

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 23, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Third Sunday after Epiphany



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

Masks are 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 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 Monday.

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 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

Faith Under 5 Sunday School

8:30 a.m., Virtual

Sunday School

Grades 1 & 2
9:00 a.m., Virtual

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

Grades 3 to 5
10:00 a.m., Virtual

Confirmation

10:00 a.m., Virtual

Youth Gathering

Middle School and High School
10:00 a.m., Virtual

Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Cantabile

César Franck

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, rejoice:

All: For God is among us.

One: Followers of Jesus, give thanks:

All: For in Christ we are new people.

One: Children of the Spirit, sing praise:

All: For the gifts we are given to serve the Triune God in the world!

† HYMN 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

We give you thanks, O God, that you have called us to know you, equipped us with gifts to serve you, and sent us to minister in your name among others. We confess that we are hesitant disciples. We are slow to be guided and empowered by the history of your people in holy scripture. We keep our faith to ourselves, are timid to say what we believe, and withhold our gifts for service from those in need. Open our ears to hear anew your call, open our hearts to your love, and open our minds to your purposes that we may give ourselves fully to your service, and share your love with joyful abandon, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

With Steadfast Love

O WALY WALY

With stead - fast love and mer - cy sure, God hears con - fes - sion and for - gives; re - deemed, the soul in which God dwells, and blessed, the heart in which God lives!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (*p. 436 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Psalm 150
Sanctuary Choir

César Franck

Hallelujah. O praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary; praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power; praise ye Him for His mighty acts; praise ye Him according to His majesty. Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet, with the psaltery and harp, with the timbrel, with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye Him with the loud cymbals, upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

SECOND LESSON Luke 4:14-21 (*pg. 61 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Gathered Around the Story of God
First in a three-part series on the Church as Community

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 50**

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Brian K. Ballard

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

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Robert L. Kress ~ December 19, 2021

Lynn H. Yeakel ~ January 13, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Gail D. Bentley; Peggy and Jack Weir; Ted, Marian, and Gregory McMullan;
Joyce K. Hackman and Rowland Lex; and Elizabeth “Libby” Bennett.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Wade FitzGerald

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Announcements

COVID-19 UPDATES. While we are continuing in-person worship, requiring masks and distancing in the Sanctuary, we are postponing some programs and transitioning others to virtual on a week-by-week basis. Each ministry area will communicate updates and changes.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings currently are available for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoopp at bmpcfowers@gmail.com.

Today

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. A congregational meeting is called by the Session for today after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a brief meeting to elect church officers and vote on changes to pastors' terms of call. The meeting will be livestreamed at www.bmpc.org/livestream.

This Week

VIRTUAL ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY FORUM. Tues., Jan. 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Learn about Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss. Sponsored by Main Line Health, Montgomery County Office of Social Services, Bethlehem Baptist Church and the Alzheimer's Association. Registration is requested at 800-272-3900 or <https://action.alz.org/mtg/78706862>.

Next Sunday

RENOVATIONS DEDICATION. On Sun., Jan. 30, we will celebrate the completion of our new Atrium and other building renovations with a Service of Dedication during our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, followed by an Open House and art exhibit of works by world-renowned painter Michael Bartmann in the Ministries Center Gallery. Having received our Certificate of Occupancy, furnishings are being added to the newly-renovated spaces. Please join us on Jan. 30 for this significant celebration in the life of our congregation.

ADULT EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE. Sun., Jan. 30, 11:15 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us in the newly-renovated Ministries Center space for an Adult Education Open House. Participants will be encouraged to walk through the newly-designed library and classrooms to learn more about these new meeting spaces, how to volunteer in the library, discuss opportunities to connect through adult education, and purchase deeply-discounted books from the Book Center. For more information, contact Alicia Franklin, afranklin@bmpc.org.

MICHAEL BARTMANN ART EXHIBIT. The new art gallery in the Ministries Center will open on Sun., Jan. 30 with an exhibit of paintings by Michael Bartmann. His work is largely inspired by the vacant industrial spaces of cities such as Camden and Philadelphia, and his paintings capture the beautiful and dynamic play of light, surface and space within these abandoned settings. The exhibit will be on display through March 27.

Upcoming

AN INTRODUCTION TO AFGHAN CULTURE. Sun., Feb. 6, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Patrick and Joan Krayner will provide an introduction to Afghan culture and traditions to enhance our support of the Sepah family who moved into Foerderer House last December. The Krayners will help us understand values, customs and history to assist us in being better neighbors and friends to the Sepah family. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

SACRED THREADS: NAVIGATING THE THREADS THAT KNIT OUR FAITH TOGETHER. Wednesdays, Feb. 9 - Feb. 23 and March 9, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a four-week gathering that explores some of the central tenets for living into a practical sustaining faith: Poverty of Spirit, Prayer, Scripture, Practices. Led by the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director. For more information, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT LANDSCAPE IN PHILADELPHIA. Sun., Feb. 13, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Staff from Nationalities Service Center (NSC) will share an update on their goal of resettling 500 Afghan refugees in our region this year. Celebrating 100 years of welcoming refugees to Greater Philadelphia, NSC has been partnering with BMPC since the fall to support local Afghan refugees and the work we are doing with the Sepah family. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT 2022. Fri., April 1- Sun., April 3, Pendle Hill (Swarthmore). Beginning with dinner on Fri., April 1 and continuing through worship on Sun., April 3, the women of BMPC are invited to a special weekend of rest, fellowship and study. Our retreat will be led by Lori Erickson, author and travel writer, reflecting on her work exploring genealogy, family stories and faith. Participants may stay on site or commute. The commuter rate is \$75, and the overnight option is \$175. We understand that not everyone can commit to the whole weekend; participants may opt to join in for individual sessions: Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday morning. Scholarships are available to cover all or part of the cost for participation. Register online: <https://bit.ly/pendle-hill-retreat>. For more information, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS – VEHICLE DONATION. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee continues to work closely with the Sepah family living in Foerderer House. The committee is seeking a used vehicle that can seat six people. If you have a car that you would consider donating, or if you can help share this need in the larger community, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org. If you wish to help by making a donation or participating in one-time volunteer opportunities such as driving, making meals or babysitting, you may use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/support-sepah>

Calendar

Sunday, January 23

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual Filling the Well, Virtual Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual (includes 2s, 3s, Pre K – K)
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Sunday School for Grades 3 to 5, Virtual Confirmation Class, Virtual Confirmation Caregivers, Virtual Youth Gathering for Middle School and High School, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
1:00	p.m.	<i>Stories of God</i> Adult Education Class, Virtual

Monday, January 24

2:00	p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive, Congregational Hall
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Tuesday, January 25

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
6:00	p.m.	Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Wednesday, January 26

10:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, Virtual
Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Ed. Bldg., Covered Patio
Outreach Committee Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, January 27

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Hybrid
Genesis from Scratch, Virtual

Friday, January 28

11:00 a.m. **Richard Nashner Memorial Service, Chapel and Livestream**

Saturday, January 29

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Ed Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual
12:00 p.m. **Nancy McCahan Chapel Garden Service, Chapel Garden**
3:00 p.m. **William J. LeBuhn Memorial Service, Chapel**
4:00 p.m. LeBuhn Memorial Reception, Congregation Hall

Sunday, January 30

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

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