

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 21, 2021 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Christ the King Sunday



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 while COVID vaccines are now available for children ages five to 11, some children may not have been vaccinated.

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

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

Youth Gathering & Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m., Foerderer House,
2nd Floor

Coffee & Donuts

11:00 a.m., Porte-cochère between
the Sanctuary and Chapel

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Brass Quintet in F minor

Paul T. McGraw

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

**All: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and
of the farthest seas.**

One: By your strength you established the mountains;

All: you are girded with might.

One: You silence the tumult of the peoples.

**All: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

† **HYMN 264**

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy God,

we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus
the truth and model for our lives.

We have been quick to call on others
to follow the ways of Christ
yet slow to do the same ourselves.

We have been bold in demanding generosity,
mercy, and forgiveness,
yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion,
love, and compassion.

Forgive us, O God.

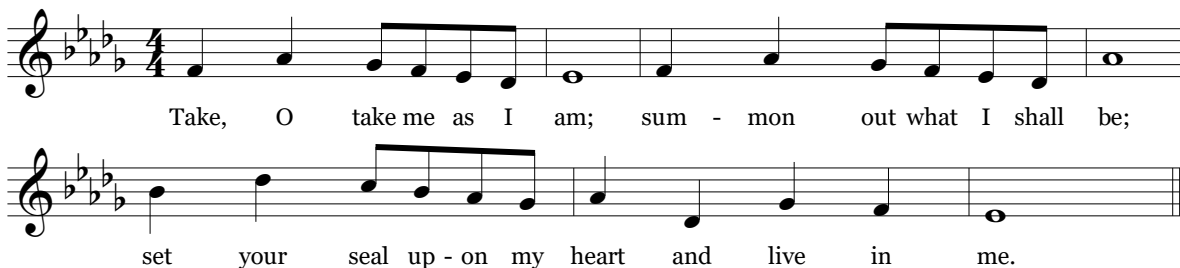
Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to
be more Christ-like in word, in deed, and in spirit.

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 93 (p. 549 in *pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

“Antiphon” from *Five Mystical Songs*
Sanctuary Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly: The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out: But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

SECOND LESSON

John 18:33-38a (pg. 113 in *pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Belonging to the Truth

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Psalm 46
Sanctuary Choir

John Weaver

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our strong-hold. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away. Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things he has done on earth. It is he who makes wars to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our strong-hold. Alleluia!

† DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†	PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Rebecca Kirkpatrick
†	HYMN 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!	LANCASHIRE
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE	Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE Toccata	John Weaver

WORSHIP NOTES

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Frank Ferraro, trumpet 1
Darin Kelly, trumpet 2
Karen Schubert, French horn
Brad Ward, trombone
Brian Brown, tuba

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Carol Pyle

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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Announcements

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS. Contributions may be given in three categories for listing in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary or online at www.bmpc.org/flower-donations. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and the Deacons’ flower ministry. The deadline is Sun., Dec. 5. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom conference call. These two classes provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

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 November. 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; please follow directional signs.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings currently are available in December 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 Hoeppe at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

COFFEE & DONUTS. Each year our third grade Sunday School students earn points for bringing their Bibles to class, learning new things about Scripture, and completing class challenges. When the class earns 100 points, everyone is treated to donuts! Following worship this Sunday, the third graders are excited to share their donut reward with the congregation under the porte-cochère between the Sanctuary and Chapel. Coffee also will be available. We hope you’ll join us!

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. In-person shopping begins in the Narthex today and each Sunday through Dec. 19. All are invited to participate in this creative and meaningful gift-giving program. Orders for gifts, inserts and greeting cards may be placed via the AGM website: www.BrynMawrAGM.com; by mailing/dropping off the order form enclosed in this year’s catalog to the church office; or at the AGM table in the Narthex. Filled orders may be picked up from a bin labeled “Advent Gift Market” outside the BMPC Chapel door. Donors will be notified when orders are ready, usually 1-2 days after receipt of the order. When requested, insert cards may be downloaded and printed from your home computer. Marian Chitester, mmchistle@verizon.net.

This Week

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 or 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 movements 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.

Upcoming

ADVENT STORY PATH LABYRINTH. Walking a labyrinth during Advent provides a meaningful way to journey to Bethlehem. Beginning on Mon., Nov. 29, the small labyrinth is available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel. An Advent Labyrinth Journey booklet is provided to accompany you throughout the season.

QUIET PRAYER IN ADVENT. Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8 and 15, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m., via Zoom. A virtual quiet time for contemplative guided prayer will be offered weekly. Amidst the busyness of the season and week, this prayer session will include Scripture readings, space for reflection, and a time of communal silence. The guided portions of the evenings will be recorded and available on the Caring Ministries webpage. Members of our congregation will lead the sessions. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

ADVENT WORKSHOP. Sun., Dec. 5, 11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. This year we will help prepare for our outdoor Christmas Eve Nativity. Join us to make costumes, build sets and create decorations to tell the story of Jesus' birth. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

ADVENT TUESDAY NOON RECITALS. Tues., Dec. 7, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Join us during the season of Advent for the return of our Tuesday concert series! These concerts may be attended either in person (masks and social distancing required) or via livestream: <https://www.bmpc.org/livestream>. On Dec. 7 we welcome students from the Nelly Berman School of Music: Alyssa Gabrilovich, piano, and the Mirage Trio (Miro Raj, violin; Apollo Murray, cello; and Sasha Murray, piano).

JOY ABOUNDS - SINGING CITY AT THE HOLIDAYS. Sun., Dec. 12, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. BMPC hosts Singing City in its return to live performances with a jazz-infused concert to ring in the holidays. The choir is joined by Pat Bianchi, one of the finest jazz organists in America, and his trio. The concert features works by Adolphus Hailstork, André Thomas, Roland Carter, Jacob Narverud, Rosephanye Powell, Brian Mann, G.F. Handel, Kim André Arnesen, and more. Tickets are available through Singing City's online box office: <https://bit.ly/joy-abounds-concert>. Church members may enter BMPC as the promo code to receive a \$5 discount on tickets.

Caring and Sharing

SERVE REFRESHMENTS WITH THE WELCOME CHURCH. Sun., Dec. 5. Join the BMPC Outreach Council and our mission partner The Welcome Church in offering hospitality and refreshments for its weekly outdoor worship service at Aviator Park on the Ben Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. Carpools leave BMPC at 1:45 p.m. and return by 5:00 pm. The Welcome Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, proclaims the hope and love of a gracious God for all people, especially those experiencing homelessness. Sign up: AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS. Due to the continuing pandemic, Christmas Angels will be hybrid this year. Several of Gemma's programs remain virtual. For those children, gift cards in \$25 increments from Target, Walmart, Amazon, Five Below, Marshalls/TJ Maxx, ShopRite and Best Buy are preferred. You may purchase gifts for a specific child through SignUp Genius: https://bit.ly/BMPC_Xmas_Angels_2021; order from Gemma's Amazon Wish List: <https://bit.ly/GemmaNeeds>; or buy a general gift for a child, such as Legos, toiletry sets, Rubik's Cubes, makeup, cards and card games, board games, fidget toys, basketballs, footballs and remote-controlled cars.

Gift cards and unwrapped gifts may be delivered during the Drive-thru Drop Off on Sun., Dec. 5 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Education Building's circular driveway on Fishers Road. Gift cards also may be dropped off in the church's secure mailbox at the entrance facing the Radnor Street parking lot. Please note that access to Gemma's offices is restricted. Donation delivery is held at Gemma's Plymouth Meeting campus and is by appointment only. All gifts are due by Tues., Dec. 7. Betty Wu, BMPCAngels@gmail.com.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee invites you to help resettle an Afghan refugee family on our church campus this fall. Volunteers are needed to welcome and assist a family who will be moving into the Foerderer House in November. To volunteer to help with a variety of needs such as education, job searching and long-term housing, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/refugee-volunteer-signup>. Furnishing and accessory donations may be made by contacting Bobbi Adair at bobbiadair@comcast.net.

HOUSING NEEDED. We need your help with finding affordable housing close to public transportation for the asylee family that BMPC members have supported for over three years. This amazing mom works full time in a daycare school, where her three-year-old child is enrolled, and her older daughter attends kindergarten in Lower Merion. Contact Mary French at 610-247-7154.

Calendar

Sunday, November 21

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| 8:00 | a.m. | Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 |
| 8:30 | a.m. | Faith Under 5 Sunday School, 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., Nursery
Sunday School for PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Room 201
Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Ed. Bldg., Main Lobby
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 and High School), Foerderer House, 2nd Floor |
| 11:00 | a.m. | Coffee & Donuts, Porte-cochère between the Sanctuary and Chapel |

Monday, November 22

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, November 23

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Virtual or Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Virtual or Congregational Hall
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Congregational Hall
5:00	p.m.	Mid-Week Meetup, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Forever in My Heart Support Group, Virtual

Wednesday, November 24

10:00	a.m.	Men's Study Group, Virtual
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Thursday, November 25

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

Friday, November 26

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

Saturday, November 27

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Ed Bldg., Rm. 204
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Sunday, November 28

10:00	a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
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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

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