



## **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday, August 3, 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 Cantabile

César Franck

WELCOME

Andy Greenhow

Please stand, if able.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**All God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One Let the redeemed proclaim it:

**All God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One The lost have been found, the hungry fed,  
the weary given a place to rest,

**All God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One Let the people rejoice and our songs never end:

**All God's steadfast love endures forever.**

HYMN 37 Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

## CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All Holy God, you promise us a life of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders of your work in the world. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray.**

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

Andy Greenhow

### FIRST LESSON Psalm 107:1-9, 43

(pg. 559 in pew Bible)

### SECOND LESSON Hosea 11:1-11

Rachel Pedersen

(pg. 842 in pew Bible)

**One** The Word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON *Enduring and Steadfast*

Rachel Pedersen

# Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 449 Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love

MENDON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**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 Sing a New Song Michael Praetorius, arr. Mark Schweizer  
Sing a new song, sing to God with a voice of triumph, make his praises known  
to all the nations, sing the honor of his name.

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 65 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE Prelude & Fugue in G major (BWV 550) J. S. Bach

## Worship & Music Notes

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

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/livestream](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream) 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

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join the Sanctuary Choir.** Sun. Aug. 10, 17, 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)

**Playground Playdates.** Tues., Aug. 12, 11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Playground. Families with children of kindergarten age and younger are invited to join us for our last Playground Playdate of the summer. Come connect with other families while the kids enjoy free play—and popsicles! No registration is needed. Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**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 \$800 to the Hunger Fund this summer can provide a quarterly support grant to one local partner. 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)

## UPCOMING & ONGOING

**Summer Choir.** Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary. All singers ages 12+ are invited to join our informal Summer Choir! Come any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal, then sing in the 10:00 a.m. service. We sing one anthem, hymns, and a closing response - no robes, no sign-up, no long-term commitment. Come lend your voice and help lead worship!

**Adult Education at BMPC.** Would you like to help shape and expand the work that our church does in Adult Education? The Adult Ed Committee is inviting new members to join them in leadership of all of our offerings to help expand the knowledge, understanding, and faith of adults in our community. If you are interested, please contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org) to learn more about this opportunity.

**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)

**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.

**Sanctuary Flower Donations.** Openings are available in August for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact [SusanThorkelson@mac.com](mailto:SusanThorkelson@mac.com)

## 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)



# Calendar

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 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. Summer Sunday School 3s and 4s, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 206
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Together Sunday (Rising Grades 4-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary & Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Rising K-3rd Grade), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

## MONDAY, AUGUST 4

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

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

No events scheduled.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

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

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

No events scheduled.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Summer Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

# Outreach Mission Partners

Each year, the BMPC Outreach Committee grants funding to non-profits in Greater Philadelphia. Below are the 2025 recipients, along with a snapshot of what they are doing to support vulnerable communities.

## **Broad Street Love**

[www.broadstreetlove.org](http://www.broadstreetlove.org)

Supports radical hospitality to build communities amongst those in Center City Philadelphia experiencing chronic homelessness in the midst of a vibrant and inclusive worshipping community.

## **Chester Eastside**

[www.ceichester.org](http://www.ceichester.org)

Provides access to hunger safety net programs, as well as programs for education, social services, and justice for families throughout Chester.

## **Gemma Services**

[www.gemmaservices.org](http://www.gemmaservices.org)

Provides support and specialized services for children, teens, and families experiencing emotional and behavioral concerns throughout the Philadelphia region.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

[www.habitatphiladelphia.org](http://www.habitatphiladelphia.org)

Critical Repair Program and New Home Construction in the City of Philadelphia.

## **Lutheran Settlement House - Jane Addams Place**

[www.lutheransettlement.org](http://www.lutheransettlement.org)

Assists in locating and obtaining independent housing, coordination of parenting education, employment, benefits, mental health services, addiction treatment, financial literacy, and healthcare.

## **United Community Clinic**

[www.unitedcommunityclinic.com](http://www.unitedcommunityclinic.com)

Serves patients without health insurance in the East Parkside Community of West Philadelphia.

## **Neighborhood Land Power Project (formerly Urban Tree Connection)**

[www.neighborhoodland.org](http://www.neighborhoodland.org)

Community-based organization focused on building a neighborhood-rooted food and land system through community leadership development and land-based strategies in West Philadelphia.

## **Artwell**

[www.theArtWell.org](http://www.theArtWell.org)

Bearing witness to the way arts can transform in Philly public schools.

# Outreach Mission Partners

## **WePAC**

[www.wepac.org](http://www.wepac.org)

Reopens and staffs public school libraries throughout Philadelphia.

## **Tree House Books**

[www.treehousebooks.org](http://www.treehousebooks.org)

On a mission to grow and sustain a community of readers, writers, and thinkers by providing free books and literacy programs to families in Northern Philadelphia.

## **The Common Place**

[www.thecommonplacephilly.org](http://www.thecommonplacephilly.org)

Offers arts-based after-school enrichment programs, social services, and community events to families in Southwest Philadelphia.

## **West Kensington Ministry**

[www.westkensingtonministry.com](http://www.westkensingtonministry.com)

Provides a spiritual foundation for people in the midst of poverty and violence in the West Kensington neighborhood of Philly.

## **Bethel Academy at Bethel AME Church in Ardmore**

[www.bethelacademy.net](http://www.bethelacademy.net)

Provides after-school academic support for students in our local community.

## **Central Pres. Church of Norristown**

[www.centralpresweb.org](http://www.centralpresweb.org)

Serves the Latino Community through worship, outreach, and home Bible Studies.

## **Beacon Church**

[www.thewordatbeacon.org](http://www.thewordatbeacon.org)

A neighborhood faith community located in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia that strengthens its community, children, and neighbors through faith, art, and storytelling.

## **Casa Youth Advocates**

[www.delcocasa.org/](http://www.delcocasa.org/)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) makes sure children who have experienced abuse or neglect can be safe, have a permanent home, and achieve a bright future.

## **Welcome Church**

[www.thewelcomechurch.org](http://www.thewelcomechurch.org)

Benefits women in Philadelphia who are unhoused and chronically homeless, as well as other women who are a part of The Welcome Church community, including those who have experienced homelessness and remain in close touch.

Support of organizations like these is possible because of your generous contributions through our annual Stewardship campaign. Thank you for your gifts.

If you would like to learn more about the work that we do in mission in Greater Philadelphia, please contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmppc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmppc.org)

## 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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