



## **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday, July 20, 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 O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656  
(O Lamb of God Most Holy)

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Joy, wonder, delight –

All **Doubt, peace, restlessness –**

One Sorrow, contentedness, anxiety –

All **Confidence, hope, pardon:**

One We lay our hearts, full of these things, before our God.

All **Unburdened and awaiting, let us worship God.**

HYMN 806 I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Holy God, hear our prayer:**

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;**

**For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair  
around us;**

**For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;**

**For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us.**

**We ask for the courage to admit our fault,**

**The strength to amend our actions,**

**And the hope that your grace awaits us.**

**Through 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 22:13-19

(pg. 724 in pew Bible)

## SECOND LESSON Luke 4:16-30

(pg. 61 in pew Bible)

Kirby Lawrence Hill

**One** The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON *Commonwellth*

Kirby Lawrence Hill

# Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 792 There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Andy Greenhow

**All      We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

*~From A Brief Statement of Faith*

## 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    Word Made Flesh

Gabriel Fauré

Word made Flesh, this bread bestowing by his Word his flesh to be, though our senses fail to see. Wine, his sacred Blood he makes, faith alone, the true heart wakes. Through this Sacrament may we now behold the mystery. Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son, while eternal ages run; honor, thanks, and praise address ever too his love confess; Holy Spirit, Father, Son, ever three and ever one, while eternal ages run. Amen.

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

Andy Greenhow

HYMN 726    Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Kirby Lawrence Hill

POSTLUDE    Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

# Worship & Music Notes

## PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

## BULLETIN COVER

BMPC Sanctuary. Photo by Dave Tavani.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean C. Hemphill and Mr. & Mrs. John W. Bickhart, Jr.

# 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

## TODAY

**Welcome, James Kealey!** This morning we are pleased to welcome James Kealey as our new Co-Director of Music and Fine Arts. James joins us from Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY, and will be working closely with Jeffrey Brillhart in all aspects of BMPC's music and fine arts program. He will also take the lead in launching and developing our new Choristers Program for Children. We invite you to stop by the Atrium following worship today to meet and greet James and extend a warm BMPC welcome!

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 \$2,000 to the Hunger Fund this summer can provide all ingredients for one BMPC blitz (126 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)

**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.

## 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!

**Playground Playdates.** Tues., Jul. 29, 1:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Playground. Families with children of kindergarten age and younger are invited to join us for Playground Playdates every other Tuesday throughout the summer. Come connect with other families while the kids enjoy free play—and popsicles! Upcoming dates include Tues., Aug. 12 at 11:00 a.m. No registration is needed. Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**Join the BMPC Children's Choirs!** We're building a joyful, faith-filled music community for kids of all ages - from our youngest singers in Pre-K through middle and high school youth! Junior Choristers (Pre-K to 1st grade) will be led by Devon Bakum, a VBC favorite, with fun, age-appropriate music and movement - no experience needed, just a love of singing! Choristers (2nd-5th grade) will rehearse weekly starting in September with James Kealey, BMPC's Co-Director of Music & Fine Arts. He'll also lead music programs for grades 6-12. Let us know you're interested: [bit.ly/BMPCmusicsurvey](https://bit.ly/BMPCmusicsurvey)

## CARING AND SHARING

**Gemma Backpack & School Supply Collection.** Drop off by Sun., Aug. 3 in the Narthex. Help children served by Gemma

Services start the school year strong! Donate a completed backpack with: 1 backpack, 4 pocket folders, 3 composition or spiral notebooks, 1 box of pencils, 2 erasers, 2 glue sticks, 1 box of colored pencils or markers, and 1 box of crayons. Or purchase items from our Amazon list: [bit.ly/BMPCBackpackList](https://bit.ly/BMPCBackpackList) Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**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) if you are interested and would like more information.

**Sanctuary Flower Donations.** Openings are available in July and 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)

# Calendar

## SUNDAY, JULY 20

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group (Hybrid), Cannon Room
- 8:45 a.m. Summer Adult Ed. Class, Gloucester Room
- 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), Rm. 202
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

## MONDAY, JULY 21

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 22

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

No events scheduled.

## THURSDAY, JULY 24

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

## FRIDAY, JULY 25

- 8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee, virtual

## SATURDAY, JULY 26

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 a.m. Youth Summer Camp Trip departs for Montreat from Swarthmore Pres.
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

## SUNDAY, JULY 27

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

# Hunger Committee Partners

With a priority for supporting local feeding programs and food pantries, BMPC connects with partners around Greater Philadelphia. Key to this ministry are the monthly casserole blitzes, which are a great family-friendly opportunity for hands-on service.

Supporting these partners is possible because of your generous contributions to the BMPC Hunger Fund. Gifts may be made using the while Hunger Envelopes found in the pew rack or by giving online: [onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger](http://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger)

\*Ardmore Food Pantry - [www.stmarysardmore.org/ardmore-food-pantry](http://www.stmarysardmore.org/ardmore-food-pantry)

Bethel Presbyterian Church Pantry

\*Bethesda Project - [www.bethesdaproject.org](http://www.bethesdaproject.org)

Boxed Lunch & Book of Ardmore

\*Broad Street Love - [www.broadstreetlove.org](http://www.broadstreetlove.org)

Chester Eastside, Inc. - [www.ceichester.org](http://www.ceichester.org)

Community Interfaith of Central Montgomery County -

[www.uccchristchurch.org/html/interfaith.html](http://www.uccchristchurch.org/html/interfaith.html)

Eldernet - [www.eldernetonline.org](http://www.eldernetonline.org)

First Presbyterian Church in Glenolden - [www.1stpresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.1stpresbyterianchurch.org)

Lombard Central Presbyterian Church Pantry - [www.lombardcentral.org](http://www.lombardcentral.org)

Neighborhood Land Power Project - [www.neighborhoodland.org](http://www.neighborhoodland.org)

New Horizons Senior Center - [www.newhorizonsseniorcenter.org](http://www.newhorizonsseniorcenter.org)

New River Presbyterian Church Pantry - [www.newriverpc.org](http://www.newriverpc.org)

Philly House - [www.phillyhouse.org](http://www.phillyhouse.org)

The Common Place - [www.thecommonplacephilly.org](http://www.thecommonplacephilly.org)

T.M. Thomas Presbyterian Church Pantry - [www.tmtchurch.net](http://www.tmtchurch.net)

\*University City Hospitality Coalition - [www.uchcphiladelphia.org](http://www.uchcphiladelphia.org)

Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard - [www.umacc.org](http://www.umacc.org)

\*West Kensington Ministry Pantry - [www.westkensingtonministry.com](http://www.westkensingtonministry.com)

West Philadelphia Seventh Day Adventist Church Pantry - [www.westphillysda.org](http://www.westphillysda.org)

To learn more about partners with no websites,  
email [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org) for contact information.

\*Casserole recipients

## 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

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Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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James Kealey, Co-Director of Music & Fine Arts