



## **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday, August 24, 2025

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



# Gathering of God's People

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

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Méditation (op. posth.)

Maurice Duruflé

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**One** In you, O Lord, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.

**All** **In your righteousness, deliver us; incline your ear to us  
and save us.**

**One** Be to us a rock of refuge, a strong fortress.

**All** **Rescue us, O God, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

**One** For you, O Lord, are our hope and our trust.

**All** **We have leaned on you and you have been our protector  
from birth.**

HYMN 722 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

## CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All** **Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of  
my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast  
love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and  
upright is the Lord; therefore God instructs sinners in the way.  
For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.  
Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

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

IN BABILONE



# Proclamation of the Word

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3 depart for their Sunday School classes.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

## FIRST LESSON Luke 13:10-17

(pg. 76 in pew Bible)

## SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

(pg. 698 in pew Bible)

Andy Greenhow

**One** The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON Reason to Fear

Andy Greenhow

# Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 343 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**One** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All** **That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

~ from The Heidelberg Catechism

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.**

MINISTRY MOMENT

Connection Groups - Carolyn Gerrish

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Grant Peace, We Pray

David Hermann

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord; Peace in our time, oh send us!

For there is none on earth but You, None other to defend us.

You, only, Lord, can fight for us. O Comforter of priceless worth,

Send peace and unity on earth; Defend Your holy Church

that we may sing your praise eternally.

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 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

HYMN 797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Andy Greenhow

POSTLUDE Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne

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"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Pam Crutchfield - August 14, 2025

Elizabeth "Patsy" Forrest - August 16, 2025

## Worship & Music Notes

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob and Barbara Merin.

### NARTHEX FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Bowen.

### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Nancy Lawrence Hill

### BULLETIN COVER

BMPC Sanctuary. Photo by Dave Tavani.

# WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church during this season of Pentecost—a time of growth, learning, and deepening discipleship. Just as the Spirit empowered the early church, we trust that same Spirit is moving among us now, calling us to live out our faith with courage and compassion.

Whether you've been part of this community for years or are worshiping with us for the first time, we're grateful for your presence. Through worship, fellowship, and service, may we be renewed and inspired to follow Christ more faithfully. Inside this bulletin, you'll find opportunities to grow in faith and engage more fully in the life of the church.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet  
Senior Pastor

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## NEW HERE?

We are pleased 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. Our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at [bmpc.org](http://bmpc.org).

## T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

## 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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at [www.bmpc.org/live](http://www.bmpc.org/live) or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

# Announcements

## TODAY

**Blessing of the Backpacks.** Sun., Aug. 24, 11:15 a.m., Front Lawn. Join us on the front lawn after worship for a special blessing before the start of the school year. Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**Join the Sanctuary Choir.** Sun., Aug. 24, 11:00 a.m., Choir Loft. The Sanctuary Choir invites new members to sing during the upcoming 2025-2026 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](mailto:ToriFisher@bmpc.org)

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flower Ministry.** The BMPC Flower Committee needs volunteers to rearrange the Sanctuary flowers after worship so the Deacons can deliver them to at-home members. This meaningful ministry takes about an hour following the 10:00 a.m. service and is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and creativity. New members are especially encouraged to join! If interested, contact Margo Bennett at [margobennett@comcast.net](mailto:margobennett@comcast.net)

**Hunger Doesn't Take a Break in the Summer!** While donations to the BMPC Hunger Fund drop off in the summer months, the needs remain steady for our partners throughout the year. A larger donation of \$100 to the Hunger Fund this summer can provide one freezer shelf of BMPC casseroles. Make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift to the Hunger Fund online: [onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger](https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger)

**Kirby Lawrence Hill's Farewell Reception.** Sun., Aug. 31, 11:15 a.m., Atrium. Please join us as we celebrate Kirby's time as BMPC's Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults and thank him for his work with the BMPC congregation.

**Invitation to Walk the Labyrinth.** Tues., Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Front Lawn. All are invited to join in an outdoor walk of remembrance and prayer. Contact, [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**Wednesday Night Dinner.** Starting Wed., Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. We're excited to welcome back Wednesday Night Dinner — a weekly evening of food and fellowship! Whether you're reconnecting or joining us for the



first time, there's a seat at the table for everyone. Bring a friend and spread the joy — non-members are always welcome! Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and students.

**Community Garden Work Day.** Sat., Sept. 20, 9:00 a.m., Bethel AME Church of Ardmore. Join the Outreach Council for a Community Garden Work Day at The Bethel AME Church Community Garden. Together, we'll install herb and flower beds, plant fig trees, and care for the vegetable garden - all in support of community wellness, intergenerational learning, and food sovereignty. To sign up, contact [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org) by Sept. 15.

**Chorister for a Day.** Sun., Sept. 21, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Curious about singing in the BMPC Children's Choirs? Come experience a fun, music-filled morning at Chorister for a Day with singing, movement, fellowship, our brand new piano lab, and pizza. Children from Pre-K through 12th grade are welcome, with age-appropriate groups led by our music staff. Whether your child is brand new to singing or already has experience, this is a great opportunity to get involved and make new friends. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/BMPCchoristers>

## UPCOMING & ONGOING

**Join a Connection Group.** You are invited to be a part of our growing small group ministry, where weekly small gatherings of about ten BMPC members nurture faith, friendship, and meaningful conversation. Together we share life, grow spiritually, and build a community rooted in Christ's love. Join a group by contacting [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

**Child & Youth Protection Training.** Wed., Aug. 27, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room & Zoom & Fri., Sept. 5, 10:00 a.m., Cannon Room & Zoom. Annual training is required for all volunteers working with children and youth. Register at [bit.ly/BMPCChildandYouthTraining](https://bit.ly/BMPCChildandYouthTraining). Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**Bone Boost Yoga.** Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 3, 9:30 a.m., Gymnasium & virtual. This 60-minute mat & chair yoga class focuses on bone strength and is geared for persons with osteopenia, osteoporosis, or those proactive about bone health. While intended for participants of all levels, aged 50+, you must be able to sit on and rise from a mat. Cost: \$105 for 7 week class. Register at [bit.ly/45F1fg3Register](https://bit.ly/45F1fg3Register) Contact [YOGA206@icloud.com](mailto:YOGA206@icloud.com)



**Rally Day and Ministry Fair.** Sun., Sept. 7, 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, then stick around for a morning full of food, fellowship, and fun where you can explore ways to get connected. All are welcome!

**Great Decisions.** Mondays, Sep. 8, Oct 6., Nov 3, 10:00 a.m., virtual. BMPC member Bob Martin leads our monthly programs based on the Great Decisions curriculum, a nonpartisan global affairs education program that explores pressing international issues through expert analysis, discussion questions, and policy options for informed civic engagement. The classes are free and open to all, but registration is required to receive materials and the Zoom links. Contact [TiaraHarris@bmpc.org](mailto:TiaraHarris@bmpc.org)

**Church Officer Nominations.** Please submit your recommendations to the 2025 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 21, for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and Nominating Committee Members-at-Large via the nominating form: [bit.ly/BMPCNominations](https://bit.ly/BMPCNominations) Paper copies of the 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.

**Looking for a Church Home?** Sun., Oct. 5, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Liz Ellis for our “Discover BMPC” new member class, 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/DiscoverBMPC](https://bit.ly/DiscoverBMPC) to register. Questions? Contact [LizEllis@bmpc.org](mailto:LizEllis@bmpc.org)

**BMPC Prayer Partners 2025-2026.** We are so grateful to our Prayer Partners from this past year! Would you like to continue being a Prayer Partner or start being a Prayer Partner? Please sign up here so we can plan for our 2025-2026 prayer partner team: [bit.ly/PrayerPartnerSignUp2025](https://bit.ly/PrayerPartnerSignUp2025) For more information, contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

## CARING AND SHARING

**BMPC Tutoring Adult Volunteers Needed**  
Volunteers are needed to support our longstanding peer tutoring program held on Tuesday nights here at BMPC. Local high school students provide literacy support to students from the William Dick Elementary School in Philly. Volunteer opportunities include classroom support, rotating meal preparation, and other behind-the-scenes assistance for the program. Contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

**Help Lead Our Mission Efforts.** BMPC has eight different committees that lead the church in its mission work, both locally and in partnership with global organizations worldwide. If you are interested in joining a mission committee or exploring other hands-on ways to get involved in mission at BMPC, please contact [LizEllis@bmpc.org](mailto:LizEllis@bmpc.org), our Director of Engagement.  
[bmpc.org](http://bmpc.org)

# Calendar

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 9:00 a.m. COLOR! Where Music and Art Meet Exhibit, Gallery
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Together Sunday (K-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary & Livestreamed**
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

## MONDAY, AUGUST 25

- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

No events scheduled.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

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

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**  
The Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill 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 [bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline](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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## Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Andy Greenhow, 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

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts

James Kealey, Co-Director of Music & Fine Arts