

# BrynMawr

Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, September 27, 2020

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

Almighty God,  
you built your church upon the foundation  
of the prophets, apostles and martyrs,  
with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone.  
Join us together by their teaching,  
so that we may be a holy temple  
in whom your Spirit dwells;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 6:1-15; 7:51-60

Agnes W. Norfleet

**SERMON**

*Stephen vs. Paul; Church vs. Violence*  
Third in a Series on The Acts of the Apostles

Agnes W. Norfleet

**ANTHEM**

True Light  
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Keith Hampton

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light. In the beginning out of the darkness God created light. He lives in us as True Light. Don't let the light that You've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. He lives in us as True Light. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. He lives in us as True Light. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I want the world to know. God gave the world True Light! Hold on to the true light.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Leigh DeVries

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MINISTRY MOMENT**

Andy & Kristin Kuntz

**HYMN 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

**BENEDICTION**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE**

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C major

Dietrich Buxtehude

## Announcements

**CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS.** Submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2020-2021 via the nominating forms found [here](#). Candidates must be church members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

**TWENTY-ONE DAY RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE.** The BMPC Anti-Racism Taskforce, invites members of the congregation to take part in a 21-day pledge to read, listen or watch one item related to race, racism or privilege each day. You can sign up to be a part of the challenge, learn more about the logistics and find links to resources on the [BMPC website](#).

## This Sunday

**SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.** 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. A discussion of *In His Steps* by Charles Monroe Sheldon led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

**FILLING THE WELL.** 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. This Sunday class for women is a space for conversation, learning and mutual support. This fall we are discussing the Enneagram, a personality typology that helps us consider not just our actions but the motivations behind them. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

**JEWISH JESUS TO GENTILE CHURCH: THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN IDENTITY.** Sundays through Oct. 11, 11:15 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Join Dr. Joshua Yoder in an exploration of the so-called “parting of the ways” between Judaism and Christianity through the first and second centuries. For a full description of the class, helpful class resources, and the Zoom link, [click here](#).

**DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DONATIONS.** Sun., Sept. 27, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., BMPC Campus. Children and youth are collecting non-perishable food for local food banks. Drive in and drop off your donations between the Sanctuary and the Chapel! Food items needed include cold cereals, spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned beans (baked, pork & beans, black beans, etc.), canned vegetables, canned fruit and applesauce (or cups), macaroni & cheese, crackers (saltines, Ritz), instant oatmeal (boxes with individual packets), granola bars, individual-sized snacks, and mayonnaise (smaller sized jars preferred).

**FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE.** Sundays through Nov. 1, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary Lawn. Wearing masks and practicing physical distancing, this 30-minute worship service is designed families to participate in worship together. Be sure to bring a blanket to sit on. *We will announce by 2:00 p.m. if the service is cancelled due to inclement weather.*

## This Week

**CHAPEL OPEN TO MEMBERS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER.** BMPC members are welcome to pray silently in the Chapel on Tuesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. The organ will be played by Music and Fine Arts staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. You are invited to sign in, leaving your contact information. Prayer guides are available to lead your devotion and to mark your seat as occupied when you leave. Masks and social distancing required!

**YOGA CLASSES RESUME.** Yoga is still accessible and more important than ever! Karen Gagnier is offering her BMPC donation class again, but outdoors. Classes continue on Tues., Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Maybrook Mansion, [325 Penn Rd., Wynnewood](#). This class will continue to support BMPC's Hunger Ministries. If an outdoor session is not for you, on-demand classes are available at [Movementrxstudio.com](#). Contact [Karen](#) or 610-952-0622.

**TAI CHI CLASSES BEGIN.** Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years, at [rmcktaichi@yahoo.com](mailto:rmcktaichi@yahoo.com) or 610-873-0604.

**FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP.** Every Friday beginning Sept. 18 at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. All senior adults are invited to this time of informal fellowship and conversation. The format will be similar to the fellowship hour following worship. You will be able to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Stay for a few minutes or for the entire hour, whatever works best with your schedule. For the Zoom link, contact [Brian Ballard](#).

## Next Sunday

**DIGGING DEEPER.** Begins Sun., Oct. 4, 9:00 a.m. Six-week study of *The Power of God and the gods of Power* by Daniel L. Migliore. Contact the [Rev. Franklyn Pottorff](#) for the book.

## Upcoming

**FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES.** Join us as we broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon beginning on Oct. 6. The first concert features Jeffrey Brillhart, harpsichord, with Elizabeth Thompson and Branson Yeast, cello. [Stephanie Speakman](#).

**FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.** Sun., Oct. 11, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Wearing masks and practicing physical distancing, this 30-minute worship service is designed for families to participate in worship together. All are welcome to bring family pets to receive a blessing at this service. Be sure to bring a blanket or chair to sit on. *We will announce by 2:00 p.m. if the service is cancelled due to inclement weather.*

**FLU SHOTS.** Wed., Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., BMPC Campus. Main Line Health is providing flu shots for anyone age 19 and older. The high-dose vaccine for seniors will not be offered. Masks are required, and physical distancing will be in effect. **Registration required.** Contact [Carol Cherry](#) who will assign you a timeslot.

**MAIN LINE HISTORY THROUGH AN ANTI-RACIST LENS.** Sun., Oct. 18, 2:00 p.m., via Zoom conference call. First session: The Story of Enslaved People on the Main Line. Executive Director Bruce Gill of Harriton House shares the history and legacy of one of the northern most slave plantations in the United States.

Second session: The Great Migration and the Main Line. Sun., Oct. 25, 2:00 p.m. Craig Bailey, Villanova historian, discusses the stories and history of the local African American community on the Main Line. These webinars are presented in partnership with Bethel AME Church of Ardmore. For information on both webinars, including the Zoom links, click [here](#).

## *Caring and Sharing*

**BMPC HUNGER FUND.** BMPC Hunger Ministries have continued supporting local food pantries throughout the pandemic, thanks to the generosity of our members. We know the need to support the food insecure in Greater Philadelphia will continue for months and years to come. Please give today via our [online giving page](#) or mail a check to BMPC, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, with Hunger Fund written on the memo line of your check.

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING.** This offering enables the Presbyterian Church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Give [online](#) or mail a check to BMPC with Peace and Global Witness Offering noted on the memo line.