

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 2, 2022 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

World Communion 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 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 10:00 Sunday 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

8:00 a.m. Worship Chapel

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 Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Israel Jordan Choir Tour Report

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

Journey to the Middle East Photo Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Agnes W. Norfleet

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

One: In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

One: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

† HYMN 340

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you,
yet you remain constant to us.

We run from you, but you call us back.

In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us.

We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go.

Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude,
that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

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.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marian Chitester

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:1-5 (*p. 685 in the pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 (*p. 173 in the pew Bible*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sacrament

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Defining Words of Faith Series

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Agnes W. Norfleet

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.

Gluten and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† HYMN 517

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

MORECAMBE

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Jean S. Lehner ~ September 23, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dorothy G. and Francis Henderson and Deborah M. Henderson

NARTHEX FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara "Bobbie" A. Ball

BULLETIN COVER

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ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Marian Chitester

USHERING

Keith Brinks

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. 16, and Nov. 6 and 13 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.

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

NEW PARKINSINGERS CHOIR GROUP. Tuesdays through Nov. 29, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Gymnasium. The Parkinsingers Choir is a project of Music Matters International, founded in 2014 to foster research on music and the brain and to offer programs that build resilience using music and neuroscience. Rehearsals are fun and great practice for mind and body. Group is free; no auditions required or experience needed. Family members, care partners and interested community members are welcome to prepare for a winter concert on Sun. Dec. 4. For information, contact Marjorie Samoff at 215-668-0116 or masamoff@aol.com.

Today

PRESENTATION ABOUT THE RECENT CHOIR TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. 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.

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

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 or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check. You also may give online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCPeaceOffering>.

This Week

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.

LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., Oct. 4, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. You are invited to walk the Chartres labyrinth in Congregational Hall. KikiMcKendrick@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@bmpc.org by Mon., Oct. 3.

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Oct. 7, 6:00 p.m., Home of Jean Reynolds, 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.

Next Sunday

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays, beginning on Sun., Oct. 9, 8:45 a.m., Gloucester 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@bmpc.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. From Germantown to Mount Pleasant, Lansdale to Blue Bell, to communities on the Main Line, we will learn about some of the larger issues connecting slavery and the congregations and dig more deeply into case studies related to specific communities. AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org.

Upcoming

SACRED THREADS: STUDYING THE BEATITUDES. Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a four-week exploration using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, *Beatitudes from the Backside*, as our guide and the scriptures Matthew 5:4-7; 10-11. Sacred Threads is a gathering open to all who are curious about the threads that knit our faith together. Led by the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director. KikiMcKendrick@bmmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Oct. 15, 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. Additional Blitz dates: Saturdays, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. We ask that participants be vaccinated, but masks are optional. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

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@bmmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, October 2

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
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
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Graders, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15	a.m.	Israel Jordan Choir Tour Report, Congregational Hall
5:00	p.m.	Blessing of the Animals Evening Worship, Ed. Bldg. Lawn

Monday, October 3

10:00	a.m.	Great Decisions, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Community Forum, Sanctuary and livestream

Tuesday, October 4

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Monthly Chartes Indoor Labyrinth, Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
11:30	a.m.	Parkinsingers Rehearsal, Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	<i>Illuminated Life</i> : Book Group, Virtual
		Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, October 5

9:00	a.m.	Doing Good Together (K-Grade 7), Congregational Hall
10:00	a.m.	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.	Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Student Serve, Gymnasium

Thursday, October 6

9:30	a.m.	Singing For Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
6:00	p.m.	Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 7

10:00	a.m.	Senior Adult Council, Virtual
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Saturday, October 8

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Virtual

Sunday, October 9

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. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

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