherspoon Parlor
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:00 a.m. "Faces of Resilience" Exhibit, Gallery
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15 a.m. Navigating Difficult Conversations, Congregational Hall
5:00 p.m. Soup for Souper Teachers, Ed. Bldg. Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 7:00 p.m. Finding Meaning Book Group, virtual
7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Gloucester Room
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room
6:00 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
10:00 a.m. Wednesday's Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
4:45 p.m. Beginners' Choir Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall
4:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
7:00 p.m. Join or Die Movie Screening, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Meditation Sampler, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, virtual
11:00 a.m. Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture, Fine Arts Kitchen

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Giving

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