

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 27, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Summer Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Stories Through Art Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Evening Worship with Blessing of Backpacks

5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Largo on B-A-C-H

Alice Jordan

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's love is vast like the ocean.

All: Let the love of God fill this place!

One: God's Spirit is as close as our very breath.

All: Let the Spirit of God fill this place!

One: God's glory surrounds us.

All: Let the praise of God's people fill this place!

† HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRODOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, you give us all that we need; today we ask for your mercy. Forgive us for the ways we have harmed our neighbors and ourselves: for the things we have done, for the things left undone, for the words we have spoken and for the words we have withheld. Forgive us and teach us a new way. Be in our words and actions so that we might reflect your love to the world.

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 583

Glory to God

GLORIA

Sung twice.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 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

Leigh DeVries

FIRST LESSON Romans 12:1-8 (*pg. 161 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Exodus 1:8-2:10 (*pg. 48 in pew Bible*)

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

According to the Measure

Rachel Pedersen

† **HYMN 175**

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

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

Child of Peace

David Waggoner

Sandra Stouffer, Guest Conductor

Let me be a child of peace. Let me join your hand in mine. And together we will
see a better world for you and me, let me be a child of peace. Where there is
hatred, let me bring love. Let us be children of peace. Where there is darkness,
let me bring light. Let us be children of peace.

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

† DOXOLOGY 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat major

J.S. Bach

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 "I am the resurrection and the life."
 Dr. Heatly D. Sebring ~ August 20, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT 5:00 PM

Charles Scott Penick
Son of Emily & Chris Penick

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in honor of the
60th Wedding Anniversary of Sally and John Nelson

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

Announcements

PRAYER PARTNER MINISTRY. The Prayer Partner Ministry connects members of our church through prayer. Adults pray for six to eight children or youth throughout the year, and prayer partners will have the opportunity to connect through special events and programs. You may sign up online: <https://bit.ly/PrayerPartners2023> or email RachelPedersen@bmpc.org with questions.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS. Please submit your recommendations by Sun., Sept. 17 for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-large for 2023-2024 via the nominating form: <https://bit.ly/BMPCNominationForm>. 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.

STORIES THROUGH ART EXHIBIT. An exhibition of paintings from the personal collections of the BMPC staff, supported with descriptions of how and why the pieces were acquired. The exhibition closes on Mon., Sept. 4. The art gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

Today

EVENING WORSHIP WITH BLESSING OF BACKPACKS. 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary. School is just around the corner! Bring your backpack and join us for a special Backpack Blessing during the first Evening Worship service of the season. Evening Worship continues on the first Sunday of the month: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3 and April 7.

This Week

EDUCATION BUILDING WORKDAYS. Wed., Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.-noon, and Thurs., Aug. 31, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come help get the Education Building ready for Sunday School. Projects include putting together furniture, organizing supplies, painting, and more. All skill levels welcome! MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Next Sunday

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Sept. 3, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir is inviting new members to sing during the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Perhaps you have participated in Summer Choir or you have been using your voice to lead hymns among the congregation. If you are interested in joining, please come up to the choir loft following the postlude on Sept. 3 to learn about this leadership opportunity and audition. If you are a parent of a young child, childcare is available at the church from 7:45 a.m. to noon each Sunday. EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org

Upcoming

YOGA206 BONE BOOST CLASS. Begins Wed., Sept. 6, 9:30 a.m., Gymnasium. This is an all-levels mat and chair yoga class focusing on bone strength with safely-adapted poses. Geared to persons proactive about strengthening their bones due to diagnosed bone loss. Participants, age 50+, must be able to safely sit on and rise from a mat. Class runs through Oct. 18. Email YOGA206@icloud.com for registration information.

RALLY DAY. Sun., Sept. 10, 11:00 a.m., Education Building Lawn. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and then stay to enjoy food, fellowship, and activities on the lawn. All are welcome; bring a friend!

DANCE FOR PARKINSON'S CLASS. Begins Tues., Sept. 12, 1:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Our Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) class is open to those living with PD and their care partners. This session runs through Dec. 12. For more information, contact CarolCherry@bmpc.org or visit <https://bit.ly/BMPCFitness>

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP. Second and fourth Wednesdays, starting Sept. 13, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. All men are welcome to join this study and discussion group. In Justo and Catherine Gonzalez' book, *Heretics for Armchair Theologians*, these noted church historians introduce readers to important early church figures whose teachings were denounced by the church as heresies. Dr. Joshua Yoder will lead this group. To register and purchase the book, contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org

SACRED THREADS. Thursdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 5, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Led by spiritual director Betty Wright-Riggins, the sessions will focus on Anne LaMott's book, *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. LaMott explores prayer through examples, musings and humor. Register: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, starting Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m., Cannon Room, and via Zoom. Join us for a thoughtful and comprehensive reflection on the New Testament: From Beginning to End. In troubled times we need to be grounded in the way we have chosen to live our lives together. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding class which has a discussion format. Please note that homework will be required. Contact Paul MacMurray at 610-935-7582 for more information.

FILLING THE WELL. Sundays, starting Sept. 17, 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. All women are welcome to join this longstanding Sunday morning class. This fall we will spend time reflecting on portions of Don Fisher and Tom Allender's classic book, *God Loves an Unmade Bed: Spirituality for the Imperfect*. In the book they share how God is always present, especially in the midst of the messes and struggles of life. For information and to receive a copy of the book, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays, Sept. 17-Nov. 5, 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This eight-week study will be guided by the book, *Whence and Whither: On Lives and Living*. In this collection of essays on death and the meaning of living, funeral director, poet and National Book Award finalist Thomas Lynch has an uncanny knack for writing about death in ways that are never morbid, always thoughtful, often humorous, and quite moving. The Rev. Dr. Franklyn C. Pottorff will lead this class. For more information and to receive a copy of the book, contact FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thursdays, Sept. 28-Oct. 26, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, we will spend five weeks discussing the classic book, *Turn My Mourning into Dancing: Finding Hope in Hard Times* by Henri Nouwen. In this collection of some of Nouwen's unpublished writings, he focuses not only on how we can survive hard times but on how we can live fully in the midst of them and beyond. To register and purchase the book, contact AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Sept. 16, 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. Fall dates: Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>

Calendar

Sunday, August 27

7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary
and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
Worship Together Sunday for Grades K-12, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
5:00 p.m. **Evening Worship with Blessing of Backpacks, Sanctuary**

Monday, August 28

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, August 29

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium

Wednesday, August 30

No Events Scheduled.

Thursday, August 31

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center

Friday, September 1

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and
Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Leigh DeVries will preach.

Fall Events at BMPC

Rally Day – Sunday, September 10

Sunday School Resumes – Sunday, September 10

Youth Kickoff – Sunday, September 17

Adult Education Classes Begin – Sunday, September 17

Evening Worship with Blessing of the Animals and

Tookany Creek Bluegrass Band – Sunday, October 1, 5:00 p.m.

Community Forum with Amanda Tyler – Monday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.

Theologian in Residence with the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston – October 28-29

150th Anniversary Celebration Events

Church Birthday Party

Saturday, October 14, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. Celebrate the church's birthday with cake, fun mission project, games for children and families, and fellowship!

Celebration of Former Pastors

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Ministries Center Court. This informal open house will honor former BMPC clergy and their families.

150th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. This dinner will be RSVP only. Featuring the premiere of the BMPC anniversary video.

Organ Concert

Saturday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Philippe Lefebvre, principal organist of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, will perform.

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, October 15, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. This service will feature music by the Sanctuary Choir, who will be singing a newly-commissioned anthem by Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen in celebration of BMPC's 150th anniversary, with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

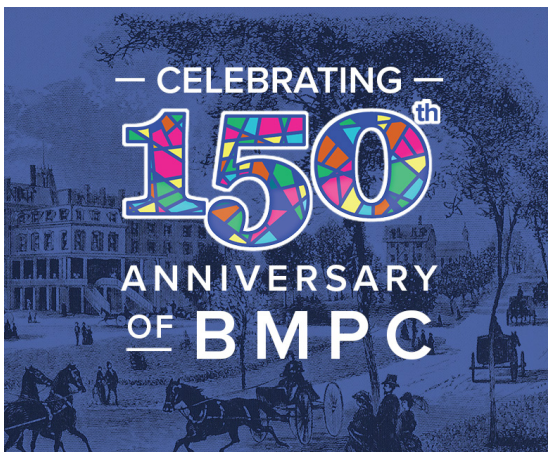
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