

**New Church Pub Night for Young Adults  
Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 pm**

Join Rev. Derek Elphick and Rev. Malcolm Smith at Yard's Brewery in Philly for the chance to connect with other New Church young adults and two hip pastors. First (and maybe second) round on them! Send questions or RSVP to [churchoffice@brynathynchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@brynathynchurch.org).

**Community Supper: "Artificial Intelligence from a New Church Perspective"**

**Friday, October 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm**

Read more by scanning the QR code.



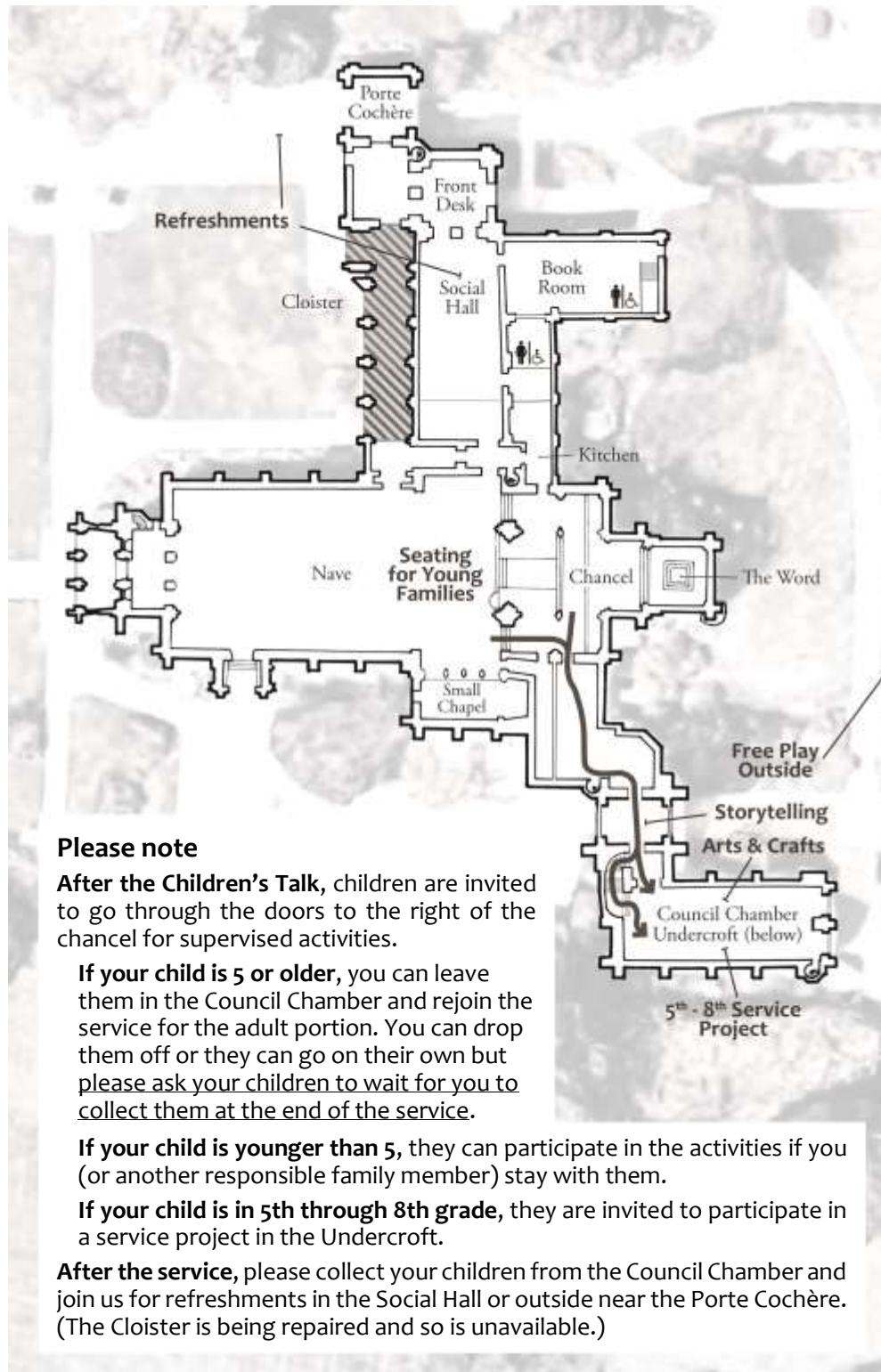
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**Get Involved**  
Volunteer or join a small group  
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**New Digital Community Calendar**  
Visit [brynathynchurch.org/calendar](http://brynathynchurch.org/calendar) or scan the QR code.



We do not pass a collection basket during the service. Offertory bowls are located at each entrance for donations to support this church and the useful activities it serves. Donate at [www.brynathynchurch.org/donate](http://www.brynathynchurch.org/donate) or scan the QR code.



**Please note**

**After the Children's Talk**, children are invited to go through the doors to the right of the chancel for supervised activities.

**If your child is 5 or older**, you can leave them in the Council Chamber and rejoin the service for the adult portion. You can drop them off or they can go on their own but please ask your children to wait for you to collect them at the end of the service.

**If your child is younger than 5**, they can participate in the activities if you (or another responsible family member) stay with them.

**If your child is in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade**, they are invited to participate in a service project in the Undercroft.

**After the service**, please collect your children from the Council Chamber and join us for refreshments in the Social Hall or outside near the Porte Cochère. (The Cloister is being repaired and so is unavailable.)

# The Face of God

Community Worship Service  
Rev. Derek Elphick  
September 17, 2023



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## Readings

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

**Numbers 6: 24-26**

You shall have no other gods before My face.

**Exodus 20: 3**

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

**Psalms 27: 8**

The face has been fashioned in such a way that it can produce an image of a person's inner being. It has been fashioned to the end that... those things which belong to the spiritual world can be visualized in the natural world and so have an effect on one's neighbor. It is well known that the face presents visually, or as if in a mirror, what a person thinks and loves.

**Secrets of Heaven 9306**

His face shone like the sun.

**Matthew 17:2**

*The face, when in reference to the Lord, means everything which is from Divine Love, thus innocence, peace, joy, thus heaven itself.*

**Secrets of Heaven 9545**

There has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.

**Deuteronomy 34:10**

Think about God in terms of His essence and from that about His person.

**Apocalypse Revealed 611**

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### Choose a question or two to reflect on or discuss:

1. What stood out to you in the readings or talk today?
2. Why is face-to-face communication so important?
3. What has your experience been like picturing the face of God?
4. What gets in the way of us having "face-to-face" communication with the Lord?
5. Describe a time when you have experienced the Lord's love shining through the face of another.

## Preludes

Meditation from "Thaïs" - Jules Massenet,  
arr. Edward Broughton

Intermezzo from "Seedtime and Harvest" - John E. West,  
arr. Frank W. Asper

Serenade to Spring - Rolf Lovland, arr. Jane Holstein

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - William M. Runyan,  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Shine on Us - Michael W. Smith and Debbie Smith

## Welcome

*O Word of God Incarnate* ..... 893

## Opening Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

*I Saw the Lord* ..... 1019  
(children come forward)

## Children's Talk (with reading)

### Blessing on Children

*The Blessing Song* ..... 1044  
(children go to activities-see map)

## Interludes:

Surely the Presence of the Lord is In This Place - Lanny Wolfe

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - Helen H. Lemmel

## Adult Talk (with readings)

Reflection/Discussion (see questions under readings)

## Announcements

*God is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him* ..... 846

## Benediction

## Postludes

Give Me Jesus - Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Trumpet Tune in G-flat Major - David N. Johnson

## Musicians

Leah Martin, organ and piano

Bryn Athyn Cathedral Choir

Jennifer Cole, soprano

Anna Martin, alto

Ben Cole, tenor

Graham Bier, bass-baritone

Shawn Rose, piano

Liam Taylor, guitar

Ethan Daum, bass

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Holy Supper Services

**September 24**

9:20 am

(Heilman Hall)

9:30 am/10:00 am/11:00 am

(Bryn Athyn Cathedral)

### New Church Pub Night

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7:00 pm

(Yard's Brewery)

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