

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 9, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Eighteenth 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 with Baptism & Sanctuary Choir

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 Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

The Villanova Rooted Project

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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE “Largo, ma non tanto” from Concerto in D minor J.S. Bach
Luigi Mazzocchi and Natasha Colkett, Violins

WELCOME Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.**

One: Let the children of God tell their story,
those whom God has saved from trouble and forgiven.

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice. O righteous, shout for joy, all you
upright in heart.**

† **HYMN 435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O Lord, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have strayed from your commandments; we have been lost in our sin and distanced ourselves from you. We perceive your calling us to come back to ourselves and return to you, yet before we can find our way you are running to us. Before we can voice our confession, your arms are around us, welcoming us home. Your forgiveness astounds us. Help us to believe and trust in your amazing grace.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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.

† Please stand, if able.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?

All: We do.

BAPTISM HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 (*p. 201 in the pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations Georg Philipp Telemann

O praise ye the Lord God, all ye nations! O praise Him, all ye people! For his steadfast love is great to us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON Matthew 18:18-22 (*p. 20 in the pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Forgiveness

Agnes W. Norfleet

Defining Words of Faith Series

† **HYMN 169**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come by his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*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**

Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN 345**

In an Age of Twisted Values

CHURCH UNITED

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G-Dur

Nicolas Bruhns

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Harris Edward Lee

Son of Kate & Robert Lee

Anne Theirman Stockel

Daughter of Katie & Dan Stockel

Tyler Mason Schoeniger

Son of Sarah Young & Matt Schoeniger

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Harris Edward Lee

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Grafton Chase

BULLETIN COVER

Photo by Dave Tavani

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Joan Woodcock ~ October 1, 2022

Parker V. Sherry ~ October 4, 2022

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.

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 Hoepf at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

JOURNEY TO THE MIDDLE EAST. On display through Sun., Nov. 13, Ministries Center Art Gallery. A photo exhibit by Bill Kemmerer of the recent BMPC Choir Tour to the Holy Land.

NEW PARKINSINGERS CHOIR GROUP. Mondays through Nov. 28, 2:00 p.m., Temple Rodeph Shalom, Broad and Green Streets, Philadelphia. Free adjacent parking. The Parkinsingers Choir is a project of Music Matters International which fosters research on music and the brain and offers programs that build resilience using music and neuroscience. Rehearsals are fun and great practice for mind and body. Group is free; no auditions or experience required. Family members, care partners and interested community members are welcome to prepare for a winter concert, *Jonah and the Plankton*, an eco-cantata, on Sun. Dec. 4. For information, contact Marjorie Samoff at 215-668-0116 or masamoff@aol.com.

Today

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

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays, beginning today, 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.

THE INTERSECTION OF SLAVERY AND FAITH COMMUNITIES IN GREATER PHILADELPHIA. 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 Villanova and Christian congregations and faith leaders in this area.

This Week

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. FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

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@bmpc.org.

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>

Upcoming

HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK. Sun., Oct. 23, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us as Doug Tallamy presents on Homegrown National Park, a national challenge to create diverse ecosystems in our yards, communities, and surrounding lands by reducing lawn size, planting native, and removing invasives. We are losing many native plant and animal species which jeopardizes our natural life support, but if many people make small changes, healthy ecological networks can be restored. Register: <https://bit.ly/BMPCTallamyTalks>

THE NATURE OF OAKS. Sun., Oct. 23, 2:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for Doug Tallamy's second presentation where he continues the discussion about how homeowners can take action by planting natives, specifically focusing on oaks. Oaks support more species of animals, sequester more carbon, protect our watersheds, and nourish soil communities better than any other plant genus in North America. Tallamy will discuss these roles by highlighting what happens with the oaks in his yard each season. Register: <https://bit.ly/BMPCTallamyTalks>

VINCENT DUBOIS IN CONCERT. Sun., Oct. 30, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Vincent Dubois, an organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, will play selections of Johann Sebastian Bach, César Franck, Camille Saint-Saëns, and Maurice Duruflé. Half of the free will offering from this concert will go toward the Cathedral of Notre Dame's restoration fund to support the rebuilding of the Cathedral following the tragic fire in 2019. For information: mfa@bmpc.org.

GABRIEL FAURÉ'S "REQUIEM." Sun., Nov. 6, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir will perform Gabriel Fauré's masterpiece "Requiem" during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

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@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, October 9

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 Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
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 Baptism & 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.	CFM Teacher Training, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 105 The Villanova Rooted Project, Congregational Hall

Monday, October 10

10:00	a.m.	Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00	p.m.	Discover BMPC Class, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, October 11

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.	Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, October 12

10:00	a.m.	Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room Yoga206 Bone Boost,Gymnasium
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 Adult Education Council Meeting, Cannon Room 150th Vision Committee Focus Group, Fullerton Room
7:00	p.m.	Sacred Threads, Virtual Student Serve, Gymnasium

Thursday, October 13

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, October 14

11:00	a.m.	Joan Woodcock Memorial Service, Chapel
3:00	p.m.	Parker Sherry Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, October 15

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Kitchen
11:00	a.m.	Phyllis Scott Memorial Service, Chapel

Sunday, October 16

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

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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