



Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 27, 2024
8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All **We will not fear for God is with us.**

One Though the earth should change and the mountains shake
into the sea,

All **we will not fear, for God is with us.**

One The Lord almighty is with us.

All **The Lord of heaven and earth is our refuge and our strength.**

HYMN 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Loving Savior, it is hard to hear your voice. Our hearts are heavy with sorrow, our minds are filled with worries, our arms strain to carry what we think we need, and our souls are restless. We are afraid that we do not have enough to love our neighbors or ourselves fully. We focus on what we do not have and forget to give thanks for all that you have given. Free us from these distractions so that we might follow you. Speak kindly, reminding us of the new life you offer, the abundance you have given, and the way you have prepared. Speak kindly, so that we may follow you.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

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.

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Anne Chamberlin

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60: 1-3, 19-22

(pg. 690 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:1-16

Rachel Pedersen

(pg. 4 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Living as Light*

Rachel Pedersen

Bryn Mawr Gives Light Stewardship Series

Response to the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Rachel Pedersen

One Creator God, you spoke and separated the light from the darkness.

All **You have called us to be the light of the world.**

One We are stewards of your goodness, entrusted with countless gifts.

All **May we live with joyful abandon sharing our resources.**

One We dedicate our offering and our pledges to you, as an act of faithfulness.

All **Help us serve your church with generous hearts and good works.**

One By the power of your Spirit, may we increase our ministry and mission,

All **that together we may bear witness to your love for all in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 708 We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rachel Pedersen

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of J. Brian Walsh

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Anne Chamberlin, Elder

USHER

Keith Brinks

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

One of our more contemporary hymns, *Let Us Build a House*, includes this refrain: *All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place*. It bears repeating! This church is a place to encounter friends who have been here longer than they can remember and first-time visitors, young and old and in between, seasoned disciples of Christ and seekers of spiritual connection. Through worship, program, fellowship, and mission, we are growing as a community of faith, and your presence is a sign of our genuine welcome.



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 a.m. to 12:30 p.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

Bryn Mawr Gives Light: Stewardship 2025.

Today is Dedication Sunday, where we offer up to God a portion of our time, talents, and treasure to support the work and ministry of BMPC in 2025. God shapes us in community to send us out in service to the world. Please place your completed pledge cards in the offering plate or you may pledge or donate online at bmpc.org/giving/annual-stewardship. Contact, SarahMiciek@bmpc.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Faces of Resilience. Sun., Oct. 27, 9:00 a.m., Gallery. Today is the last day to enjoy Faces of Resilience, works by participants in Mural Arts Philadelphia's Guild program and artists at SCI: Phoenix, southeast Pennsylvania's maximum-security prison for men. Next Sun., Nov. 3, a new exhibit opens featuring works by students of George Apotsos' "Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture" class.

APNC Open Forum. Sun., Oct. 27, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Nominating Committee for the Associate Pastor for Congregational Care will hold one last gathering for church members to share their hopes as we seek the pastor to fill this position.

Carillon Tour. Sun., Oct. 27, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out after services. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. If you have keyboard skills and wish to take lessons with one of our carillonneurs, or if you want to become a BMPC carillonneur, contact ToriFisher@bmpc.org

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

BMPC eNews. Are you receiving the weekly BMPC eNews in your inbox? Would you like to receive monthly eNewsletters from specific ministry areas, a digital copy of the Messenger, or Community Forum updates? Sign up at eepurl.com/gAc9RP or contact LBuscaglia@bmpc.org

All Saints Sunday. Sun., Nov. 3, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. 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 Sanctuary Choir will perform Maurice Duruflé's monumental Requiem during the service.

The Labyrinth Ministry. Tues., Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to walk our Chartres canvas labyrinth on Election Day. Our theme for November is peace and gratitude, although any intention is welcome. Quiet your mind, calm your anxieties, welcome insight and reduce stress. If your group is over five people, kindly let KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org know ahead of time.

New Fitness Class for Moms & Babies. Thursdays & Fridays beginning Nov. 7/8, 9:45 a.m., Gym. FIT4MOM offers fitness and wellness programs for every stage of motherhood. The local chapter, FIT-4MOM DELCO, gives moms a chance to focus on their health without missing family time. Starting in November, Mommy & Child classes will be held at BMPC on Thursday and Friday mornings. Visit delco.fit4mom.com to see current offerings and try your first class FREE!

Ardmore Food Pantry Presentation. Sun., Nov. 10, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. BMPC's mission relationship with the Ardmore Food Pantry has deepened and expanded as we better understand how to support our neighbors in Lower Merion. Come hear from AFP's Executive Director, Beth Tiewater, as she shares the pantry's work, how they are growing through our partnership, and what Beth has identified as the emerging needs among our neighbors.

UPCOMING

Looking For A Church Home? Mon., Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Join the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet for "Discover BMPC" classes which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, Presbyterian heritage, and mission. Inquirers welcome. Visit bit.ly/BMPCNewMember to register. Questions? Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Pastors' Book Group, *The Upswing*. Wed., Oct. 30, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join the Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet for a discussion of Robert Putnam's most recent book – *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*. This book represents a capstone to Putnam's illustrious career as the sociologist and political scientist who helped us all come to understand the incredible value of connections across the community and the building of social capital. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to reserve a copy of the book.

Sign up for the Christmas Eve Pageant! Sign up by Mon., Nov. 4, if your child wants to participate in the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Tues., Dec. 24. Our youngest participants must be at least three years old (our sheep!). Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org if they would like to speak, read, or act. Please let us

know if you want to volunteer to help with the service!

Braiding Sweetgrass. Mon., Nov. 4, 11, 18, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join this three-week conversation on Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, as we examine our call as people of faith to be engaged in the work of Environmental Justice. This conversation will be led by Dr. Joshua Yoder, who will help the class make connections to the ways that biblical wisdom on creation care connects with Kimmerer's writings. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup to reserve a copy of the book.

Church-wide Line Dance and Potluck Dinner. Fri., Nov. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall and Gym. C'mon down, enjoy great food, put on your dancing shoes, and step into BMPC's Church-wide Line Dance Party. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. in Congregational Hall, followed by line dancing for all in the Gym. Instructor and line dance caller Donna Boyle will guide beginners and experts of all ages! Bring a side dish or dessert, and let MonicaDevane@bmpc.org know if you can attend.

S'Wonderful, S'Marvelous! An Evening Gala Featuring our Staff Singers. Sat., Nov. 9, 5:00–8:00 p.m., Merion Cricket Club. Registration spots are filling up quickly for an evening of food, drink, conversation, song, and exciting silent auction

items—all to support funding to include BMPC's illustrious roster of Staff Singers on the Sanctuary Choir's upcoming Choir Tour to France in June 2025. Secure your spot now at bit.ly/swonderfulgala

Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag. Sun., Nov. 10, 6:00 p.m., Gym. Current 6th-12th graders are invited to the annual youth Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag event! Arrive at 6 p.m. in the gym for pizza. Games will follow at 6:30 p.m. Register at bit.ly/GlowCTF Contact, AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Opportunity. Thurs., Nov. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. We are looking for youth and adult volunteers to help make and serve the breakfast for our annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast! Our youth and their families host this event to help raise funds for trips throughout the year. Sign up for a timeslot! bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakesVol

CARING & SHARING

Soup Needed. Our Soup Ministry supply is getting low. Please consider dropping off some soup to be given to those in the congregation who need it. We have stocked quart/pint containers with spill-proof lids and freezer-proof labels that you can pick up from the church. Please include the kind of soup, ingredients, and date made. Contact, KathrynWest@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 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
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Witherspoon Parlor
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:00 a.m. "Faces of Resilience" Exhibit, Gallery
- 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**
- 10:00 a.m. Youth in Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Open Forum, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Tour to France Information Session, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Carillon Tour, Sanctuary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 7:00 p.m. Finding Meaning Book Group, virtual
- 7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Discover BMPC Class, Fullerton Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:30 a.m. APNC for Congregational Care Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 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 Class, Gymnasium
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Book Group, Fullerton Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Rehearsal Room
- 11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, virtual

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

Giving

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