

## Upcoming Worship Services

### Young Children's Marionette

Sunday, December 4  
9:45 am  
Cathedral Undercroft

### Children's Tableaux

Sunday, December 4  
3:30pm  
Society Building

### Choral Vespers

Saturday, December 7  
7:30 pm  
Bryn Athyn Cathedral

### Christmas Tableaux

#### Reenactment of the Christmas Story

Sunday, December 15  
3:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:00pm, 8:15pm  
Bryn Athyn Cathedral

### Informal Lessons & Carols

#### Sons of Art & Chocolate Moose

Sunday, December 18  
9:20 am  
Society Building

### Young Children's

#### Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 23  
3:30pm  
Cathedral Council Chamber

### Christmas Eve Festival Service

Saturday, December 24  
4:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm  
Bryn Athyn Cathedral

### Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25  
11:30am  
Bryn Athyn Cathedral

**Our gratitude to the many, many volunteers  
who give their time to create this worship service.**

Thanks to the ushers and greeters, traffic controllers, shuttle drivers, chancel girls, BACS 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Sigma for the set up and take down of the chairs, fruit packers, fruit-basket makers, fruit distributors, singers and musicians, sound and video operators. Special thanks to the Field House staff, Academy Security, Cranch Landscapers and Bryn Athyn Police Department for contributing to this service.

*"Everyone in heaven does something specifically useful, for the Lord's kingdom is a kingdom of uses."*

*Heaven and Hell 387*

### Your fruit offering will benefit so many:

Your generous fruit and winter vegetable offerings will be given to people in our church community who have lost a loved one this past year. In addition, some will be delivered to **Whosoever Gospel Mission, Drueding Center and Cairnwood Village**. Bryn Athyn Church supports these organizations throughout the year.

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# “Head, Heart and Hands”

## Rev. Derek Elphick

### Thanksgiving Day

### November 24, 2022

# Welcome to Bryn Athyn Church

## Thanksgiving Service

What a joy to be back in the Asplundh Field House, celebrating Thanksgiving with you all. These last few years have taught us not to take for granted the chance to gather, sing and worship the Lord together as a community. We hope and pray that the service today will give you a greater sense of connection to your neighbors and to the Lord as we individually and collectively count our many blessings and offer thanks to our loving God.

### Preludes

Fest Musik der Stadt Wien – Richard Strauss, arr. Eric Banks  
 Praise My Soul – John Goss, arr. A. Cook  
 The Green Hill – Bert Appermont  
 The Ashokan Farewell – Jay Ungar, arr. Alan Fernie  
 Jubilate from the Unison Service – Charles Villiers Stanford  
 America the Beautiful – Samuel Ward, arr. Bill Himes

### Procession

The Home of Legends – Paul Lovatt-Cooper  
 Crown Him with Many Crowns – George Elvey, arr. R. van der Velde

### Postlude

Arsenal - Jan Van der Roost

The Penn View Brass Band, directed by John Shaw  
 The Bryn Athyn Choristers, directed by Robin Bier  
 Terry Schnarr, organ

## Order of Service

Come Sing to the Lord of Harvest..... 13

### The Opening of the Lord’s Word

#### The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also 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

### Thanksgiving Recitation

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God, who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains. He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry.

Psalm 147: 7–9

The God of Harvest Praise .....22

### Reading from the Word

For the Beauty of the Earth .....16

### Message from Rev. Derek Elphick

#### “Head, Heart and Hands”

interlude

**You will be invited to bring up your fruit offering after the talk then be seated for the following hymn.**

The First Fruits.....11

### Blessing

For Peace and for Plenty..... 17

**Please remain seated during the first (short) postlude.**

### Deuteronomy 26:1-11

And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, “I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.” Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

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The fact that firstfruits were given to Jehovah symbolized the idea that the most important aspect of religion was to give the Lord rather than ourselves the credit for the good actions and true ideas of our faith. Giving the Lord the credit means knowing, acknowledging, and believing that it all comes from Him, not from ourselves . . . The reason firstfruits have this symbolism is that they were offerings, which were a way of giving thanks for the produce and of acknowledging blessings from the Lord. Such offerings were therefore a way of acknowledging that everything comes from Him. In an inner sense, they were an acknowledgment of the good impulses and true ideas of faith that are symbolized by a harvest, grain, oil, new wine, wine, wool, and fruit of which firstfruits were given.