



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 27, 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 Adagio from "Symphonie III"

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Come all who are hungry,
All the bread of life has been broken for you.

One Come all who are thirsty,
All rivers of living water flow for you.

One Come, family of God, the table is set, your place is here,
All come, let us call upon the One who saves.

HYMN 175 Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Ever-faithful God, we call out and you listen. We knock and you answer. You alone are constant, and yet we turn from you and from our neighbors. We seek our own ways, we build our own kingdoms, and we ask in our own names. Forgive us again and speak your peace into our lives. Forgive us again and show us the abundance of your grace. Forgive us so that we might grow in your steadfast love again.

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.



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 Psalm 85:1-13

(pg. 543 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Luke 11:1-13

(pg. 72 in pew Bible)

Rachel Pedersen

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Better than a Scorpion?*

Rachel Pedersen

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 529 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O For a Closer Walk

Charles Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon
the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest! I hate the sins that made
Thee mourn and drove Thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light
shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All bread is gluten and casein free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE Hymne au soleil (Hymn to the Sun)

Louis Vierne

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Frank Bowen - July 17, 2025

Worship & Music Notes

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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

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.

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 or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, 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 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

Pray for Youth during Summer Camp.

Sixteen youth are attending the Montreat Summer Youth Conference this week in western North Carolina. Please keep them and their adult leaders in your prayers. They return Saturday night, August 2.

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 to learn more about this opportunity.

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 \$500 to the Hunger Fund this summer can provide a freezer full of BMPC casseroles. Make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift to the Hunger Fund online: 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!

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

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 your thoughts by Aug. 1: bit.ly/BMPCmusicsurvey

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 For more information, contact 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 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.

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 Contact 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

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

Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 27

- 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), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Interim Pastor Search Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

MONDAY, JULY 28

- 7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, virtual
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

TUESDAY, JULY 29

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Playground Playdates, Ed. Bldg. Playground

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

No events scheduled.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

No events scheduled.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

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

2:30 p.m. **Black/Jaswinski Wedding, Chapel**

6:00 p.m. Youth Summer Camp Trip returns from Montreat

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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.

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 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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