



***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

Sunday, September 5, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fifteen 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 and introduce yourself to one of our pastors outside the Sanctuary doors following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Given the rise in cases due to the Delta variant, masks are now required for both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people inside church buildings. Masks are not required for outdoor spaces. 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.

## 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 the following day.

## 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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

## Today's Schedule

**Worship, Sanctuary**  
10:00 a.m.

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**Sanctuary Choir Auditions**  
11:00 a.m., Choir Loft

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**

Praise to the Lord

Paul Manz

**WELCOME**

Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Blessed is the name of God, from age to age,

**All: To whom belongs wisdom and understanding;**

One: Who reveals deep and hidden things, and shines light in the darkness.

**All: To our faithful God, we give our thanks and praise.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us.

† **HYMN 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Merciful God,

out of your goodness we were created.

Out of your love we are sustained.

You name holy purposes for us.

Yet we act in ways that dishonor you;

in wandering from your ways,

in wasting your gifts,

in forgetting your love.

Forgive us, O God.

Lead us to work for your peace and justice,

we pray in the name of your love, Jesus Christ.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

**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 is written on two staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

### FIRST LESSON

James 3:13-18 (*p. 230 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Recorda Me

Joe Henderson

Joaquin Arias Trio

### SECOND LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (*p. 604 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Pronunciation*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

## 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 634

To God Be the Glory

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### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Franklyn C. Pottorff

### POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

# WORSHIP NOTES

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Joseph Long.

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## BULLETIN COVER

*The Sower*, Vincent Van Gogh, 1888.

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## SPECIAL MUSIC

Today we welcome the Joaquin Arias Trio featuring Joaquin Arias, piano, Will Johnson, trumpet, and Ry Miller, bass.



Joaquin Arias is a 16-year-old aspiring jazz pianist who has been playing for almost four years. Joaquin has performed in venues around the local Philadelphia area, including Chris' Jazz Cafe, the Kimmel Center, and the Kelly Center.

In addition to piano, Joaquin dabbles in guitar and drums.

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# **Announcements**

**UPDATED COVID POLICY.** With the rise of the Delta variant and an increasing local positivity rate, the BMPC Regathering Taskforce is now requiring masks for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, while inside buildings on the church campus. We will continue to socially distance in worship.

**DRIVEWAY CLOSURE UPDATE.** The closure of the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel has been postponed until after Rally Day on Sept. 12.

**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.

**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 or Spotify.

## **Today**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS.** Today and Sun., Sept. 12, 11:00 a.m.-noon, Sanctuary Choir Loft. Walk-ins welcome. Other times available by appointment. Contact [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org) to schedule.

## **This Week**

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

**MEN'S STUDY GROUP.** Wed., Sept. 8, 10:00 a.m., Children's Library, and via Zoom. In advance of Yossi Klein Halevi's Community Forum presentation, we will read his book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*. All men are welcome to join this study. Register: [MonicaDevane@bmpc.org](mailto:MonicaDevane@bmpc.org).

## **Next Sunday**

**RALLY DAY.** Sun., Sept. 12, 11:00 a.m., Education Building Lawn. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and afterward, enjoy food truck fare and fellowship on the lawn. All are welcome; bring a friend!

## **Upcoming**

**REACHING OUT: THE THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.** Tuesdays beginning on Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Directors Patricia Danzon and Betty Wright-Riggins in an exploration of the spiritual life using Henri Nouwen's classic book, *Reaching Out*. Meeting every other Tuesday evening this fall, this class will help you get to know our spiritual directors while taking some simple steps on a journey toward an engaged and curious spiritual life. For information about joining this class, contact [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org).

**LETTERS TO MY PALESTINIAN NEIGHBOR BOOK DISCUSSION.** Tuesdays, Sept. 14 - Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. In preparation for Yossi Klein Halevi's Community Forum presentation on Oct. 18, we will meet online to discuss his bestselling book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*. In a series of letters, Halevi endeavors to untangle the ideological and emotional knot that has defined the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for nearly a century. The discussion, co-led by Dr. Joshua Yoder and Rabbi David Straus, also includes members of Main Line Reform Temple. Register via this link, <https://bit.ly/letters-book>, or contact [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org).

**THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.** Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. starting on Sept. 16 via Zoom. Join the Rev. Brian Ballard in a six-week discussion of Chris M.M. Brady's new book, *Beautiful and Terrible Things: A Christian Struggle with Suffering, Grief and Hope*. Brady reflects on his own grief after the death of his son and the perseverance of hope in our Christian tradition. Contact [BrianBallard@bmpc.org](mailto:BrianBallard@bmpc.org) for information about joining this online class.

**SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.** Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Education Building, Room 204, and via Zoom. Resuming on Sept. 19, the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding Sunday morning class. You are invited to join this fall in reading Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. For information about joining the class and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray at [paulcmac2@gmail.com](mailto:paulcmac2@gmail.com).

**FILLING THE WELL.** Sundays, 8:45 a.m., via Zoom. Resuming on Sept. 19, this class for women provides an opportunity to be in fellowship and study with one another each Sunday morning as we discuss issues of life and faith. Our time together this fall will be shaped by a series of videos created by The Bible Project as we explore topics such as generosity, holiness, covenants, justice, atonement and Sabbath. Contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

**GENESIS FROM SCRATCH.** Thurs., Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m., Education Building, Room 204. This monthly Bible Study, taught by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, will be both a survey of the Book of Genesis as well as a deeper dive into some of the more difficult stories that have been handed down from centuries ago. Oriented toward those who may be studying Genesis for the first time, it also will be a great opportunity for those who wish to refresh their understanding of and engagement with these formative stories. For the complete class schedule, visit <https://bit.ly/genesis-from-scratch>. Contact [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org) to sign up.

**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 September are available. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or view a flyer online here: <https://bit.ly/2021-smokefree-summer>. To register for any SmokeFREE class, call 484-227-FREE (3733).

## ***Caring and Sharing***

**SEPTEMBER CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m., BMPC Kitchen. Volunteers are invited to join us for our first Casserole Blitz this fall. Please note that all participants must be masked while preparing the casseroles. We will be working in both the kitchen and Congregational Hall to practice social distancing. All volunteers must register by contacting Sandie Nicholson at [sandienicholson5@gmail.com](mailto:sandienicholson5@gmail.com). Participants will receive additional instructions after registering for the event.

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TUTORING.** The BMPC Tutoring Program is restarting this fall with fewer students, but we still need adult volunteers to help in the classrooms. The tutoring sessions will be held in the Education Building on Tuesday evenings starting on Sept. 21. All participants will be masked (children, youth and adults), and this reduced program will allow for increased social distancing. To learn more about volunteering, contact Jackie Henisee at [tutoringontuesday@gmail.com](mailto:tutoringontuesday@gmail.com).

**NEW AND GENTLY USED SHOE COLLECTION IN SEPTEMBER.** BMPC is accepting donations of new or gently used shoes in support of The Welcome Church and its work with Sanctuary Village, a tiny house project in Philadelphia. Donations may be dropped off in the collection bin located outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. Contact [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org) with questions.

**HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working closely with Presbyterian World Mission to respond to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. The most effective way we can support this work is through financial contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. If you wish to make a donation, you may do so through BMPC, by indicating Earthquake Relief on the memo line of your check. Donations may be given through today's offering or sent directly to the church office.

# **Calendar**

## **Sunday, September 5**

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)**  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Open Auditions, Choir Loft  
12:00 p.m. Baptism Service

## **Monday, September 6 - Labor Day**

*Church Campus Closed: For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

## **Tuesday, September 7**

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Virtual or Congregational Hall  
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Virtual

## **Wednesday, September 8**

- 8:00 a.m. Music and Fine Arts Council, Virtual  
10:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, Ed. Bldg., Children's Library

## **Thursday, September 9**

- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Room

## **Friday, September 10**

- 1:00 p.m. **Jane McCombs Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

## **Saturday, September 11**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library  
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall and Kitchen  
5:00 p.m. **Satel/Stay Wedding, Sanctuary**  
**or Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)**

## **Sunday, September 12**

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)**  
The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

## **Worship Staff**

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Brian K. Ballard**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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

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

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

**Franklyn C. Pottorff**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music & Fine Arts

**Edward Landin Senn**, Assistant Director of Music

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