

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sixteenth 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 10:00 a.m. Worship Service is available to watch 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 7:45 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 (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Youth in Worship

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Ministry Fair

11:00 a.m., Atrium and
Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Flute Sonata in E major, BWV 1035 Johann Sebastian Bach

I. Adagio non molto

II. Allegro

III. Siciliano

IV. Allegro assai

Jeffrey Brillhart, harpsichord; Artur Rodrigues, flute; Branson Yeast, cello

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship

All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,

All: And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us,

All: And God who has promised never to turn us away.

† HYMN 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN

Go Now Children With Our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
God be grac-ious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre - sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leigh DeVries

FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 6:11-19 (p. 210 in the pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

Elizabeth Weigle, soprano, and Nicholas Provenziale, baritone

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sanctification

Agnes W. Norfleet

Defining Words of Faith Series

† **HYMN 846**

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Brian K. Ballard

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

~ 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

Let All the World

Robert Baker

Elizabeth Weigle, soprano; Misoon Ghim, mezzo-soprano; and Jeffrey Wilber, baritone

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.

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

† 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

Leigh DeVries

† HYMN 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Frederick Yannesss ~ September 10, 2022

Barbara "Bobbie" A. Ball ~ September 18, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard W. Knecht

BULLETIN COVER

Photo by Dave Tavani

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

GUEST MUSICIAN

We are pleased to welcome flautist Artur Rodrigues to our worship service today. A native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rodrigues began his flute studies at the school of Orquestra Sinfônica de Porto Alegre, Brazil, with the German flautist Hans Hess. He studied in Rio de Janeiro with Eugênio Ranevski, professor at the Villa-Lobos School of Music and flautist at the Orchestra of Theatro Municipal, where the Sanctuary Choir performed in its landmark tour in 2001. Rodrigues has studied with Italian flutist Roberto Fabbriani since 2015, and he obtained the international certificate of advanced level of music from Trinity College London in 2017.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

to 3rd grade children during the 10:00 a.m. Service. Bibles are provided by the Catherine C. Miller Fund of The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Foundation.

Carter Matthew Abrams

Ryder Thomas Noone

Abigail Anna Thorkelson

Nicholas Synn Bailey

Finley Jacqueline Pollock

Emily Susan Tyre

Madison Marie Cleary

Patrick William Quigley

August Carl Vengels

Marnie Lorraine Duncan

Grayson William Stoltz

John Kevin Williams

Jackson Robert England

Robert Carter Stoy

Gloria Parker Wilson

Announcements

BMPC 150TH FOCUS GROUPS. We invite you to sign up for a moderated 90-minute small group conversation to delve deeper into who we are as a church, our mission, and vision for the future as we prepare to celebrate BMPC's 150th anniversary in 2023. See schedule and register at <https://signup.com/go/SxUitTL> or contact LizEllis@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 at BMPC. 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available on Sundays, Oct. 9 and 16, 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 Hoepp at bmpcfflowers@gmail.com.

Today

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION. Today during 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, third graders receive their new Bibles.

MINISTRY FAIR. 11:00 a.m., Atrium and Ministries Center. After worship you are invited to explore all the ways you may engage in the life of our congregation! Stop by ministry area tables, connect with others, and enjoy lunch in Congregational Hall. Come grow with us!

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING. Support our Peacemaking Committee's work against gun violence in Greater Philadelphia by donating to this Offering through envelopes in the pews today and next Sunday, Oct. 2, or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You also may give online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering>.

This Week

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. Begins Wed., Sept. 28, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are welcome to join this group which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The group will discuss *The Misunderstood Jew* by scholar Amy-Jill Levine. In the book Dr. Levine helps readers understand the "Jewishness" of Jesus, increasing their appreciation of him so that a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Led by the Rev. Brian Ballard. To register, email MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP. Begins Thurs., Sept. 29, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. All are welcome to read and discuss *The Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister. The book is a celebration of the blessings of growing older, showing us that our later years are a gift, not a burden. Led by the Rev. Brian Ballard. To register, contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

PRESENTATION ABOUT THE RECENT CHOIR TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. Sun., Oct. 2, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us as participants in the Choir Tour to Israel and Jordan share their experiences exploring the Holy Land, ancient archaeological sites, and singing side by side with musicians in the region. This presentation features images from the trip and music created and shared during their journey. JeffreyBrillhart@bmpc.org.

JOURNEY TO THE MIDDLE EAST. Sun., Oct. 2, Ministries Center Art Gallery. A photo exhibit by Bill Kemmerer of the recent BMPC Choir Tour to the Holy Land. On display through the end of October.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS. Sun., Oct. 2, 5:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Gather for fellowship, singing, scripture, prayers, and individual blessings of companion animals.

Upcoming

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.

SINGING FOR LIFE CHOIR RESUMES. Thursdays, Oct. 6 to Dec. 22, 9:30 a.m., Fine Arts Center. The Singing for Life Choir is open to anyone 55 years or older. Cost is \$75. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining this choir, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmipc.org by Mon., Oct. 3.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Oct. 7, 6:00 p.m., Jean Reynolds’ home, Bryn Mawr. Brenda Oliphant leads our discussion of “Memories of the Middle East.” RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/HolyLeisureOctober2022>. Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays, beginning on Sun., Oct. 9, 8:45 a.m., Cannon Room, Ministries Center. In this six-week study facilitated by the Rev. Frank Pottorff, we will explore James K.A. Smith’s book, *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*. Smith helps readers recognize the formative power of culture and the transformative possibilities of Christian practices, and argues for why the church and worshiping in a local community should be the hub and heart of Christian formation and discipleship. FrankPottorff@bmipc.org.

THE INTERSECTION OF SLAVERY AND FAITH COMMUNITIES IN GREATER PHILADELPHIA. Sun., Oct. 9, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Historians Colin McCrossen and Dr. Craig Baily from Villanova University will share the history of slavery in Greater Philadelphia, especially its connections with Christian congregations and faith leaders in this area. AliciaFranklin@bmipc.org.

Caring and Sharing

FOOD COLLECTION. To help local residents experiencing food insecurity please drop off non-perishable food items at the Ministries Center weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. or in the baskets in the Sanctuary Narthex. AliciaFranklin@bmipc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, September 25

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children’s Library
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
		Sunday School, Virtual
		Third Grade Bible Breakfast, Congregational Hall

10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101 Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Third Grade Bible Presentation, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Graders, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Ministry Fair, Atrium and Ministries Center Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Lobby
11:15	a.m.	Nomination Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Monday, September 26

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, September 27

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Child & Youth Protection Training, Virtual <i>Illuminated Life</i> : Book Group, Virtual

Wednesday, September 28

10:00	a.m.	Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinners, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30	p.m.	Handbell Ensemble, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Student Serve, Gymnasium

Thursday, September 29

10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
1:00	p.m.	R. Anderson Pew Memorial Service, Chapel
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Saturday, October 1

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Mothers in Charge Luncheon, Congregational Hall

Sunday, October 2

8:00 a.m.

Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m.

**Worship with Sanctuary Choir,
Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick 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

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