



Christ the King
Sunday, November 24, 2024
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



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Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Cantabile

César Franck

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation.

All **You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

One You silence the tumult of the peoples.

All **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;**

One You make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

All **Let us worship God who reigns in the beauty of holiness.**

HYMN 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Holy God, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We confess that we lose our way, dwell in a world of falsehood, and seek a life apart from your calling. Sometimes we are too quick to believe what we hear and fail to discern your truth. We pay too much attention to the worldly promise makers and the despair of naysayers, and we find ourselves with little hope. Call us again to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, so that in your light, may we see who we are; and in your truth, may we see who we can become through following 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

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

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

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 gra - cious 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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 93

(pg. 549 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Ride On, King Jesus

Moses Hogan

Kara Goodrich, Soprano

Ride on, King Jesus. Ride on, the conquering King. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a hinder thee. I was but young when I begun but now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross. He's the King and the Lord. He's the first and the last. He's the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Ride on, King Jesus. Ride on, the conquering King. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a hinder thee.

SECOND LESSON John 18:33-37

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 113 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Silence of Truth*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 158 Born in the Night, Mary's Child

MARY'S CHILD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

All I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the

communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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 My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace; Why then, O blessed Jesus, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord! E'en so I love Thee and will love, and in thy praise will sing solely because Thou art my God and my eternal King.

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

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

HYMN 643 Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Marche Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

William W. "Bill" Shinn, Jr. - November 17, 2024

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Craig M. Drake,
Holly Cheshire and Helen Craddick.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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.

We hope that you will be able to spend time with your families and friends during this Thanksgiving season. Let us not forget to express our gratitude for all that Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church does for us, our community, and the larger world.

Advent Gift Market. Sundays through Dec. 22, 11:15 a.m., Atrium. AGM provides the opportunity to purchase alternative gifts at Christmas for friends and family in support of a wide variety of partners around the world. AGM representatives will be present in the Atrium before and after worship to place orders and answer questions about mission groups and their chosen projects. Orders may also be placed online at www.BrynMawrAGM.com

Carillon Tour. Sun., Nov. 24, 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

In Unison: Celebrating Commonalities, Bridging Differences. Sun., Nov. 24, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. As the final session in our fall series on being in conversations across boundaries, we will be joined by cellist Udi Bar David. Udi has played with the Philadelphia Orchestra for over 30 years but also creates opportunities for open dialogues, bringing people from different cultural backgrounds together at universities, public venues, and peace-loving communities. His unique genre of cross-cultural music has been heard all over the world. In his time with us, Udi will both perform and share how he has experienced the role of music in bridging our differences.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Harpsichord Series: Silvanio Reis. Tues., Dec. 3, noon, Sanctuary. During the Tuesdays of Advent, join us as local harpsichordists perform assorted repertoire on BMPC's Robert Hauptfuhrer Memorial Harpsichord, crafted by the renowned William Dowd in 1966. This instrument, designed in the style of a French 'double' (with two keyboards), is modeled after a 1770 French Taskin harpsichord from the Yale University Musical Instrument Collection.

Live Nativity & Advent Workshop. Sun., Dec. 8, 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Families are invited to dress for the weather and experience the Christmas Story, meeting live animals and actors while creating ornaments and simple gifts to share. Evening worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary will follow. Register to volunteer at bit.ly/LiveNativityVolunteer Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

UPCOMING

Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast. Thurs., Nov. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Everyone is invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds and donations, \$5 per person and \$20 per family, go to support youth ministry. Calling all youth and adult volunteers to help make and serve breakfast. Sign up to help at bit.ly/ThanksgivingPancakesVol You may donate at onrealm.org/bmpc/give/youth if you can't attend but would like to contribute to our youth ministry program.

Christmas Flower Donations. Deadline: Sun., Dec. 1. Contributions for Sanctuary Christmas Flowers may be given "In memory of," "In honor of," or "In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism)" and will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctu-

ary, or bmpc.org/giving/christmas-flower-donations Donations received will be used for our floral decorations and Deacons' flower ministry.

Looking Along Advent: C. S. Lewis and a Christian Vision of Today's World. Sun., Dec. 8, 15, 22, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. C.S. Lewis, renowned for his works on Christian apologetics and the beloved "Chronicles of Narnia" series, significantly influenced 20th-century literature and theological thought, blending imaginative storytelling with profound philosophical and religious insights. In the season of Advent, we will learn more about how his theology and insights can inform our understanding and experience of Advent from theologian Dr. Steven Boyer of Eastern University, a scholar of Lewis' work.

Code Blue Volunteer Training. Sun., Dec. 8, 3:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. For the month of January, BMPC will host a Code Blue Shelter to house up to five men sleeping outside in Lower Merion on the coldest nights. Volunteers will work in shifts between 8:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. on nights the shelter is open. Training will take place for anyone interested in learning more. To receive the link to sign up to volunteer, and if you have questions, please contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Rainbow Reindeer Games. Sun., Dec. 15, 11:30 a.m., Front Lawn. All youth in grades 5-12 are invited to Rainbow Reindeer Games. We will provide pizza, play ridiculously fun games, and have a great time. Friends are welcome to join. Register at bit.ly/RRGames2024 Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in January and February for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Christmas Angels. Deliver to the Ministries Center reception desk or Ed. Bldg. Hall by Sun., Dec. 8. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (three to five gifts per child). Gift cards in \$25 increments from Amazon, Walmart, Target, Giant, and ShopRite are preferred. If you wish to buy a gift, you may sponsor a child's Christmas at bit.ly/BMPCXmasAngels2024, buy a general gift for a child (Legos, toiletry sets, Rubik's Cubes, make-up, cards and card games, board games, fidget toys, basketballs or footballs), or purchase from Gemma's Amazon Wish List: bit.ly/GemmaNeeds Contact, BMPCAngels@gmail.com

Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 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. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:00 a.m. Frida Kahlo and the Art of Portraiture, 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 Gathering, Gym Youth Lounge
- 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. Carillon Tour, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. In Unison: Celebrating Commonalities, Bridging Differences, Cong. Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 8:00 a.m. Main Line Friendsgiving, Atrium Lobby
- 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
- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Men's Book Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

Calendar

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast, Congregational Hall
Campus closes at noon for the Thanksgiving holiday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Campus is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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.

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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