



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



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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 "Clair de Lune", from 24 Pièces de Fantaisie, Op. 53, No. 5 Louis Vierne
James Kealey, organist

WELCOME Rebecca Kirkpatrick

INTROIT God Be in My Head Carol McClure
Bryn Mawr Choristers

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my departing.

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people.
All In you our ancestors trusted;
One They trusted you, and you delivered them.
All To you they cried, and they were saved.
One In you they trusted and were not put to shame.
All God you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

HYMN 404 What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with
you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your
creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your**

commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior.

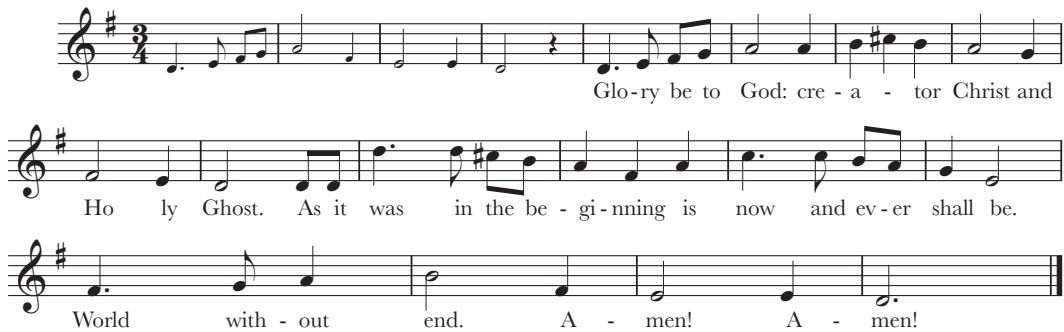
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE Gloria

James Kealeley



Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

All We do.

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes,
Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

(pg. 205 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

I will sing with the spirit, alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also,
alleluia. I will sing with the spirit, alleluia.

SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 31:38-40; 32:1-15

Anna Carter Florence

(pg. 736 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Jeremiah's Guide to Buying a Field*

Anna Carter Florence

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 357 The Days Are Surely Coming

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Melanie Hardison

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

Melanie Hardison

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

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

Melanie Hardison

HYMN 462 I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Anna Carter Florence

POSTLUDE

Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Op. 12

Daniel Carroll, organist

Maurice Duruflé

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Karen Sue Petrauskas - November 3, 2025

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Grace and John Huffaker

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

Kendall Rose Kelly, Daughter of Kirstyn and Ross Kelly

Adeline Grace, Clara Margaret, and Josie Noelle Maskarinec,

Daughters of Ann and Dan Maskarinec

TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's choral anthems both come from English musicians, and though both works seek to praise God, they do so in very different ways. This underscores how we, as individuals praise, give thanks, and honor God in our own ways, with our various skillsets and attributes. John Rutter's "I will sing with the Spirit" is an uplifting and joyful work celebrating this well-known text; perhaps proclaiming the joy we have as disciples of Christ, as we, too, sing with joy. "O how amiable" by Ralph Vaughan-Williams is more subdued, and more introspective, whilst still praising God. The work ends with the St. Anne Choral, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

-James Kealey, Co-Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church! As the leaves turn and our ministries come alive with new energy, we rejoice in the many ways the Spirit gathers us together in worship, learning, and service. Whether you have been part of this congregation for years or are visiting for the first time, we are grateful for your presence.

This is a season of renewal and reconnection—a time to grow in faith, build relationships, and share in God’s work in the world. Inside this bulletin, you’ll find opportunities to participate in the vibrant life of our church. May our worship today strengthen your spirit and remind us all of the joy of belonging to this community of faith.

— The Pastors of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

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 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/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

Theologian In Residence, Anna Carter

Florence. Sun., Nov. 9, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for our annual lecture series featuring homiletics scholar Anna Carter Florence. Anna is known for her creative readings and explorations of scripture and will guide us in experiencing and understanding the Bible in fresh and imaginative ways.

Youth Positive Parenting Series. Sun., Nov.

9, 6:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for this month's session of our Youth Positive Parenting Series, led by experts from the Middleton Counseling Center. This month's focus is on Technology — understanding the challenges youth face in navigating digital life today. Designed for parents of 6th–12th graders, the series offers practical strategies for positive parenting. Adults will meet in Witherspoon Parlor. Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag. Sun., Nov. 9, 6:00 p.m., Gym & Harcum College Lawn. Current 6th-12th graders are invited to the annual Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag event. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. in the gym for pizza and 6:30 p.m. for

the games. Registration required: bit.ly/GlowCTF2025 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Bryn Mawr Gives Love. Stewardship

2026. BMPC is blessed to have the BMPC Foundation, which makes a significant contribution to the church each year. However, Stewardship actually provides a much larger proportion of the budget than does the Foundation. It is Stewardship that keeps the lights on and our programs running. If you have not made a pledge this year, remember that this can be done online, by mail, or in the plate. Thank you!

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Interim Pastor Search Update. The Interim Pastor Search Committee continues its work of selecting and hiring our next Interim Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. As this process nears its conclusion, we anticipate the arrival of the Interim Pastor before the end of the calendar year. In the weeks prior to their arrival, please note that the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission, will serve as Acting Head of Staff and Moderator of the BMPC Session.

Meet and Greet the Rev. Melanie Hardison. Tues., Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m., the Ministries Center Court. Join us in extending a warm welcome to Melanie, our new Pastor for Congregational Care. This will be an opportunity to meet informally with Melanie, share light refreshments, and learn about her ministry. Please register with TiaraHarris@bmpc.org

Men's Discussion Group. Wed., Nov. 12, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Join the Rev. Andy Greenhow and explore *The Incarnation as God's First Intention* by Dr. Edwin van Driel, professor of theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The book invites readers to consider the incarnation not as God's response to sin, but as a revelation of God's eternal desire to be present with us. To register and purchase a copy of the book from the church office for \$10, contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

The Meaning of Midrash. Sun., Nov. 16, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Join Rabbi David Straus for a thought-provoking class on the meaning and significance of midrash—the ancient Jewish tradition of interpreting Scripture through storytelling, questions, and imagination. Together, we'll explore how midrash can deepen our understanding of the Bible and enrich our own faith today.

Organ Recital, Jeffrey Brillhart: These Are My Favorite Things. Sun., Nov. 16, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Join us for an inspiring afternoon as Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts at BMPC, presents *These Are My Favorite Things*, a personal selection of organ works that have shaped his musical journey. This free recital offers both longtime organ enthusiasts and new listeners a moment of reflection and joy. All are welcome to this free event. Contact ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Urban Suburban Book Group. Tues., Nov. 18, 12:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. All are invited to join us in discussion about the memoir, *Crossing the Line* by Kareem Rosser. A memoir of defying the odds, West Philadelphian Kareem Rosser becomes captain of the first all-Black squad to win the National Interscholastic Polo Championship. Please bring your lunch and beverage; dessert will be provided.

LGBTQ @ BMPC. Wed., Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Come as you are and find connection in a welcoming, affirming space for all. This biweekly gathering (first and third Wednesday evenings each month) offers a judgment-free environment to build community, share experiences, ask questions, and receive support. For more information or to connect with our volunteer facilitators, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

Middle School Retreat at Johnsonburg. Fri., Dec. 5 - Sun., Dec. 7. Students in grades 6-8 are invited to a Middle School Retreat at Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center. The cost is \$175, with scholarships available. Register by Thurs., Nov. 20: bit.ly/MiddleSchoolRetreat2025 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Family Movie Night Featuring "The Star." Fri., Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a family movie night with pizza, popcorn, and hot chocolate! RSVP requested so we can plan for the correct amount of food: bit.ly/TheStarMovieNight Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Turkey Collection. Help ensure every family has a Thanksgiving meal this year. The Hunger Committee is collecting frozen turkeys (up to 15 lbs.) for distribution throughout November. Donations should be received by Wed., Nov. 19, but early contributions are especially appreciated to help meet community needs. Turkeys may be dropped off in the Ministries Center, using any of the freezers located downstairs. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Christmas Flower Donations. Each Christmas, the beauty of our Sanctuary is enhanced by the generous gifts of flowers contributed by members and

friends of the congregation. Donations may be made in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone special, or in celebration of a joyful milestone such as a marriage, retirement, birth, or baptism. These gifts not only adorn our worship spaces for Christmas Eve but also support our year-round flower ministry, bringing comfort and care through the Deacons' flower deliveries. To participate, please complete the form at bit.ly/BMPCChristmasFlowers by Sun., Nov. 30.

Join Us in the Fight Against Hunger.

Through the BMPC Hunger Fund, our congregation supports more than eighteen food pantries and feeding programs in Greater Philadelphia and helps provide over 1,000 casseroles each year. Your gifts make this possible and strengthen the work of our partners serving neighbors in need. Give using the white Hunger Envelopes in your pew rack or make a one-time or recurring gift online: onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger

Front Desk Volunteers Needed. Be a welcoming presence for members and visitors! Front Desk Receptionists greet guests, answer and transfer calls, and use our online church directory. Shifts are flexible—just two hours or more—and a brief screening helps ensure a good fit. If you're comfortable with people, phones, and computers, this could be a wonderful way to serve. Contact LizEllis@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 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
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 105
- 9:00 a.m. Chorister Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering (Gr. 6-12), Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Intro to the Chapel for Twos & Threes, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary & Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Theologian in Residence: Another Look at Jesus, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Glow In The Dark Capture The Flag, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Positive Parenting Series, Witherspoon Parlor

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, virtual
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM DELCO, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Meet & Greet: Melanie Hardison, Ministries Center Court
- 10:30 a.m. TaiChi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Hearing Voices Support Group, Room 200
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

- 6:00 p.m. Joint Session Trustee Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Congregational Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 10:00 p.m. Wednesday Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Piano Class A, Fine Arts Center
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Piano Class B, Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Ed Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Teacher Training, Witherspoon Parlor

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Monthly Meeting, Cannon Room
- 5:30 p.m. Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 11:00 a.m. **Karen Petrauskas Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 7:00 a.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium
- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

Giving

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