



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Bless the Lord, O my soul, You are clothed with honor and majesty.

All **You make the streams gush forth in the valleys, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.**

One From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

All **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

HYMN 34 Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!

RUSTINGTON

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **God of justice and righteousness,
your call beckons to us:
to live faithful lives,
to turn from wickedness,
to walk in your ways;
yet it is so easy to turn aside:
to speak a thoughtless word,
to ignore those in need,
to strike out in anger,
to forget your ways.
Forgive us.
Implant your word in our hearts,
and cleanse us from all evil.**

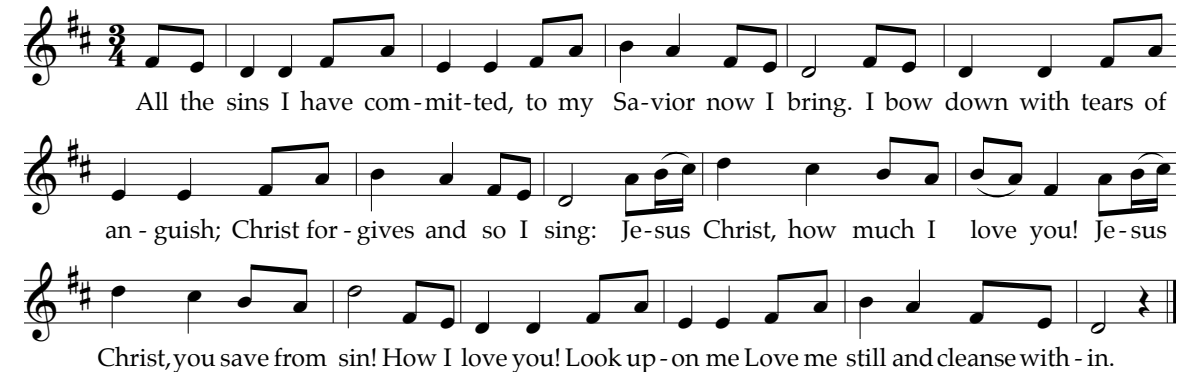
**By the power of your love,
redeem and renew us,
that we might faithfully serve you.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

NETTLETON



All the sins I have com-mit-ted, to my Sa-vior now I bring. I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing: Je-sus Christ, how much I love you! Je-sus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look up - on me Love me still and cleanse with - in.

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Seth Pidot

FIRST LESSON Numbers 22:1-7; 20-35
(pg. 140 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON John 12:12-15
(pg. 106 in pew Bible)

Kirby Lawrence Hill

One The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Penning the Tale*

Kirby Lawrence Hill

All Creatures Great & Small Summer Series

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

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

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 741 Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET

SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Kirby Lawrence Hill

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Elizabeth Marshall and John Thomas Crowther.

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barry and Ted Wentz.

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Seth Pidot, Deacon

USHER

Keith Brinks

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WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where we gather as a faith community to worship, grow, learn, and serve. As we come together this Sunday, we are reminded of our Creator's abundant grace and boundless love. Whether you are a longtime member, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we extend a warm welcome to you. May our time together be filled with inspiration, fellowship, and a deepening of our connection with God and one another.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
Senior Pastor

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. Learn more at bmpc.org.

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 ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 to 11:15 a.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

Announcements

TODAY

Join the Sanctuary Choir. Sept. 1, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The Sanctuary Choir invites new members to sing during the upcoming 2024–2025 season. If you are interested in joining, please go to the choir loft following the postlude to learn about this opportunity and audition. Contact, ToriFisher@bmpc.org

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bone Boost by Yoga206. Wednesdays starting Sept. 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m. A 60-minute mat & chair yoga class focusing on bone strength with scientifically proven, safely adapted poses via virtual and in-person classes. The class is geared toward people with osteopenia and osteoporosis or those who want to prevent bone loss. Class intended for participants of all levels, age fifty and over. Participants must be able to sit on and rise from a mat. To attend, email Abby Contract YOGA206@icloud.com

Celebrating Ten Years. Sun., Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Together, we will celebrate the Rev. Rachel Pedersen's decade of service as our Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry. Join us in Congregational Hall for fellowship,

refreshments, and an opportunity to share our gratitude.

Thursday Discussion Group. Thursdays, Sept. 19–Oct. 24, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Led by the Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill, this fully online book discussion group will focus on how our religious resources can address the public and private fears that can dominate our society's life. This fall, we will spend five weeks on Michael Kinnamon's book, *The Witness of Religion in an Age of Fear*. Join the discussion as we explore how fear dominates our public focus and how our Christian faith, as well as other faiths, guides us in the public arena. Contact KirbyLHill@bmpc.org to join; reserve the book at <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup>

Ageing Together: Senior and Caregiver Symposium. Sat., Sept. 21, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Main Line Health invites you to this symposium geared toward seniors and caregivers. Experts will share resources and insights on getting your affairs in order, understanding Medicare coverage, palliative and hospice care, wellness, and self-care. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. For more info and to register, call the Bryn Mawr Hospital Community Health and Outreach Dept. 484-337-5202.

Filling The Well. Starting Sun., Sept. 22, 8:45 a.m. Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. This Sunday morning class for women will study local scholar Peter Enns's book *The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires our Trust More than our Correct Beliefs*. Enns offers a model of vibrant faith that views skepticism not as a loss of belief, but as an opportunity to deepen religious conviction with courage and confidence. The book models an acceptance of mystery and paradox that all believers can follow. This class is led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org to join the class and reserve a copy of the book.

UPCOMING

Horizons Bible Study. Thurs., Sept. 5, 10:00–11:00 a.m., The Mansion at Rosemont. BMPC Parish Nurse Carol Cherry leads this monthly Presbyterian Women Bible study. In *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, author Patricia K. Tull calls us to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts and particularly care for society's least powerful members. Future meetings are on the first Thursdays, Oct.–May. All are welcome! For more info and to receive the book, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org

Artists' Gathering. Thursdays starting Sept. 5 from 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Fine

Arts Center. Visual artists are once again invited to the Fine Arts Center to collaborate, meet, and create art together. For more info, contact Mimi Barclay Johnson at ArtistMimi@hotmail.com

"Faces of Resilience." Sept. 8–Oct. 27, Gallery. This exhibition of original artwork was created by participants in Mural Arts Philadelphia's Guild program and artists at SCI: Phoenix, southeast Pennsylvania's maximum-security prison for men. The exhibition gives voice to the perspectives of individuals who are otherwise largely silent in our society.

Rally Day. Sun., Sept. 8, 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and then stay to enjoy food, fellowship, and activities. All are welcome; bring a friend!

Great Decisions. Mondays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 10:00–11:00 a.m., via Zoom. BMPC member Bob Martin leads our monthly program based on the *Great Decisions Briefing Book*, videos, and information he and other members share with the group. This fall's topics are: "Invisible Indonesia," "High Seas Treaty," and "Pandemic Preparedness." The program is free and open to all, but registration is required to receive materials and the Zoom link. Contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org to register.

Invitation to Walk the Labyrinth. Tues., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. All are invited to join in an outdoor walk of remembrance and prayer. Contact, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Men's Discussion Group. 2nd and 4th Wed. of each month starting Sept. 11, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are welcome to join this in-person study and discussion group. This fall we will start with the book *Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth* by Noa Tishby. Although the book was written before the current war with Hamas in Gaza, it gives background on Israel's history and challenges to help us understand a common Israeli mindset. The group will be led by the Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill. To register and to find out how to purchase the book, contact KirbyLHill@bmpc.org

Wednesday Night Dinner. Starting Wed., Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to join us for fun, fellowship, and food at our weekly Wednesday Night Dinner. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and students. Join our Wednesday Night Dinner volunteer team by emailing JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

American Treasure Museum Tour. Thurs., Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. The American Treasure Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of automatic music machines and all sorts of American

pop culture memorabilia—from historic movie souvenirs, toys, model airplanes, and antique cars to clowns and sideshow art. Our Senior Adult group will take a guided tour aboard a tram and then have time to explore independently. Meet at the BMPC Sanctuary Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. for roundtrip bus transportation. Tour tickets are \$15. Cost of lunch not included. Please reserve your space by contacting MonicaDevane@bmpc.org by Sept. 5.

Sunday Morning Discussion Group. Sundays starting Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room and via Zoom. This longstanding Sunday morning class is led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. This fall, the class will read Parker Palmer's book, *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*. Palmer writes about what we can do to restore civil discourse, reach for understanding across lines of difference, and focus on our shared values. For info about joining the class, receiving the Zoom link, and purchasing a book, contact Paul MacMurray at katrmac2@icloud.com

"Faces of Resilience," Gallery Talk. Sun., Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m., Gallery and Fullerton Room. William Perthes, Director of Adult Education at The Barnes Foundation, alongside Mural Arts Philadelphia, has curated our first exhibit of the fall, "Faces of Resilience." Meet in the Gallery to

walk through the exhibit and then move to the Fullerton Room for a more formal presentation on the workshops in which the art is created, the experiences of men incarcerated at SCI: Phoenix, as well as the work of restorative justice.

Church Officer Nominations. Please submit your recommendations to the 2024 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 15, for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominations>. Paper copies of the nominating form are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. Candidates must be members for at least two years, faithfully participate in the worship and program life of the church, and regularly contribute to the church.

**“Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture”
Class with Teaching Artist George Apotsos.**
11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 20–Oct. 25, in the Fine Arts Center. This art class will explore how Frida Kahlo used the self-portrait as a means of self-discovery and personal mythmaking and how to draw inspiration from one’s own life story to depict thoughts, emotions, and identity in painting. This is primarily an acrylic painting class; however, collage and photomontage can be utilized, and oil painters are welcomed. Classes are free and limited to 10 registrants. To register, email ToriFisher@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/fridakahloclass>

Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Campus closed for the Labor Day holiday.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Cannon Room
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting, Fullerton Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 10:00 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, off campus
- 11:00 a.m. Artists’ Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- 11:00 a.m. Rally Day Celebration

Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at <https://bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline> or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



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