

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 28, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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 in the Atrium 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 optional inside church buildings, although masks may be required in some areas of the Education Building. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and while COVID vaccines are available for children as young as six months (Pfizer), 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 livestreaming 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 (Birth-Kindergarten)

8:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Nursery

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday All Grades, Sanctuary

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m.

Lemonade & Fellowship
Atrium

Bryans – Tuten Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. – noon

Fine Arts Gallery,
Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Fugue No. 3 on "BACH"

Robert Schumann

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Fling wide the temple gates!

All: Open up the ancient doors!

One: The mighty and glorious one is coming.

All: Who is this mighty and glorious one?

One: This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

All: Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

† HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, you know what kind of people we are.

We judge others harshly and fail to see our own sin.

We look with suspicion and fear, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers.

We treasure things that are worthless and squander your precious gifts.

We withhold the grace and love that you give us so freely.

Forgive us.

Pour out your grace upon us to save us from our sin.

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.

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:1-9 (p. 652 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Luke 7:36-50 (p. 66 in pew Bible)

Leigh DeVries

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Invitation

Leigh DeVries

† **HYMN 523** You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

BICENTENNIAL

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. John S. Dixon

Summer Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I Am; While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.*

† **DOXOLOGY 609** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

†	PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Rebecca Kirkpatrick
†	HYMN 366	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	HYFRYDOL
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Leigh DeVries
	POSTLUDE	Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major	Johann Sebastian Bach

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 “I am the resurrection and the life.”
 Marcia Beckwith ~ August 25, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the
 Marriage of Suzanne Kay & James Mensinger

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

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RESPONSE & DOXOLOGY

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Announcements

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for Sept. 4, 11 and 18 for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoeppe at bmpcfowers@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Sept. 18 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2022-2023 via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominationForm>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex. 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 CHOIR. Sundays through Sept. 4, 9:00 a.m., Choir Loft. Each summer, from mid-June through the beginning of September, all singers ages 12+ are invited to come to church any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the Choir Loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem, hymns, and a closing response), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance.

LIVING FULL CIRCLE IN BEAUTY AND GRACE EXHIBIT. On display through Sun., Sept. 18, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Sculptures by the late Nena Bryans, a longtime BMPC member, and paintings by artist Gerry Tuten will be on display in the art gallery throughout the summer. The gallery is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sundays. mfa@bmpc.org.

Today

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING. 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn. Join us for a special blessing before the start of the school year. Bring your backpack or school bag to the front lawn for the blessing and for fellowship.

Next Sunday

BMPC SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITION. Sun., Sept. 4, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir is looking for new members to sing during the upcoming 2022-2023 season. If you are interested in auditioning, please come up to the choir loft after the worship service on Sept. 4. No appointments required for audition. For more information, contact the Music Department at mfa@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

OUTDOOR LABYRINTH WALK. Fri., Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Walk for peace and to remember, reflect, and honor September 11. A prayer booklet and meditation cards will be available.

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 11, 11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. 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!

ILLUMINATED LIFE: MONASTIC WISDOM FOR SEEKERS OF LIGHT. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 13 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon in an exploration of Joan Chittister's *Illuminated Life* book. In this little dictionary of monastic wisdom, she shares how to "be in the world, but not of the world." For information about joining this class, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING AND DESSERT. Sat., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. The congregation is invited to enjoy our shared hymn tradition with guests of nearby churches. The guest pianist is Brenda Tilden. There is something about music that helps us come together as a community; singing together makes us healthier and more connected. This event is sponsored by the Anti-Racism Task Force.

Y-GROUP MINI RETREAT. Fri., Sept. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., IHM Conference Center, Bryn Mawr. Join Y-Group for a mini retreat. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCRetreat>. For more information, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 2, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and Livestream. Dr. Paul A. Offit, a pediatrician specializing in infectious diseases and an expert on vaccines, immunology and virology, will be our featured speaker. All are invited to attend Dr. Offit's presentation, "COVID: Where We Are and What We Can Do." A question and answer session follows his talk. No registration is required for this free event. Dr. Offit's presentation will be livestreamed at www.bmpc.org/livestream. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Mondays, Oct. 10 and 17, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Consider learning more about being in community here. Attending our "Discover BMPC" classes will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. Contact the Rev. Frank Pottorff at 610-525-2821 or via email: FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us this fall to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitzes! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Fall Blitz dates: Saturdays, Sept. 24 (please note date change), Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. We ask that participants be vaccinated, but masks are optional. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

PRAYER PARTNERS 2022-2023. BMPC has a team of more than 70 people who ensure that each child and youth in our congregation is prayed for. If you would like to serve as one of our Prayer Partners or want more information about this ministry, email RachelPedersen@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, August 28

8:30 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Nursery
9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir,
Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
All Grades Worship Together with their Families, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
Backpack Blessing, Front Lawn

Monday, August 29

No events scheduled today.

Tuesday, August 30

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual

Wednesday, August 31

10:00 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium

Thursday, September 1

No events scheduled today.

Friday, September 2

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council, Gloucester Room

Saturday, September 3

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, September 4

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

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

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