

# Berwyn Presbyterian Church

## 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 27, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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### THE GATHERING

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

*Please remember to turn off your cell phones for worship.*

*\* indicates please stand if you are able. Congregation reads words in **bold**.*

*GG indicates Glory to God Hymnal found in the pews.*

*This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, and you may appear on our Facebook page channel.*

#### Prelude

Open the Eyes of My Heart

*OPEN THE EYES*

#### Ringing of the Hour

#### Prelude

Open My Eyes / Amazing Grace

*Jesse Manibusan*

#### Welcome

#### \* Call to Worship

Let us bless the Holy One, the Lord, at all times.

**God's praise shall continually be on our lips.**

O magnify the Lord with me!

**Let us exalt the Holy One's name together!**

(adapted from Psalm 34)

#### \* Hymn GG 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

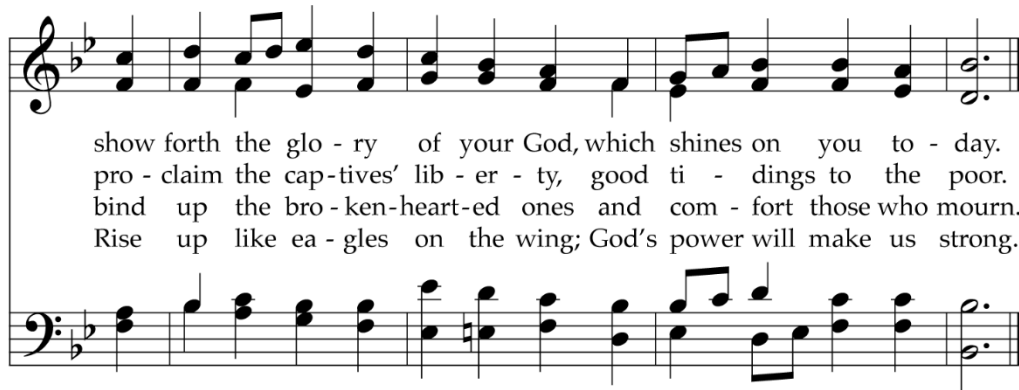
*(see next page for hymn)*

*FESTAL SONG*

# 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974  
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894  
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FESTAL SONG  
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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

**\* Call to Confession**

**\* Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

(Book of Common Worship)

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Alleluia Amen!**

**\* The Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please share the peace with a few neighbors.)*

**\* Welcome Song**

You're Welcome in the Name of the Lord

*Traditional Cameroon*

You're welcome in the name of the Lord. You're welcome in the name of the Lord,  
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, you're welcome in the name of the Lord.

We love you in the name of the Lord. We love you in the name of the Lord,  
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, we love you in the name of the Lord.

*(Visitors, welcome, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

*Prayer request cards will be collected later in the service, please prepare them ahead of time.)*

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lessons

#### Hebrew Bible Psalm 34:1-10

Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
 and delivered me from all my fears.  
 Look to him, and be radiant;  
 so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
 and was saved from every trouble.  
 The angel of the Lord encamps  
 around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
 O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
 happy are those who take refuge in him.  
 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
 for those who fear him have no want.  
 The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
 but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**



## Message for Children

*Rev. Ulmer*

### New Testament John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God.**



\* Hymn GG 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990  
 MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874  
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**\*Affirmation of Faith**

(Book of Common Worship, from Philippians 2:5-11)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Traditional*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Call for the Offering**

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end,  
**we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.**

## THE THANKSGIVING

Doxology 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Genevan Psalter*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDRETH  
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\* Prayer of Dedication

## THE SENDING

\* Hymn GG 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*AMAZING GRACE*

THANKSGIVING

# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**CHOCTAW**

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 isi pi yukpalashke.*

**CREEK**

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

**NAVAHO**

*Nizhóníígo joobá diits' a'  
 yisdáshúítinígíí,  
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da út'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie  
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt. AMAZING GRACE  
 Text Phonetic Transcr. Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw © Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference; CM  
 Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie



**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Congregational Response**

Thank You, Lord African-American spiritual  
*Thank you, Lord, Thank you, Lord, Thank you Lord,  
I just want to thank you, Lord.*

**\* Postlude**

To God Be the Glory *TO GOD BE THE GLORY*

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# Weekly News – October 27, 2024

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**Thank you for joining us online today.** We are delighted for the opportunity to worship God with you. Please feel at home and join us again. Visitors are encouraged to drop us a line at our church website: <https://berwynpresbyterianchurch.net>, or to write to the church email address: [berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com). We would love to be in touch.

**NOTE:** Prelude will start at 10:20 a.m. The church bell will ring at 10:25 a.m. between two Preludes. Come a little early and relax with a few minutes of music before the start of the service.



## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:**

Rev. Holly Ulmer, *Minister*

Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, *Music Director*

Deacon Maceline Chah, *Worship Associate*

Napoleon Njong/ Helen Alapa, *Deacons, Ushers*

## **SUPPORTING WORSHIP TODAY:**

Camera, Facebook and sound system operation provided by the Berwyn Stream Team.  
Members of the Choir (*recorded music or in person*)

**THIS WORSHIP SERVICE IS BEING LIVESTREAMED TO THE INTERNET.  
YOU MAY APPEAR ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE CHANNEL.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS** will be collected during the worship service. Please fill out a prayer request card found in the pew racks so you will be ready to pass it in at the appropriate time.

## **TIME FOR PRAYERS with the Board of Deacons**

Sundays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for all prayers. Members are encouraged to join by zoom or telephone by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83559134324?pwd=YkszemlaTDJMMzJpeWZqR3ZjcU9XQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 5913 4324

Passcode: 478708

For more details, contact Elder Victoria Uche, Clerk of Session, or Alain Moudji

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### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, PART 1 IS TODAY!**

The Congregational Meeting, Part 1 is **TODAY** after the Church Service. The Session invites all active members to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to elect church members to the Deacon Board and Session to fill the class of 2027 and vacancies available in the other classes. In addition, to elect church members to the 2025 Nominating committee.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** will be observed **Sunday, November 3, 2024**. In our worship service we will celebrate all the people—saints—of God who walked the way of faith with courage, devotion and love. We will remember the members of our household of faith who entered the church triumphant since last All Saints Sunday. We would also like to remember other family members, friends, mentors and leaders who died in the past year (November 2023-October 2024). If you have a family member or friend whose name you would like to include in this great day of memory, hope and celebration, please send their name ASAP to Lynne at [berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com) but no later than Tuesday, October 29, 12 pm.

### **12/08 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE DURING WORSHIP**

This annual musical event will be conducted by the Christian Education Committee. Please mark your calendars!

### **LISTING TUNE NAMES IN THE BULLETIN**

Starting this month, hymns in the bulletin will be listed by their tune names instead of the composers' names. This change reflects that many people are more familiar with tune names, such as recognizing "How Great Thou Art" rather than "O Lord My God." Additionally, using tune names reduces space taken up by long catalog names for unknown composers, streamlining the bulletin format. This adjustment also aligns our bulletin with practices of many other congregations, making it easier for visitors. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

### **SPECIAL THANK YOU OFFERING**

The Finance Committee of Berwyn Presbyterian Church invites members and friends of the congregation to consider offering a special thank offering as a way to celebrate and give thanks for God's work in their lives. This offering provides a meaningful opportunity to express gratitude and support for the church while acknowledging the blessings you have received.

To ensure your special thank offering is properly coordinated with our worship activities, please reach out to the Finance Committee Chair, Elder Godlove Mbah, and the Worship Committee Chair, Elder Betsy Dowling, at least six to eight weeks in advance of the desired offering date. This will allow sufficient time for both committees to plan and prepare worship elements that appropriately honor your offering and the occasion.

### **FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

Thank you for coming with your family to worship today. Our church strives to be a welcoming Community of Faith for everyone. After the children's message, all children are encouraged to attend Sunday School where they will learn Bible stories and have time to spend with their peers. For parents that prefer to have their child with them in the sanctuary, we just ask that if your child becomes uncomfortable and is crying, please step out of the sanctuary briefly. When they are settled down, please return so we can continue to worship and praise God together. The sermon being delivered is important to hear by those attending the service in the sanctuary and for those watching online. Thank You.

-From the Christian Education and Worship Committees

## **OUTSIDE DOORS CLOSED, LIGHTS OFF**

... especially when you leave. Our latest electricity bill was over \$1,300 and the one before that nearly \$1,200. Let's keep the cooled air in and the hot air out and lights off when not needed. We don't leave our doors open at home or all the lights on for convenience, so let's not at our church. We also want to keep insects and wildlife outside.

## **GIVING TO THE CHURCH**

Thank you for your continued giving to support Berwyn Church! Here are the various ways we can continue to make our contributions and pledges. Choose the most convenient method!

- Zelle - use either the phone number 301-768-2729 or the email address [berwyntreasurer05@gmail.com](mailto:berwyntreasurer05@gmail.com). The bank charges the church a 1% fee.
- U.S. Mail – send your check to Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
- Use BillPay through your bank and they will mail us the check.
- Place your offering in the basket in the sanctuary if you are worshipping in-person.

## **HAVING A MEETING OR OTHER ACTIVITY?**

Be sure to advise Property team members Shadrack Fogwe and Rex Powell well in advance to get it on the office planning calendar if it will be in the church building.

**Also please email Lynne at [berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com) on Mondays** so that it can be included in the calendar part of the Weekly News, whether in-person or by Zoom.

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Rev. Holly Ulmer, Stated Supply Pastor**, please email her at [revhollyulmer@gmail.com](mailto:revhollyulmer@gmail.com)

Rev. Holly is happy to meet with you either in-person or via zoom by setting up an appointment.

**Victoria Uche, Clerk of Session**, send an email to [clerkofsession.berwynpc@gmail.com](mailto:clerkofsession.berwynpc@gmail.com)

**Dr. Ophilia Mbah, Moderator, Board of Deacons**, send an email to [deaconboard.bpc@gmail.com](mailto:deaconboard.bpc@gmail.com)

**Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal, Music Director**, regarding music at Berwyn or the stream team that operates camera, sound, and Facebook, send an email to [berwynmusic@gmail.com](mailto:berwynmusic@gmail.com)

**THIS WEEK AND NEXT AT BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)

**11:45 am, Annual Congregational Meeting, Part 1 (Sanctuary/Zoom)**

4:00 pm, Confirmation Class (Zoom, Contact: Rev Holly)

6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

12:00 pm, Deadline: Names for All Saints Bulletin ([berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com))

12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline ([berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com))

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024**

6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Music Room (Contact Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal)

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

10:00 am Confirmation Class (Zoom, Contacts: Rev Holly and Steve Alapa)

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 ~ All Saints Sunday/Communion Sunday**

10:30 am, Worship Service (in Sanctuary and on Facebook)

6:00 pm, Time for Prayer (Zoom, Contact: Elder Victoria Uche)

**Monday, November 4, 2024**

7:15 pm, Worship Committee (Zoom, Contact: Natalie Murray)

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

12:00 pm, Deadline: Names for All Saints Bulletin ([berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com))

12:15 pm, Weekly News Deadline ([berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com))

**Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Music Room (Contact Dr. Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal)

**Thursday, November 7, 2024**

7:30 pm, Esther Circle Meeting (Blue Room, Contact: Barbara Simmons)

**For Church Calendar items, please send an email to [berwyn.office@gmail.com](mailto:berwyn.office@gmail.com)  
(Contact: Lynne Brady) For Weekly News items, deadline is Tuesday, 12:15 pm.  
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