

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 29, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
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 in the Atrium 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 Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming 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

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ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER

Scott Black Johnston is Senior Pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. 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.

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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sonata in B-flat Major

Benedetto Marcello

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us come together in the presence of God,

All: One in faith and one in spirit.

One: For it is good to give thanks to the Lord,

All: To sing praises to God's name.

One: We come seeking new life,

All: Trusting in God's goodness and grace.

† HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, we are grateful for our heritage that has led us to trust in your sovereignty, to center our worship on your Word, and to live the gospel of peace in the world. We admit that we have fallen short. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to trust in your guiding presence. Pardon us when we lack courage to be your disciples wherever you lead us. Help us to live toward the vision of your reign coming in full glory, through Jesus Christ.

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 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 - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing

Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
 Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
 God be gracious to you, May the pre-sence of God be with you, May the
 pre - sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON Psalm 46 (pg. 517 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Behold the Tabernacle of God William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with us, and the spirit of God dwelleth within you, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are, for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON Luke 9:49-56 (pg. 70 in pew Bible) Scott Black Johnston

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Friend or Foe Scott Black Johnston

† HYMN 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say KINGSFOLD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Agnes W. Norfleet

We believe
 that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation
 in and through Jesus Christ;
 that the church is called to be the salt of the earth
 and the light of the world;
 that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker;
 that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven
 and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
 that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin
 and death, and therefore the sins of hatred, bitterness and enmity;
 that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
 will enable the church to live in a new obedience,
 which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

~ From The Belhar Confession

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 God of Grace & God of Laughter Roy Hopp Klaus Volpert, flute

Come, God of grace and God of laughter, singing worlds from nought to be; sun
 and stars and all thereafter joined in cosmic harmony. Give us songs of joy and
 wonder, music making hearts rejoice. Let our praises swell like thunder, echoing
 our Maker's voice. When our lives are torn by sadness, heal our wounds with
 tuneful balm. When all seems discordant madness, help us find a measured
 calm. Steady us with music's anchor when the storms of life increase. In the
 midst of hurt and rancor, make us instruments of peace. Turn our sighing into
 singing, music born of hope restored. Set our souls and voices ringing, tune our
 hearts in true accord. Till we form a mighty chorus joining angel choirs above.
 With all those who went before us, in eternal hymns of love.

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;

pass it down your row and back again. † Please stand, if able. 5

† DOXOLOGY 606		OLD HUNDREDTH
	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		Franklyn C. Pottorff
† HYMN 643	Now Thank We All Our God	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Scott Black Johnston
POSTLUDE	Improvisation	Jeffrey Brillhart

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

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. *What Kind of Christianity*, 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. *Teilhard's Mysticism*: 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

Saturday, November 4

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

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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