

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 30, 2022 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Dedication and Reformation 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

Worship with 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

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship, Atrium

Freeing Congregational Mission Presentation

11:15 a.m.

Congregational Hall

Vincent Dubois Organ Recital

2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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

Rebecca Kirpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered today in search of reformation.

All: We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.

One: We stand fearless at the edge of a changing world.

All: For God is in the midst of us, and in God we rest secure.

One: Be still and know that the Lord is God.

All: The Lord is our stronghold and our redeemer.

† HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
Too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
What our hearts can no longer bear.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
Open us to a future in which we can be changed;
And grant us grace to grow in our discipleship
As we follow Jesus, the One walks with and ahead of us.

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

Keith Brinks

FIRST LESSON Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (*p. 871 in the pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Luke 19:1-10 (*p. 82 in the pew Bible*) Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Discipleship
Defining Words of Faith Series

Franklyn C. Pottorff

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

All: You have entrusted us with gifts – time, talent, energy, money – and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

One: We bring these gifts, along with our pledges, responding to your generosity.

All: We offer ourselves; our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and hours, and promises. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

† HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Robert J. (Rob) Gretz ~ October 20, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT NOON

Lucas Cavanaugh Cleary

Son of Elizabeth and Brian Cleary

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Daniel Mark Caesar

BULLETIN COVER

Photo by Dave Tavani

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Keith Brinks

USHERING

Elder 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.

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS. The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our beautiful new gallery. The “Members Only” exhibit will run from Nov. 20 through Jan. 29, 2023. Applications to show your work will be accepted through Sun., Nov. 13. For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact Augustehallowell@mac.com or download an application by visiting the Visual Arts webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFineArts>

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

Today

FREEING CONGREGATIONAL MISSION. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Hunter Farrell and Balajiedlang Khylllep, director and associate director of Pittsburgh Seminary’s World Mission Initiative, will help us rethink what it means to be engaged in mission as a church, based on their new book, *Freeing Congregational Mission: A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility and Co-Development*.

VINCENT DUBOIS IN CONCERT. 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 freewill 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.

Next Sunday

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.

This Week

WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24. The Weekday School offers programming for children ages 2 years and 7 months through age 5. BMPC members have priority in placement through Oct. 31. If you wish to enroll your child, please complete an application - <https://bit.ly/WDSApplication> - and submit it to WeekdaySchool@bmipc.org. For information, visit www.bmipcweekdayschool.org, or contact Robin Macon, Weekday School Director, 610-520-8840.

MONTHLY LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. You are invited to walk the Chartres Labyrinth in Congregational Hall on All Saints Day. Prayer and meditation cards will be available. KikiMcKendrick@bmmpc.org.

FALL YOGA206 BONE BOOST SESSION. Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Nov. 2 -Dec. 21 (no class on 11/23), Gymnasium. Geared to persons proactive about strengthening bones or those with bone loss medical conditions. Participants age 50+ must be able to safely sit on and rise from a mat. Cost: \$91. COVID-19 vaccination required. For information, email Abby Contract at YOGA206@icloud.com.

THE BEATITUDES THROUGH THE AGES. Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick teaches this three-week evening Bible Study, drawing upon Rebekah Eklunds' exploration of how the Beatitudes have affected readers across differing eras and contexts. Books are available for purchase, although participants will receive relevant excerpts from Eklund's book for this class. AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org.

Upcoming

PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT. Sat., Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m. Sign up by Mon., Nov. 7 to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant during the 4:30 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve. Our youngest participants must be at least three years old. Email MaryRichards@bmmpc.org indicating if your child would like to read, speak, or act.

PASTOR'S BOOK GROUP. Wed. Nov. 9, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join us for the return of this unique Adult Education opportunity! The Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet leads a discussion about Pauline Boss' recent book, *The Myth of Closure: Ambiguous Loss in a Time of Pandemic and Change*. Boss identifies these vague feelings of distress as caused by ambiguous loss – losses that are unclear and hard to pin down, and thus have no closure. This book provides strategies for coping: encouraging us to increase our tolerance of ambiguity, and acknowledging our resilience as we express a normal grief and still look to the future with hope and possibility. Books are available for \$15 at the church or may be purchased online through book sellers. AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org.

EXPERIENCE INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA. Sun., Nov. 13, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Staff from Interfaith Philadelphia, including Sara Zebowitz, director of institutional advancement, will give an overview of the work that Interfaith Philadelphia does and highlight the ways that BMPC has partnered with the organization, including as one of the recipients of this year's Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry to support their work with youth. Their staff will lead us in a hands-on understanding of what it means to be in conversation across traditions, experiences, and worldviews. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs, Nov. 24, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the return of the annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast hosted by BMPC Youth Ministry. All are invited to enjoy fellowship and all-you-can-eat pancakes! Cost: \$5 per person, \$20 per family. Proceeds support Youth Ministry. Youth volunteers needed; contact LeighDeVries@bmpc.org for more details.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Nov. 12, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us in making 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 date: Dec. 10. We ask that participants be vaccinated, but masks are optional. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>.

TURKEY COLLECTION. Frozen turkeys may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November, but donations must be received by Sun., Nov. 20. Turkeys can be dropped off at the Ministries Center and placed in any of the freezers downstairs. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, October 30

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 Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg., Lobby
11:15	a.m.	Freeing Congregational Mission, Congregational Hall
11:30	a.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
12:00	p.m.	Baptism Service, Front Lawn
2:00	p.m.	Vincent Dubois Organ Recital, Sanctuary

Monday, October 31

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, November 1

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Chartres Labyrinth, Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, November 2

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor & Library
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.	Student Serve, Gymnasium Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Sacred Threads, Virtual

Thursday, November 3

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Artist's Gathering, Fine Arts Center
6:00	p.m.	Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00	p.m.	Thursday Evening Bible Study, Cannon Room Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, November 4

10:00 a.m.		Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual
11:00 a.m.		Barbara Williams Memorial Service, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.		Barbara Williams Memorial Reception, Congregational Hall
4:00 p.m.		Morrow/Kinsch Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, November 5

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
3:00	p.m.	Morrow/Kinsch Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 6

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

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

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