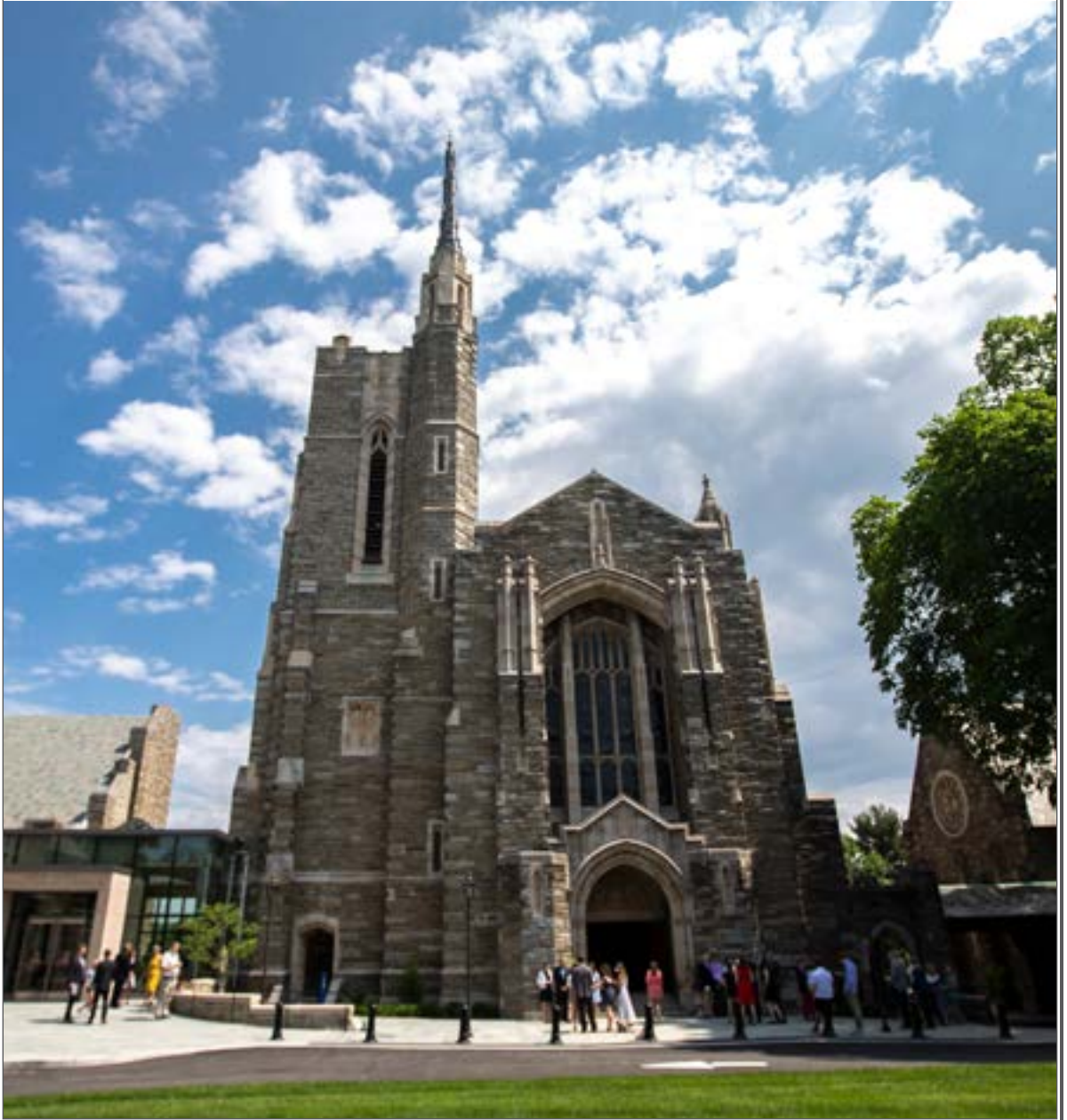


Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

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

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 Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry 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., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

BMPC at 150 Exhibit

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

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Theologian in Residence

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You are welcome in this place, where God meets us in love.

All: Why are we here? We are here to love God with all that we have and all that we are.

One: You are welcome in this place, where God loves us as children.

All: Why are we here? We are here to love ourselves as deeply as God loves us.

One: Welcome to this place, where God serves us at the table of love and grace.

All: Why are we here? We are here to be sent forth to love others as deeply as we love God and ourselves.

† HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, we ask that our hearts would desire what your heart desires. We love you with all of our being until you call upon us to change our priorities. We have acted as if the greatest commandment is to love ourselves solely. Our response to the cries of those in need has been inadequate. We have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Forgive us for our failure to value what you value. Remove our shallow pursuits of this world so that we can pursue abundant life with you, for you alone are the One who can fill the deepest places of our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE 444

Lord, cleanse the depths

DETROIT

Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,
by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kayden Weinstock

FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (pg. 106 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40 (pg. 25 in pew Bible) Kirby Lawrence Hill

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

One, Two

Kirby Lawrence Hill

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

† HYMN 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

† 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
Dorothy G. and Francis Henderson, and Deborah M. Henderson

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Kayden Weinstock, Youth Deacon

USHERING

Keith Brinks

Announcements

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION: STEWARDSHIP 2024. A week after Dedication Sunday and we can already thank SO MANY of you who have pledged generously in support of our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation! This week we note that the Outreach Committee makes grants to non-profits in Greater Philadelphia such as West Kensington Ministries and is supported by your stewardship gifts. As a reminder, you may offer your pledge online, by mail or by plate. Thank you!

BMPC AT 150: FAITHFUL ENGAGEMENT IN A CHANGING WORLD. Exhibit closes today, Art Gallery. This exhibit offers glimpses of the church's history through the changing realities of society and culture.

CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY OF OUR MEMBERS. The Visual Arts Committee invites BMPC members to exhibit their artwork in our gallery. The "Members Only" exhibit will run from Nov. 5 to Dec. 17. Applications to show your work will be accepted through today. For more information, contact the Music and Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org, or download an application by visiting the Visual Arts webpage: <https://bit.ly/BMPCFineArts>.

CONVERSE IN THE COURT. Does one have to be canonized and Catholic to be a saint? Or can one simply live one's best life, manifesting the Christ spirit in service to peace and justice and being an inspiration to others? Are there saints among us today? Come to Converse in the Court, Converse Library's reading corner, and meet some (maybe) surprising and (certainly) inspiring folks such as Mother Cecilia, the Canadian nun who risked excommunication for her animal rescue work. (A Nun Goes to the Dogs... what a story!) Who are your saints?

Today

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE. 11:15 a.m. Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston is our 2023 Rev. Dr. David and Ruth Watermulder Theologian in Residence. He currently serves as senior pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. As a pastor, author and professor, he is a leading voice in our denomination and the country on issues of leadership and the role of the church in this particular moment in history. Join us for his concluding lecture following worship: "Faith, Conflict and the Great Awakening."

This Week

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY: A HISTORY OF SLAVERY AND ANTI-BLACK RACISM IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Mondays, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. As our church celebrates its 150th anniversary, we will reflect upon our Presbyterian legacy and our work toward justice and reconciliation. In *What Kind of Christianity*, William Yoo argues that to understand how Presbyterian Christians can promote racial justice today, they must first acknowledge and understand how deeply racial injustice is embedded in their history and identity as a denomination. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will lead this class.
AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

GOING INSIDE: A MEDITATION SAMPLER. Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 15 and 29, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for these classes to demystify meditation and make it more accessible for people. This class will be taught and guided through an ecumenical approach to breath work, meditation, and mindfulness by BMPC member Terry Charlton. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Next Sunday

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Next Sunday we will have a special commemoration of All Saints as we remember and give thanks to God for the lives of our church members who have entered the church triumphant. Those who have died since last All Saints Sunday will be remembered by name during the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The service will include a variety of choral repertoire by Nick Strimple, Malcolm Archer, Morten Lauridsen, and Jake Runestad. We also will offer the world premieres of two new works: "All Saints" by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen, one of the composer's seven anthems commissioned for BMPC's 150th Anniversary celebration year, and Edward Landin Senn's "Song of the Sojourner," composed in memory of beloved Sanctuary Choir member Susan Rittenhouse Joseph.

CARING CORNER. Sun., Nov. 5, Atrium. Our staff Caring Ministries Team is now fully in place: Carol Cherry, parish nurse, Kiki McKendrick, director of Middleton Counseling Center, Kathryn West, social worker, and Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill will be available after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Atrium. Look for them by the Caring Ministries banner to get updated about BMPC Caring Ministries and to welcome Kathryn, our newest staff member.

Upcoming

PASTORS' BOOK GROUP. Wed., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this conversation on the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston's new book *Elusive Grace*, a collection of sermons on topics related to public life and dialogue in a conflicted world. Johnston, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, will be our Theologian in Residence this weekend. For more information and to purchase a book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

THE COMMON PLACE. Sun., Nov. 12, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Chris Holland will share with us the vital and growing ministry of The Common Place, our longstanding partner that plays an important role in offering holistic care to families in Southwest Philadelphia. The organization is a recipient of a 150th Anniversary grant, partners with the Hunger Committee, Outreach Council and Anti-Racism Committee, and has been a recipient of the Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry.

CARILLON TRAINING CLASSES. Sat., Nov. 18, Dec. 2 and 9, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Carillon Room. Intrigued by making music with 20 tons of bronze? Princeton University carillonneur Lisa Lonie will teach free classes on how to play the carillon. Prerequisites for the lessons: the ability to read treble and bass clefs and a minimum of three sharps and flats. Must be able to climb stairs and be comfortable with confined spaces. If you want to learn how to play the carillon, contact the Music & Fine Arts Department at mfa@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Upcoming dates: Dec. 16, and Jan. 20 and Feb. 17, 2024. Please use RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

TURKEY COLLECTION. Frozen turkeys may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November, but donations must be received by Sun., Nov. 19. Turkeys may be dropped off in any of the freezers on the lower level of the Ministries Center. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BMPC TUTORING DINNERS. Volunteers are needed to help throughout the school year to serve students from the William Dick Elementary School who attend the BMPC Tutoring Program most Tuesday evenings. All food, supplies, and instructions are provided at the church. Volunteers help with set up, provide welcome and hospitality, and do light clean up. Tuesdays from 6:00–7:00 p.m. Contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org to choose a date or multiple dates to volunteer this year.

ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER TEAM. The BMPC Mission Council is seeking volunteers to be part of a small team to assist our neighbors at the Ardmore Food Pantry. This team will be asked to regularly volunteer with their food distribution programs, their new "Help Center" efforts, partially funded by BMPC, and with ongoing administrative work related to fundraising and community engagement. As we seek to be more deeply engaged in the life of our local community, this is a new and exciting opportunity for us to be better connected in Lower Merion. To learn more, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Calendar

Sunday, October 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.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	Worship Service 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.
11:15	a.m.	Theologian in Residence Lecture, Congregational Hall

Monday, October 30

6:00	p.m.	Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge
7:00	p.m.	<i>What Kind of Christianity</i> , Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, October 31

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	<i>Teilhard's Mysticism</i> : Book Group, Virtual

Wednesday, November 1

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
11:15	a.m.	Child & Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg, Rm. 204
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Chapel
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Youth Lounge Going Inside: A Meditation Sampler, Witherspoon Parlor Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:30	p.m.	Child & Youth Protection Training, Virtual

Thursday, November 2

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
6:00	p.m.	Refugee Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
6:30	p.m.	Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Off Campus
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, November 3

10:00	a.m.	Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual
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Saturday, November 4

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
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Sunday, November 5

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

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Kirby Lawrence Hill, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

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