

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 17, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on the following day.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

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

Today's Schedule

Childcare

8:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Ages 2 to Grade 5, Ed. Bldg.

Youth Gathering & Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m., Foerderer House
and Congregational Hall

Lemonade on the Lawn

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

Playground Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Playground

Youth Gathering

11:15 a.m., Virtual

**Dr. Sa'ed Atshan, Associate
Professor of Peace and Conflict
Studies at Swarthmore College**

11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

**Rescheduled
Blessing of the Animals**

4:00 p.m., Ed. Bdg. Lawn

In case of rain, signs will direct you to
an alternate location.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

O Lamb of God, Most Holy

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

All: **We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.**

One: We are here because we want to be God's people.

All: **We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.**

One: We come, seeking to be made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

All: **Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.**

† HYMN 372

O for a World

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Great God of all Creation, you have surrounded us with beauty, you have given us wonderful companions in family and friends, and you have filled us with good things. You have showered us with blessings beyond measure, and yet, we confess our concern that there is not enough: not enough time, not enough money, not enough hope for a brighter tomorrow. During these uncertain days, help us be mindful that in you there is always more than enough grace, more than enough mercy, more than enough hope. Forgive our unsettled doubts, O God, and restore us to the abundant life we know we have in 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.

† Please stand, if able.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 24 (*p. 502 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky; The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (*pg. 171 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Unifying Grace of Giving

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

As in the early Christian community, so in the centuries since,
the Spirit has formed and identified the church.

We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ
wherever the work of the Spirit is evident
in preaching and sacraments,
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,
in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things,
in mission and service to the world.

The boundaries of the church are not clearly known to us,
but God knows those who are his.

~ from *A Declaration of Faith*

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Wade FitzGerald

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Announcements

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23. The Weekday School offers programming for children ages 2 years and 7 months through age 5. Children build their kindergarten readiness skills in a play-based program designed to develop a lifelong love of learning. BMPC members have priority in placement through Fri., Oct. 29. For more information about the Weekday School, visit www.bmpcweekdayschool.org. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please complete the application (<https://bit.ly/weekday22-23>) and submit to weekdayschool@bmpc.org. If you have any questions, contact Kim Black at 610-520-8840.

DRIVEWAY CLOSURE. Temporary fencing has been put up along Montgomery Avenue, and the driveway between the Sanctuary and Chapel is expected to be closed to vehicles until the end of October. The Sanctuary, Chapel and Education Building will be accessible to pedestrians via the back parking lot. All vehicles must enter and exit the campus from Radnor Street.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. The Worship Committee is pleased to welcome Natalie Hoepf as our new Sunday Flower Coordinator. We are grateful to the volunteers who have provided greenery and beauty for our Sanctuary throughout the summer. Fall spots are available for donors who wish to give flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

DR. SA'ED ATSHAN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE. Today, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. As an anthropologist and peace and conflict studies scholar, Dr. Atshan's research focuses on contemporary Palestinian society and politics, global LGBTQ social movements, Quaker Studies, and Christian minorities in the Middle East.

RESCHEDULED BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Today, 4:00 p.m., Education Building Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

This Week

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood. Our Community Forum speaker Yossi Klein Halevi will share insights from his best-selling book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*. This event is being offered in partnership with Main Line Reform Temple. Halevi is a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and has been active in Middle East reconciliation work. Registration is required for this free event:

<https://bit.ly/yossi-halevi-forum>. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

REPOSE YOGA. Tuesdays, 9:00-10:15 a.m., Congregational Hall, and via Zoom. This mixed level yoga class uses evidence-based movement and breath exercises to strengthen, stretch and feel better! Suggested donation of \$10 supports the BMPC Hunger Committee. In-person students are required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and wear masks. A virtual option is available. Contact instructor Karen Gagnier, 610-952-0622, karengagnier22@gmail.com.

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

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE (PD). Tuesdays through Dec. 15, 1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Two professional dance instructors integrate movement from modern, ballet, tap, folk and social dancing to engage the minds and bodies of persons with PD and their care partners, creating an enjoyable, social environment for artistic expression. Persons with PD pay \$5.00 per class; care partners attend for free. Masks and proof of vaccination required. Contact instructor Sharon Friedler for more information: 215-563-5701.

FLU SHOTS. Wed., Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm., Education Building. BMPC is partnering with Main Line Health to help us care for ourselves and one another by offering a flu vaccine clinic for individuals 18 and older. The high-dose vaccine for those 65+ will not be offered at this clinic. Please note that if you receive a COVID-19 booster shot, it will not interfere with your flu shot. Registration is required by contacting Carol Cherry, Parish Nurse, at 610-520-8832 or CarolCherry@bmpc.org. You will be assigned an appointment time and provided with additional instructions. Masks are required, and physical distancing will be in effect.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Join the Rev. Brian Ballard in a discussion of Christian 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 for information about joining this online class.

SING! FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Fri., Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Bring your blanket, wear a jacket, and get ready to SING! RSVP to MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS, GETTING IN THE WAY IN THE WEST BANK. Sun., Oct. 24, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Christian Peacemaker Teams is an international non-profit organization of peacemakers working in areas of conflict around the world. Team members will join us from their site in Hebron on the West Bank in Palestine. They will share the story of their work, including the challenges and also the signs of hope. To participate online, join via zoom: <https://bit.ly/peacemaker-teams>.

KICKBALL WITH CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER. Sun., Oct. 24, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Baldwin Field. All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join Pastor Leigh for a friendly game of kickball with our friends from the Church of the Redeemer. After kickball, enjoy a slice or two of pizza! Register: JackLiskey@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

TRICK-OR-TREAT HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL. Fri., Oct. 29, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Drop by any time, costumes optional, to Trick or Treat and enjoy fellowship together.

Caring and Sharing

PERSONAL CARE ITEM COLLECTION. During October we invite you to donate the following personal care items to support the new Community Hygiene Truck at Broad Street Ministry: underwear for adults (all sizes and types), socks, shampoo and conditioner (travel size), hand sanitizer, toothpaste (travel size), toothbrushes, body wash (travel size), soap (regular-sized bars), and body lotion (travel size). Please drop off new and unopened items in the collection bin outside the main entrance of the Main Line Adult Day Center. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee invites you to help resettle an Afghan refugee family in our local community this fall. Volunteers are needed to welcome and assist the family. To volunteer, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/refugee-volunteer-signup>. Look for information in a few weeks about donating items needed to set the family up in an apartment. Supporting a family also takes financial resources to supplement the limited government assistance they receive. If you wish to contribute financially, please write Refugee Support on the memo line of your check, or give online: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/refugee>.

Calendar

Sunday, October 17

- 8:00 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:30 a.m. Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual
Digging Deeper, Virtual
Filling the Well, Virtual
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual and Ed. Bldg., Rm 204
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 3, Ed. Bldg., Main Lobby
Sunday School for PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Porch
Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Front Lawn
Sunday School for Grade 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual
Sunday School for Grades 4 & 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual
Confirmation Class, Foerderer House, 2nd Floor
Youth Gathering (Middle School), Foerderer House
Mental Health Awareness Youth Gathering (High School),
Congregational Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn, Chapel Driveway
Playground Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Playground
- 11:15 a.m. Youth Gathering, Virtual
Dr. Sa'ed Atshan, Associate Professor of Peace and Conflict
Studies at Swarthmore College, Sanctuary or Livestreamed on
www.bmpc.org
- 12:00 p.m. Baptism Service, Front Lawn

Monday, October 18

- 7:00 p.m. Community Forum with Yossi Klein Halevi,
Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood

Tuesday, October 19

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Virtual or Congregational Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Virtual or Congregational Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Club, Foerderer House Patio
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Congregational Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Mid-Week Meetup, Virtual
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, October 20

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg., Patio
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30 p.m. Handbells, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, October 21

10:00 a.m. Thursday Book Group, Virtual
7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Virtual
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
6:30 p.m. SING! Family Movie Night, Front Lawn

Saturday, October 23

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Children's Library
Confirmation Retreat, Event Off Campus

Sunday, October 24

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
4:00 p.m. **Rescheduled Blessing of the Animals**, Education Building Lawn

Worship Staff

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