

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, January 28, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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 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](http://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 the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

## Today's Schedule

### Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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### “Seascapes” Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

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### Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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### Sunday School Classes

#### Age 2 - Pre-K

10:00 a.m., Education Building

#### Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

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### Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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### Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

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### 150th Report Presentation

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

## WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**All: How pleasant it is to honor the Lord with praise!**

One: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up the wounds of the injured.

**All: Great is our God, and mighty in power;**

**God's wisdom is beyond our understanding.**

## † HYMN 347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Compassionate God, we confess we fail to acknowledge your amazing power. We cling to our own ideas about how the world turns, rather than let ourselves be led by your powerful ways and healed by your love. We close our hearts, refusing to be channels of your love to those in need around us. Forgive us, and give us courage to trust you, and to let your grace, mercy, and peace flow through us to others; through Jesus Christ we pray.

*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 698 Take, O Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

# 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 111 (pg. 562 in pew Bible)

#### ANTHEM

Undivided Measure

Stephen Paulus

And what should we ask of brief time? Fill the streets with neighborhoods, turn away our flight; Grow seasons whole. Burst the heavens from stars, make of the undressed branch, a tree. Let questions be heard in the voices of our opposites, delight in the unexplained. Attend to plainness, offer everything, allow forever, ask of the wintering trees, more. This is Christ's pleasing. Call it Divine. By the work of our shoulders each to each in the Godhead, be in us altogether as we are always.

### SECOND LESSON Mark 1:21-28 (pg. 35 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

*Called to Authenticity*

Agnes W. Norfleet

#### † HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God supports the downtrodden, and protects the stranger; that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation, in and through Jesus Christ.

~ from the Confession of Belhar

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Franklyn C. Pottorff

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds  
 our hearts in Christian love;  
 the fellowship of kindred minds  
 is like to that above.

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

Salmo 100

Amy Scurria

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;  
 pass it down your row and back again.*

† **DOXOLOGY 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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 401** Here in This Place GATHER US IN

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE** Toccata alla Rumba Andreas Willscher

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”  
Lois Byrne ~ January 22, 2024

## WORSHIP NOTES

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Claire P. Swarr

### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowski

## Today

**150TH VISION COMMITTEE REPORT.** 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Come hear the outcomes of the visioning process around the question: *Where do we believe God is calling BMPC in ministry and mission?* This is the culmination of broad congregational input from the public forums, focus groups, and a church-wide survey. The final report, adopted by the Session to guide our ministry into the future, will be presented.

**SURREY SERVICES FOR SENIORS OPEN HOUSE SUN.** Sun., Jan. 28, 11:00 a.m. and Wed. Jan. 31, 10:00 a.m. Foerderer House. Surrey Services for Seniors is partnering with BMPC to provide weekday senior adult enrichment and educational programming and is hosting an open house. The Foerderer House, where the programming will take place starting in March, is adjacent to the Radnor parking lot. Stop in to learn more about the programming or explore the possibility of volunteering to support this important initiative.

## This Week

**THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.** Thurs. Jan. 25 - Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. This fully online book discussion group focuses on topics around faith, spirituality, and personal growth. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, we will spend five weeks on John Philip Newell's book – *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World* this winter. By embracing the wisdom of Celtic Christianity, we can learn how to listen to the sacred and see the divine in all of creation and within each of us. To register for this class and to purchase the book, contact Alicia Franklin, [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org).

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FEATURING LUCA!** Fri., Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. All children and youth families are invited to Family Movie Night featuring Luca! Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Please RSVP to [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), including any food allergies. Friends are welcome!

## Upcoming

### **LEGACY OF MEDICAL MISSION, MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION.**

Sun., Feb. 4, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Medical Benevolence Foundation transforms historic models of medical mission around the world with an emphasis on strengthening the local leaders who oversee mission hospitals, clinics, and nursing schools in the 21st century. BMPC has a long history of international medical mission work dating back to 1889 when the church sent Dr. Wanless to engage in medical mission in India. Join us as MBF staff share what medical mission means today, and how they have put the \$50,000 Anniversary grant from BMPC into action.

**THE WISDOM JESUS: TRANSFORMING HEART AND MIND.** Tuesdays, Feb. 6-27, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon leads a four-week conversation on Cynthia Bourgeault's book. *The Wisdom Jesus* provides a new perspective on Christ and an expansive interpretation of his message. Cynthia Bourgeault creates a masterful guide to Jesus' vision and the traditional contemplative practices you can use to experience the heart of his teachings for yourself. To sign up, please contact Kiki McKendrick, [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org).

**BMPC MIDWINTER FESTIVAL.** Sat., Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. “Life is a Cabaret!” From Elvis to Julia Child to Fats Waller, PDQ Bach, Carole King, and much more, come spend an evening of fun, featuring the performance talents of BMPC members and staff. The evening begins with tables full of luscious desserts! Tickets are \$20.00 per person. There are only 120 tickets available so act fast! Tickets can be purchased at the table in the atrium after Sunday services, or by contacting the Music and Fine Arts Department, [MFA@bmpc.org](mailto:MFA@bmpc.org).

**LEGACY OF PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP, WEST KENSINGTON MINISTRY.** Feb. 11, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. BMPC has a long history of supporting and walking alongside new church developments in Philly and around the country. We have supported West Kensington Ministry, located at Norris Square for fifteen years. This Sunday we are delighted to welcome the Rev. Adan Mariena as he shares the creative and compassionate work happening at WKM these days. WKM is also a recipient of a \$50,000 Anniversary grant from BMPC.

**DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY.** Sun., Feb. 18 – March 24, 8:45 a.m. Gloucester Room. This six-week study will be guided by the book, *Words of Love: a Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments*. Presbyterian pastor, Eugenia Gamble writes that these Laws are words from the heart of God, given to reconcile creation to Creator and God’s people to one another. She dives into each of the Commandments and examines their application for modern-day Christians. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this class. For more information and to receive a copy of the book, contact the Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff, [FrankPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FrankPottorff@bmpc.org).

**CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY AT MORRIS PARK** - Sat., Feb. 24, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. All are welcome to join our youth in this multigenerational hike and work day at nearby Morris Park, sponsored by the Environmental Justice Committee and the new Youth Environmental Committee. Morris Park is a Philadelphia park just across City Line Ave. from Friend’s Central School in the Overbrook area. This 64 acre open space includes wooded area, recreational space, gardens, trails, and more as Indian Creek meanders through the grounds. Please sign up by emailing David Heaton, at [heatondavid2@gmail.com](mailto:heatondavid2@gmail.com) by Feb. 20.

**HOW TO BE A POVERTY ABOLITIONIST.** Mon., Mar. 4, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The Community Forum will host Pulitzer prize-winning author, Matthew Desmond to speak about the current state of poverty in America and how we, as a society, can address it. This Princeton professor of Sociology is the author of the New York Times best-selling books *Poverty, By America* and *Evicted*.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP.** June 25-28. Rising 6th-8th graders will be traveling to Camp Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA for Middle School Camp! Youth will hear all about Jesus from the keynote speaker, swim, meet new friends, and play lots of games! The cost is \$650, with scholarships available. Sign up by March 15! The link to sign up can be found on the website, Realm, youth Enews, or by emailing Shayla Jordan, [shaylajordan@bmpc.org](mailto:shaylajordan@bmpc.org).

**HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP.** July 28 - August 3, Montreat Conference Center. All rising 9th-12th graders are invited to join the High School Summer Camp in Montreat, NC, for the Montreat Summer Youth Conference! Youth will learn together what it means to follow Jesus, connect with new and old friends from across the country, and play games! The cost is \$650, with scholarships available. Sign up on the website by March 15. Questions? Reach out to Shayla Jordan, [ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org](mailto:ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org).

## **Caring & Sharing**

**CODE BLUE SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** For the month of February, The Lower Merion Code Blue Shelter will be housed at Ardmore United Methodist Church. BMPC members are still invited to volunteer in this new location. Volunteers will work in shifts from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. the nights the shelter is open. To receive the sign-up link, a training/information session recording, or if you have questions, please contact the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD COLLECTION.** Sun., Feb. 11. 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 located from Lower Merion to Chester, serving their community’s needs. Donations should be brought to the Narthex on Sunday, Feb. 11, 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), mac & cheese, crackers (Saltines or Ritz), instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars, single-serving snacks, bottled salad dressings, and mayonnaise (smaller sized jars preferred).

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Feb. 17, 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: Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, Jun. 15. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>.

# **Calendar**

## **Sunday, January 28**

- 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  
Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.  
9:00 a.m. New Members Breakfast, Congregational Hall  
9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir,**  
**Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://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. 150th Vision Committee Report Presentation, Fullerton Room  
2:00 p.m. **Claire Swarr Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

## **Monday, January 29**

- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Mondays, Youth Lounge  
Children & Family Ministry Council Retreat, Rm. 204

## **Tuesday, January 30**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga(Hybrid), Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Class, Gymnasium  
6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg

## **Wednesday, January 31**

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room  
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall  
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center  
6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Cannon Room  
7:00 p.m. High School Student Serve, Gymnasium

## **Thursday, February 1**

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Rehearsal Room  
10:00 a.m. Thursday Discussion Group, Virtual  
11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen  
6:00 p.m. Refugee Committee Meeting, Virtual  
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Off Campus  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

## **Friday, February 2**

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual  
5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night, Congregational Hall

## **Saturday, February 3**

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

## **Sunday, February 4**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir**  
**Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://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

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