

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 8, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and introduce yourself to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

NO PRE-REGISTRATION OR CHECK-IN REQUIRED TO ATTEND SERVICES.

Per the CDC, masks are optional if you have been fully vaccinated for two weeks or more. Unvaccinated people are required to wear masks on the church campus and inside church buildings. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that COVID vaccines are not available to children under 12 at this time.

LIVESTREAM 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 will be posted on our Worship Services page on the following day.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: www.bmpc.org.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available on Sundays from 9:40 - 11:15 a.m. for children ages six months to five years old. Summer Sunday School classes are being offered for kindergarten students. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator, Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

Today's Schedule

Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.

Packing Backpacks
11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

All: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

One: Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

All: Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

† HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption
and forged our own way.

We hang between heaven and earth,
caught up in our own folly.

We have held fast to falsehood,
deceiving others and ourselves.

We have sinned against you
and done violence to others.

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you
so that you may be revered.

Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us
so that we may begin anew, a new day with you.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

† Please stand, if able.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The musical notation consists of two staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 130 (*p. 573 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM

Irish Blessing

Bob Chilcott

Corey Bonar, soloist

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you, ever in the palm of his hand.

SECOND LESSON 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,31-33 (*p. 292 in pew Bible*) Brian K. Ballard

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Deal Gently

Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN** 424

Out of the Depths

AUS TIEFER NOT

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

My only comfort in life and in death
is that I am not my own,
but belong –
body and soul,
in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

~ from *Heidelberg Catechism*

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

† **HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Brian K. Ballard

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

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Sharon Burgmayer

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

William (Bill) Bates, Jr. ~ July 29, 2021

Announcements

DRIVEWAY CLOSURE UPDATE. The closure of the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel has been postponed due to a change in the construction schedule. Updates on the closure will be included in the bulletin and weekly eNews.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Sept. 30 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2021-2022 via the nominating forms found here: <http://bit.ly/nominating-form-2021>. 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. While our Worship Committee seeks a new Sunday Flower Coordinator, we are grateful to the volunteers who have provided beautiful greenery and flowers inside and outside our Sanctuary this spring and summer. Now that we are gathering for in-person worship in the Sanctuary, we have openings available for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or honor of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday worship service, contact Lauren Ellis, LEllis@bmpc.org.

SUMMER PODCAST. The second season of the BMPC Summer Podcast is completed, but if you missed any episodes, you may listen to them online: <https://bit.ly/SummerPodcast> or subscribe to the podcast via Apple Podcast, Google Podcast and Spotify.

This Sunday

2021 BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION. Help children supported by Gemma Services start school on the right foot! Bring completed backpacks to the Sanctuary this Sunday, Aug. 8, and/or help pack backpacks in the Education Building Lawn after worship. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

This Week

TAI CHI CLASSES. 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; rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

UPDATES TO COVID GUIDELINES. The BMPC Regathering Taskforce will meet this week to review our current COVID guidelines for worship and on-campus gatherings. They will consider potential changes based on current CDC recommendations. Please watch for updates in the weekly eNews and on the church website.

Upcoming

VIRTUAL SMOKEFREE PROGRAM. Main Line Health's SmokeFREE program is a free six-week behavior management program designed to help smokers/vapers quit. Participants may be eligible to receive free nicotine replacement therapy. Sessions with start dates in August and September are available. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or view flyer online here: <https://bit.ly/2021-smokefree-summer>. To register for any SmokeFREE class, call 484-227-FREE.

Calendar

Sunday, August 8, 2021

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

11:00 a.m. Backpack Packing, Ed. Bldg. Lawn

Monday, August 9, 2021

1:00 p.m. Building Clean Up & Decorating, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Virtual

5:00 p.m. Regathering Taskforce Meeting, Virtual

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Thursday, August 12, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Friday, August 13, 2021

No events scheduled for today.

Saturday, August 14, 2021

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library

4:00 p.m. **Street/Cerami Wedding, Chapel**

Sunday, August 15, 2021

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

Renovation Update

We are excited to provide the congregation with some updates about the renovations that have taken place on campus. Everything has been coming together very nicely and with minimal disruptions, despite the challenges of a global pandemic. The following work has been completed in the Ministries Center:

CONGREGATIONAL HALL - Congregational Hall received major upgrades to its sound and acoustics system. Ample consideration was given to determine how to improve speech intelligibility, music quality and sound system performance. At the recommendation of an acoustical consultant, reverberation-reducing paneling was installed throughout the space to greatly improve the acoustics of the room, thereby allowing presentations to be heard better. To further improve the quality of presentations, a new sound system and a larger projector also were installed. In addition to those improvements, Congregational Hall received a bit of a facelift to make the space bright and welcoming. Enhancements included remote-controlled window treatments, new flooring and a fresh coat of paint. In addition, the restrooms near Congregational Hall have been completely renovated.

ACTIVITIES BUILDING - The Activities Building received a much-needed makeover. The Gloucester Room was split from one large room into two smaller rooms to provide more meeting spaces. The Fullerton Room now has wood shelving units that will house our library as well as a large screen TV and additional space for meetings and presentations. All the conference rooms received new flooring, trim, doors, LED lighting, paint and energy-efficient windows. We are particularly excited about the new art gallery which will be located in the former conference room. The gallery was constructed with a focus on the presentation of artwork via special lighting and two movable display pillars. In addition to a total overhaul of the meeting, library and art spaces, four accessible bathrooms were built near the conference rooms, and an entrance was constructed to give visitors access to the conference rooms directly from the lower level of the atrium.

GYM - The stage was removed from the gym, making way for a much-needed large room for youth ministry activities. LED lighting was installed, which will help to relieve heat and energy costs associated with running the old, high-intensity lighting system. Like the conference rooms, the gym also received new, energy-efficient windows. The loft area was opened, exposing the new windows on the west side to allow for more natural light in that space. We look forward to the youth returning to enjoy this space.

CONVERSE HOUSE - The Converse House received some beautification, but its original structure, wood accents and stained glass windows were preserved. The hardwood floors, trim and fireplace were stripped, sanded and refinished. We also installed energy-efficient air conditioners and LED lighting on all floors.

ATRIUM – The newly-constructed Atrium will connect the Sanctuary and Ministries Center, making it possible to travel between both buildings safely and efficiently. While there is still work to be completed, it is well on its way to being the jewel of the renovation project. This area will feature a large skylight window with a fascinating view of the bell tower. Large windows on the north and south side will allow natural light to fill the space, highlighting impressive wood ceilings. The Atrium will consist of two levels, with the second level being accessible via steps or the new elevator. When completed, the Atrium also will offer four accessible restrooms, glass railings and daylight-harvesting LED technology. You may have noticed a curved wall being constructed beside the Sanctuary's main entrance. This curved retaining wall will accommodate one of the many gardens that will envelop the Atrium. A new driveway will be constructed on the south side of the Atrium leading to the front of the Sanctuary. Finally, six new elm trees will be planted on the Sanctuary lawn along with numerous new plantings throughout the campus.

We look forward to the completion of the renovations and, more importantly, sharing these spaces with congregants for many years to come!

Worship Staff

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