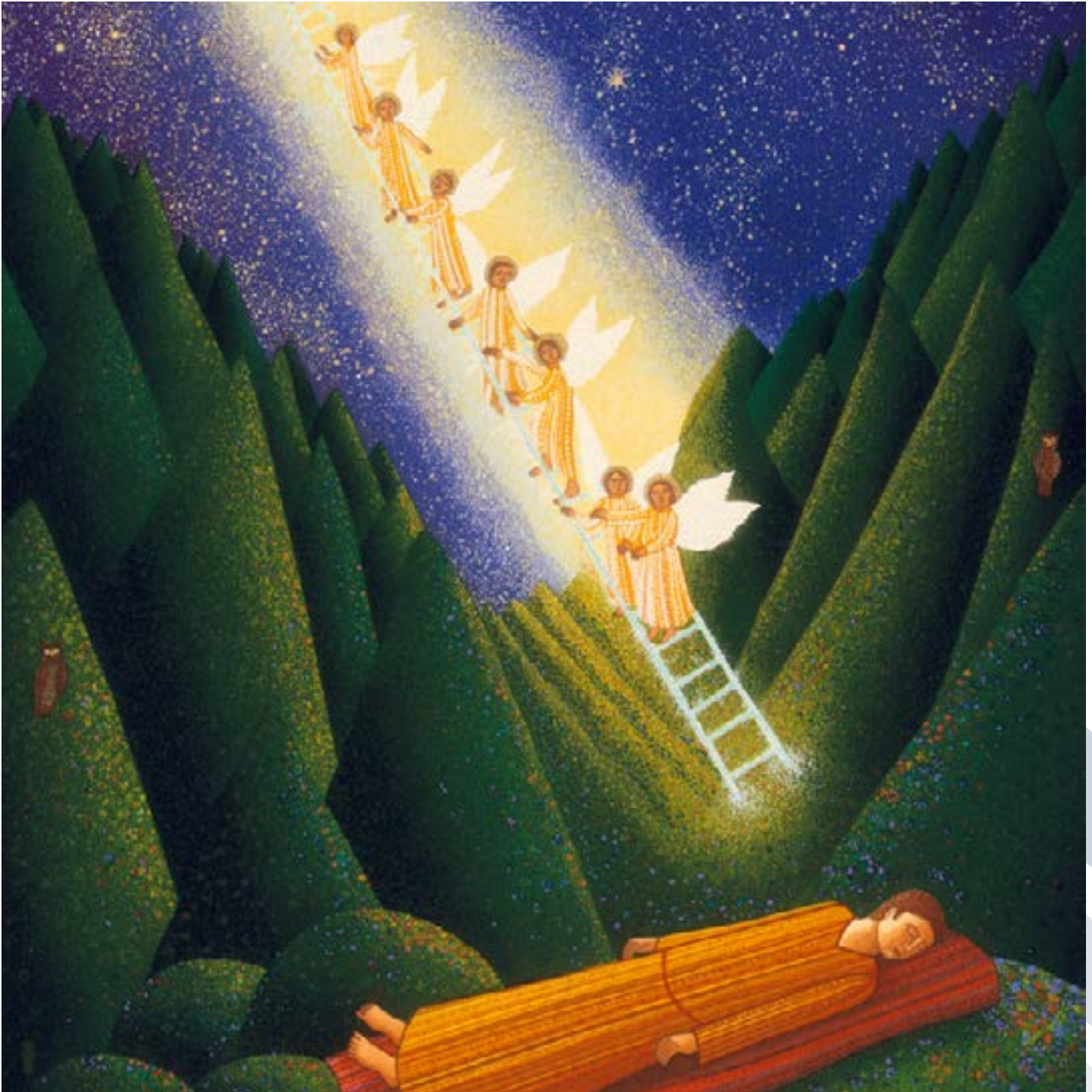


Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026

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

Andante Religioso (from Sonata No. IV, Op. 65)

Felix Mendelssohn

Adagio (from Sonata No. 1, Op. 65)

Susan Ricci Rogel, organist

WELCOME

Melanie Hardison

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

All **God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble.**

One God is our hope and joy on the days of celebration.

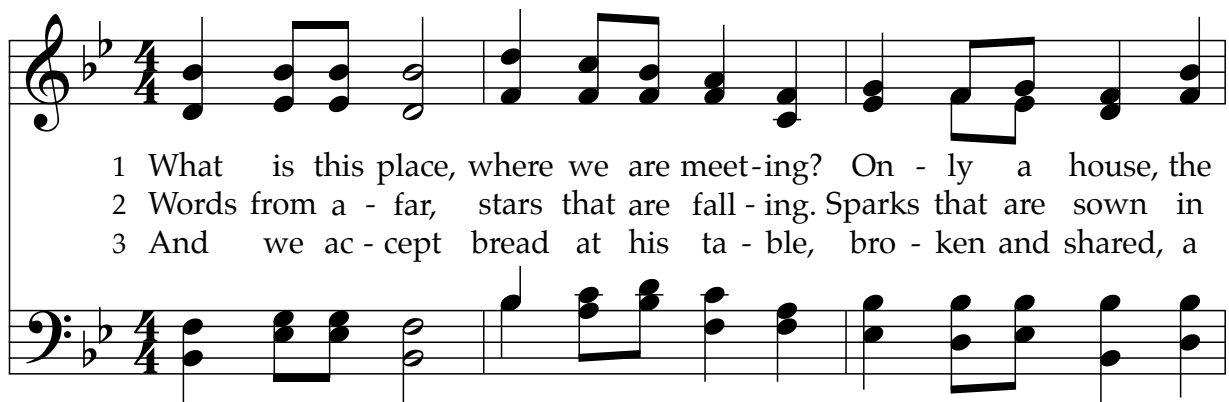
All **God is the one we seek and the one who seeks us.**

One Never lost, but always found, we gather in the presence of the one who calls us.

All **We gather to worship the living God!**

HYMN 404 What Is This Place

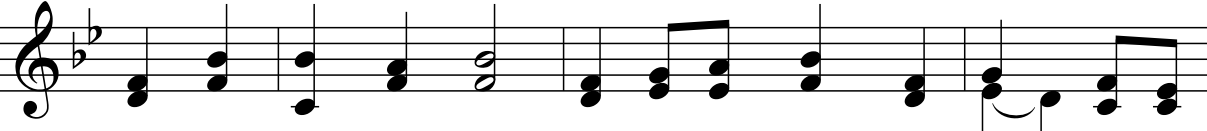
KOMT NU MET ZANG



1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



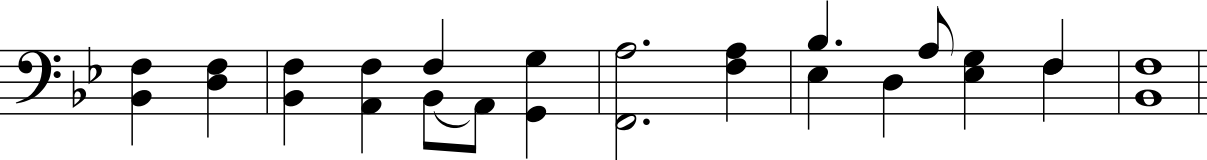
earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win - dows for
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders sent from the
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each

light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that
past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and
oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -




lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.



CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Lord you search me and you know me. You know the ways I have fallen
short and the love I have withheld. Forgive what I have been, help me
amend what I am, and shape what I shall be. Loving God, you know us
and you love us; help us to trust in your love as we make a new way.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please stand, if able.

During the singing of the Gloria Patri, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
6 Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now; and ev - er shall be,
11 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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

Melanie Hardison

FIRST LESSON Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

(Old Testament pg. 577 in pew Bible)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high

that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for
darkness is as light to you.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my thoughts. See
if there is any wicked way in me, and
lead me in the way everlasting.

SECOND LESSON Genesis 28:10-19a

(Old Testament pg. 25 in pew Bible)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Where God Meets Us*

Rachel Pedersen

the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

Response to the Word

HYMN 691 Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM At the Name of Jesus

Richard Waters

At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, every tongue confess Him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom He came, gladly He bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death He passed.

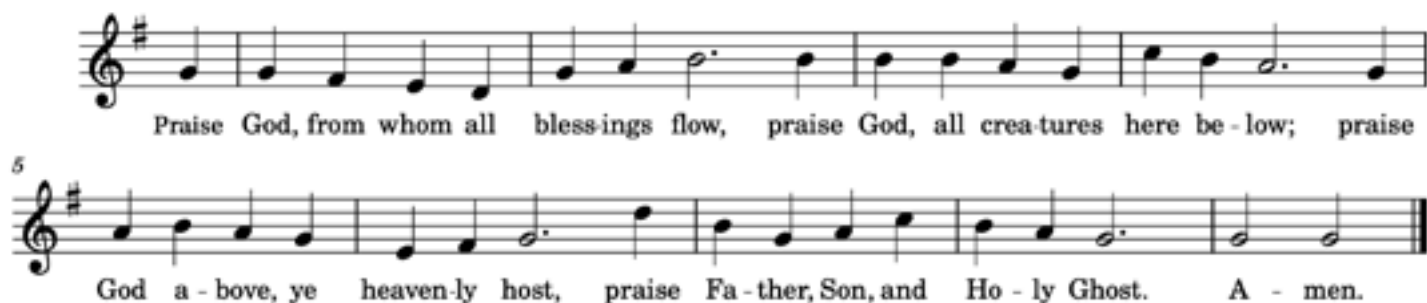
Name him, brothers, name him with love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder and with bated breath; He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown Him as your Captain in temptation's hour; let His will enfold you in its light and power.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



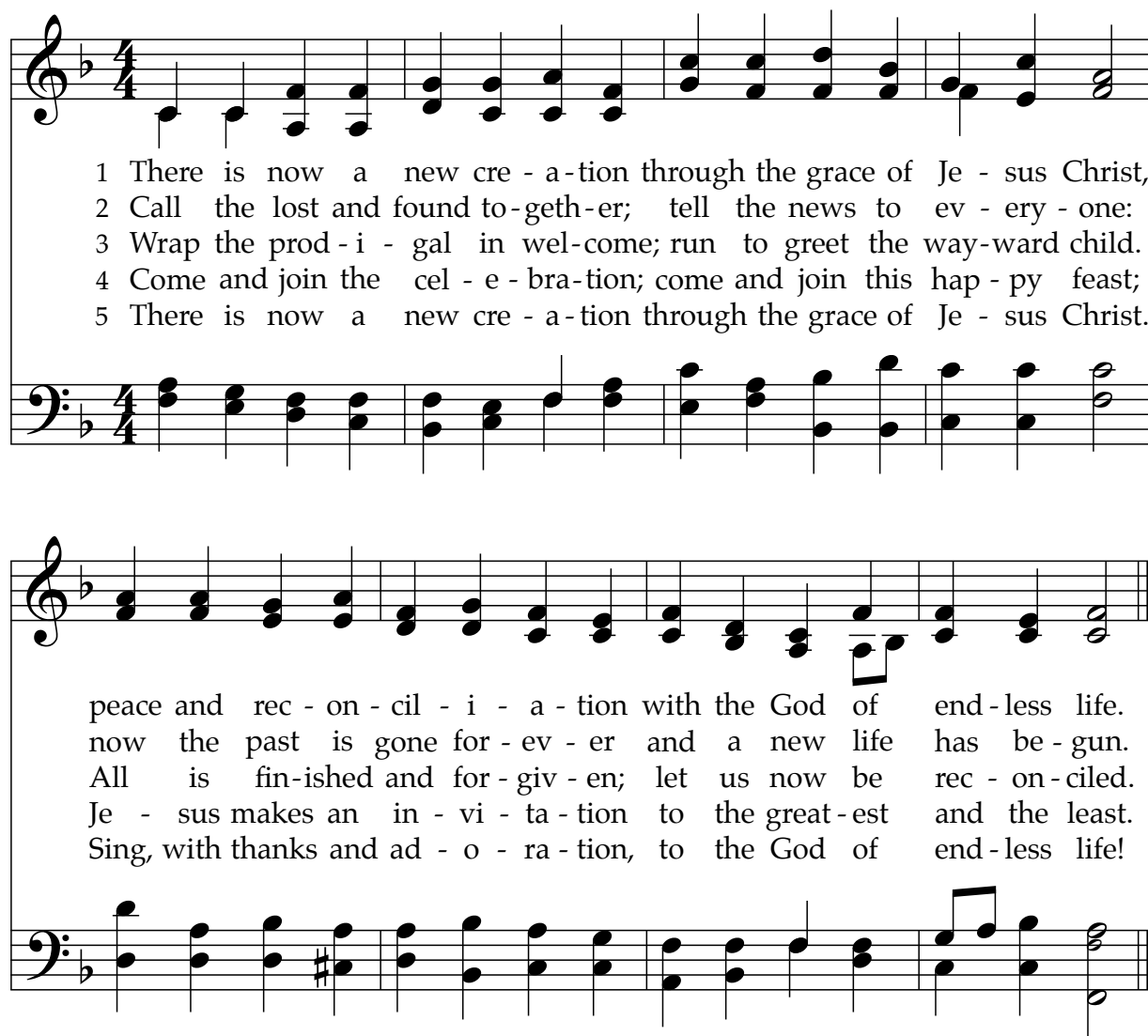
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here be-low; praise
5 God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Willingham

HYMN 774 There Is Now a New Creation

STUTT GART



1 There is now a new cre-a-tion through the grace of Je-sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to-geth-er; tell the news to ev-ery-one:
3 Wrap the prod-i-gal in wel-come; run to greet the way-ward child.
4 Come and join the cel-e-bra-tion; come and join this hap-py feast;
5 There is now a new cre-a-tion through the grace of Je-sus Christ.

peace and rec-on-cil-i-a-tion with the God of end-less life.
now the past is gone for-ev-er and a new life has be-gun.
All is fin-ished and for-giv-en; let us now be rec-on-ciled.
Je-sus makes an in-vi-ta-tion to the great-est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad-o-ra-tion, to the God of end-less life!

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE Tintinnabulation

Richard Lloyd

Susan Ricci Rogel, organist

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church during this season after Pentecost, when we are reminded that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, sustain, and renew the church. In these summer weeks, we gather to worship, reflect, and grow together in faith, trusting that God is at work in every season of our lives.

Whether you are a longtime member, returning after time away, or visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to follow Christ with faithfulness and joy. May our time together today deepen your sense of God's presence and strengthen our shared calling as Christ's disciples in the world.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

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 following the worship service. All of 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/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past 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.

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

GUEST MUSICIAN

Susan Ricci Rogel, organist

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowski

BULLETIN COVER

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Announcements

TODAY

Special Lemonade on the Lawn. Sun., July 19, 11:15 a.m., Front Lawn. Our Summer Sunday School classes are hosting this week with fresh lemonade and special cookies. Our classes have been finding new ways to love our neighbors and, most recently, learning more about ways to help friends and neighbors suffering from cancer. While the lemonade and cookies are free, we will be collecting donations to support Alex's Lemonade Stand and Kisses for Kyle. Both are organizations that support the fight against pediatric cancer.

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Church Officer Nominations. Please submit your recommendations to the 2026 Nominating Committee by Sun., Sept. 20, 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.

Summer Choir. Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Choir Loft. All singers ages 12+ are invited to join! Come any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a brief rehearsal, then sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. We sing one anthem, hymns, and a closing response - no robes, no sign-up, no long-term commitment. On July 26 and Aug. 16, the Summer Choir will sing from the front of the Sanctuary. These dates may be especially convenient for anyone who prefers to avoid stairs, as the front chancel is accessible without them.

Nurturing New Life: Playground

Playdates. Fridays through Aug. 21, 9:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Playground. (Rain location: Gym.) Summer is a great time to connect, play, and explore! Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Education Building for a story and activity before playtime outside. We'll have space set up for babies and toddlers, and the playground available for older siblings. Sign up at bit.ly/NurturingNewLife Contact: ColleenCatania@bmpc.org

Toddler Tailgate. Sun., July 26, 3:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Join young families for fun and a community BBQ! We'll provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. Designed for families with children ages 3 and under, but older siblings are welcome. Sign up at bit.ly/ToddlerTailgate Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Gemma Backpack and School Supply

Collection. Drop off by Sun., Aug. 2, Narthex. Help children served by Gemma Services start the school year strong by participating in our Backpack and School Supply Collection! You can donate a "completed backpack" filled with supplies or purchase individual items from our Amazon list: bit.ly/GemmaBackpacks2026 A complete backpack checklist can be found at bmpc.org/BackpackCollection Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Supporting Our Hunger Ministry Partners.

When possible, the BMPC Hunger Fund provides up to \$2,000 in capital support to partner organizations serving our community. Your gifts make these important investments possible and strengthen local hunger ministries throughout the year. Donate online at onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger or by using the pew envelopes.

Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 19

- 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, Cannon Room
- 9:00 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:55 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Ages 3 and 4), and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Families (Rising Gr. 4-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School (Rising K-Gr. 3), Ed. Bldg.
- 11:15 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn, Front Lawn
- 11:15 a.m. Communion Training Session, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 20

Youth and young adults return from Taizé

- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Communion Training Session, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 206, Gymnasium

THURSDAY, JULY 23

No events scheduled

FRIDAY, JULY 24

- 8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, virtual
- 9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Playground Playdate, Ed. Bldg. Playground

SATURDAY, JULY 25

- 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, JULY 26

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- The Rev. Andy Greenhow 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 white Hunger Envelopes found in the pew rack or by giving online at onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger

*Ardmore Food Pantry - www.stmarysardmore.org/ardmore-food-pantry

Bethel Presbyterian Church Pantry

*Bethesda Project - www.bethesdaproject.org

Boxed Lunch & Book of Ardmore

*Broad Street Love - www.broadstreetlove.org

Chester Eastside, Inc. - www.ceichester.org

Community Interfaith of Central Montgomery County - www.uccchristchurch.org/html/interfaith.html

Eldernet - www.eldernetonline.org

First Presbyterian Church in Glenolden - www.1stpresbyterianchurch.org

Lombard Central Presbyterian Church Pantry - www.lombardcentral.org

Neighborhood Land Power Project - www.neighborhoodland.org

New Horizons Senior Center - www.newhorizonsseniorcenter.org

New River Presbyterian Church Pantry - www.newriverpc.org

Philly House - www.phillyhouse.org

The Common Place - www.thecommonplacephilly.org

T.M. Thomas Presbyterian Church Pantry - www.tmtchurch.net

*University City Hospitality Coalition - www.uchcphiladelphia.org

Upper Merion Area Community Cupboard - www.umacc.org

*West Kensington Ministry Pantry - www.westkensingtonministry.com

West Philadelphia Seventh Day Adventist Church Pantry - www.westphillysda.org

To learn more about partners with no websites,
email JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org for contact information.

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!



Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available throughout the year 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. For more information, contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com



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