

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 29, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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!

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the 10:00 a.m. 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 12:30 p.m. 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., Grades K-5, Ed. Bldg.

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Politics and the

New Testament

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

Two Piano Concert

2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Chasing the Light Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in the name of the One who bids us come.

All: We gather together to hear the words of the One whose love is poured out.

One: For God's revelation arises not from the wisdom of the age,

All: But God chooses what seems foolish to make salvation known.

One: Let us prepare our hearts to experience this profound good news.

All: With confidence, let us worship God.

† HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy God, have mercy on us.

Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten.

Forgive our failures in the face of temptation,
and when we have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements,
and when we have failed to boast in your works.

Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others,
and the indulgence we have shown to ourselves.

Forgive the lies we have told, and the truths we have avoided.

Guide us in the way of your crucified love.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

There is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Matthai

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1-8 (*p. 866 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (*pg. 166 in pew Bible*) Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Stumbling, Foolish Truth

Franklyn C. Pottorff

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Brian K. Ballard

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

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James R. and Anna H. Affleck, Walter B. and Roberta Bastow, W. Barton Bastow, and Lois Affleck King

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Bill Matthai, Elder

USHERING

Tom Hays

Announcements

CHASING THE LIGHT ART EXHIBIT. Opens today, Ministries Center Art Gallery. An exhibition of clay pieces and expressive oil paintings, including still life and landscapes by artist Suzanne DuPlantis. The gallery is open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit runs through Sun., March 19. To purchase one of her works, please contact mfa@bmpe.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE. “We don’t follow Christ because we want to be perfect. We follow him because we are haunted by his perfect and nearly shameful love for us – for all of us.” Stewardship is an act of faithfulness to live generously as a response to that love. With your pledge, you commit to partner with us in sharing that love. You can complete a pledge card in the pews and drop it in the offering plate, mail your pledge card from home or pledge online at www.bmpe.org/giving. Thank you!

Today

POLITICS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT. 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Does the New Testament offer any guidance on political questions? Should Christians be involved in politics? This class will examine the political context of the New Testament, how these early Christian writings address political issues, and how we might be guided in our political thinking today. Joshua Yoder, who has a PhD in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity from the University of Notre Dame, will lead this class.

TWO PIANO CONCERT. 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward will perform a thrilling two piano recital featuring varied French repertoire that includes works by Bizet, Jongen, Poulenc, Rameau, and Ravel. A free will offering to benefit the Philadelphia Homeless Advocacy Project will be taken. A reception celebrating the opening of Suzanne DuPlantis’ new art gallery exhibit will be held in the Ministries Center Court after the concert.

This Week

CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. All volunteers working with children and youth are required to attend a BMPC Child & Youth Protection training session, and renew every three years. Our upcoming dates include: Fri., Feb. 3, 10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204, and via Zoom; Wed., Feb. 8, 7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204, and via Zoom; Sun., Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204; and Sun., Feb. 26, 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204. Please register with MaryRichards@bmpc.org and contact her to determine your current clearance status.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Fri., Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a beach-themed movie night featuring “Moana!” Bring a towel or blanket and enjoy pizza and popcorn! Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the movie begins at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to MaryRichards@bmpc.org with number of adults and children, and any food allergies or considerations.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION FOR COURTENAY WILLCOX. Sat., Feb. 4, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate the ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of Courtenay Willcox. All are welcome. Childcare will be available. You may view the service online at www.bmpc.org/livestream.

Next Sunday

PRESBYTERIAN ADVOCACY STATEMENTS ON CONTEMPORARY ISSUES. Sun., Feb. 5, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Join the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick as we review the most recent PC (USA) statements on issues such as gun violence, racism, antisemitism, gender, and environmental justice. We will consider both the significance of each statement as well as what they call us to do and say as Presbyterians in the world today. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

GREAT DECISIONS. Begins on Mon., Feb. 6, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Led by BMPC member Bob Martin, this month we will discuss Energy Geopolitics. The program is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org to register.

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck, an Evening of Encouragement. RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/FebHolyLeisure>. Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

MOVEMENT FOR FEMINISM AND FREEDOM IN IRAN. Sun., Feb. 12, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. In response to the death of Iranian Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini, women and men in Iran have taken to the streets to protest the treatment of women. We will be joined by Homa Tavangar, educator and writer on issues of global citizenship and equity, and Dr. Shahrzad Missaghi, who was raised in the Baha'i community in Iran which has worked to foster values of education and inclusion while being persecuted by the Iranian government. Homa and Shahrzad will share their stories as well as those of others fighting for equality in Iran today.
AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION. Mon., Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Y-Group (mothers and caregivers of young children) offers a book selection for the winter season: *Steeped in Stories: Timeless Children's Novels to Refresh Our Tired Souls* by Mitali Perkins. Free copies of her book will be available on Sundays, Jan. 22 and 29 for you to pick up at 11:00 a.m. in the Education Building. You also can start listening to the book on the Hoopla app with your library card. Come for snacks and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. and a book discussion at 7:30 p.m. Contact ygroupbmpc@gmail.com for more information and to be added to the distribution list.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE. Thurs., March 30, 8:45 a.m. departure. Join us for a trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. This is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. Bus departs back parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and returns to BMPC by early evening. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org. Register online: https://bit.ly/NMAAH_Trip.

Caring and Sharing

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD COLLECTION. Sun., Feb. 12. For over 30 years, communities have come together on Super Bowl Sunday to give financial and non-perishable donations as a part of the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive. This year our BMPC donations will be distributed among six of our local partners. Donations should be brought to the Narthex on Sun., Feb. 12 before worship. Suggested donations include: cold cereals, spaghetti sauce, canned meals, soups (particularly hearty ones), peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned fruit and applesauce (or cups), macaroni and cheese, crackers (saltines or Ritz), instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars, single-serving snacks, bottled salad dressings, mayonnaise (smaller-sized jars preferred).

PERSONAL CARE ITEM COLLECTION. Broad Street Ministry's Mobile Community Hygiene Truck delivers free personal care items to neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia. We are collecting new socks, travel-size shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, and toothpaste (name brands preferred) which may be dropped off in the donation bin next to the Radnor Street entrance of the BMPC Ministries Center by Fri., Feb. 17. Join us the morning of Sat., Feb. 18 to assemble donations into packages for distribution. Contact: AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org or Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes.walsh@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED. Our prayer shawl ministry has been very active knitting and sharing prayerfully-crafted shawls with many recipients, extending God's love in times of challenge and celebration. We need to replenish our supply, so if you are interested in contributing to this ministry, please contact Parish Nurse CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

REFUGEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. The BMPC Refugee Support Team is seeking volunteers for its ongoing work with local refugee families. Opportunities include English language conversation practice, tutoring for elementary school children, employment mentoring, and transportation assistance. Families are located in Bryn Mawr, Ardmore and Overbrook. If you wish to become involved in this vital and rewarding work, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, January 29

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 2, 3, 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 Café, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15	a.m.	Politics and the New Testament, Fullerton Room
2:00	p.m.	Laura Ward and Jeffrey Brillhart Two Piano Recital, Sanctuary

Monday, January 30

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, January 31

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

Wednesday, February 1

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, 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, Virtual

Thursday, February 2

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
6:00	p.m.	Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00	p.m.	Walking Through the Valley: Womanist Explorations in the Spirit of Katie Geneva Cannon, Virtual Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, February 3

10:00	a.m.	Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual Child and Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 204
5:30	p.m.	Family Movie Night: "Moana," Congregational Hall

Saturday, February 4

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Service of Ordination for Courtenay Willcox, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 5

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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