

Dads Group

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6:45 am or 7:30 pm

Want to be more intentional in the way you approach being a dad? Want to get to know other dads? Come this



Wednesday and invite your friends. Email malcolmsmith@brynathynchurch.org for more information or scan the QR code.

New Church Pub Night for Young Adults

Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:00 pm

Join Revs. Derek Elphick and Malcolm Smith at Yard's Brewery in Philly for the chance to connect with other young adults. First (and maybe second) round on them! Looking to carpool or have questions? Email:

churchoffice@brynathynchurch.org.

Community Supper: "The Four Gospels: A New Perspective"

Saturday, Nov. 11, at 6:00 pm

Read more by scanning the



Moms Group: "Exploring the Emotional Journey of Motherhood"

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7:00 pm

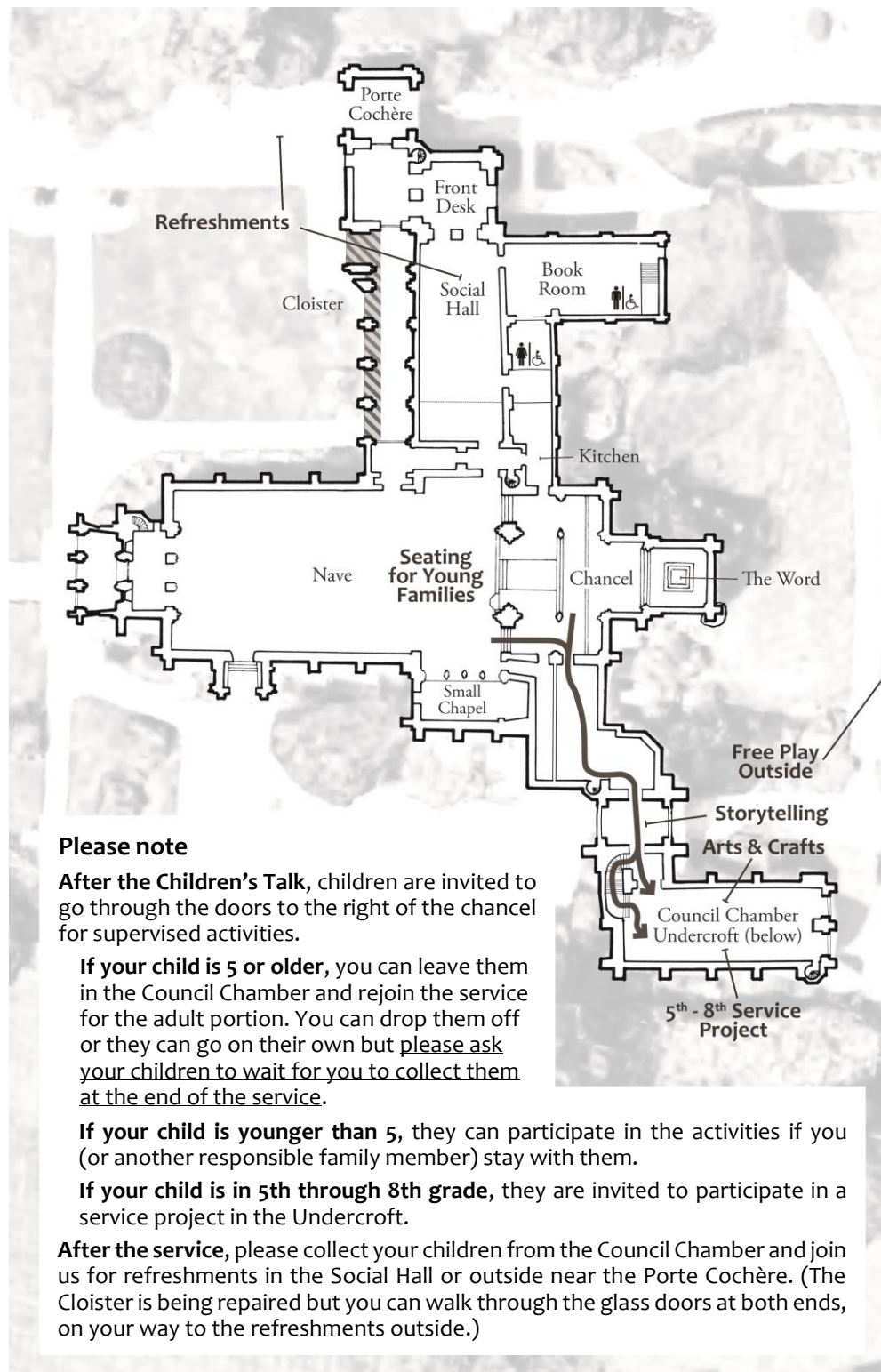
Email nina.deweese@brynathynchurch.org for more information.

New Digital Community Calendar

Visit brynathynchurch.org/calendar or scan the QR code.



We do not pass a collection basket during this 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 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 5th through 8th 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 but you can walk through the glass doors at both ends, on your way to the refreshments outside.)

The Word of God

Community Worship Service

Rev. Malcolm Smith

October 29, 2023



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Readings

“For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days....”

Deuteronomy 30:11-14, 19-20

Since faith in its essence is truth, our faith becomes more spiritual, and more perfectly spiritual, depending on the quantity of truths we have and how well they fit together. That is, our faith becomes less and less sense-oriented and earthly, because it then rises up into a higher region of our mind. From that perspective it sees below itself a host of things in the nature of the world that strengthen and support it. True faith, achieved through a quantity of truths that fit together like strands in a cable, also becomes more enlightening, perceivable, obvious, and clear. True faith also becomes more easily united with acts of goodwill or charity, and therefore more alienated from evils and progressively more remote from the enticements of the eye and the cravings of the flesh. Therefore, faith becomes more truly happy. Above all, it becomes more powerful against evils and falsities, and therefore more and more living and empowered to save.

True Christianity 352

Choose a question or two to reflect on or discuss:

1. What stood out to you in the readings or talk today?
2. What is one of your favorite passages or teachings from the Word of God?
3. Describe a time when something from the Lord’s Word helped you in a difficult situation.
4. How has your relationship with the Word of God changed over the course of your life?

Preludes

Choral Prelude on the tune “Melcombe” - T. Tertius Noble
Fairest Lord Jesus - James Woodman
Sonata Pathétique, movement II – Ludwig van Beethoven,
arr. A. Schreiner
You Raise Me Up - Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland,
arr. Joel Raney
Preludio from Violin Sonata No. 9 - Arcangelo Corelli
Sherburne - Daniel Read

Welcome

Lord, Thy Word Abideth 892

Opening Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Come and Let Us Go 1038
(Children come forward.)

Children’s Talk (with reading)

Blessing on Children

Thy Word..... 1061
(Children go to activities. See map on back.)

Interlude

Traumerei - Robert Schumann

Adult Talk (with readings)

Reflection/Discussion (see questions under readings)

Announcements

O Jesus Christ, Redeemer Lord..... 840

Benediction

Postludes

Rondeau from *Suite de Symphonies* - Jean-Joseph Mouret
Allegro from *Judas Maccabaeus* - G. F. Handel

Musicians

Leah Martin, organ
Annalisa Franzen, violin
Bryn Athyn Choristers
Bryn Athyn Cathedral Choir
Charity Warwick, Evelyn de Chazal,
Nathaniel Cole and Graham Bier,
voices
Shawn Rose, piano
Derek Austin, guitar
Scott Russell, bass

UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Adult Pub Night

November 3, 7:00 pm

(Yard’s Brewing Co.)

Community Supper

November 11, 6:00 pm

(Heilman Hall)

BATS Pop-Up Sale

November 11, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

November 12, 12:00-4:00 pm

(Society Building)

Thanksgiving Festival Service

November 23, 10:30 am

(Asplundh Field House)

Children’s Tableaux

December 3, 3:30 pm

(Heilman Hall)

Christmas Tableaux

December 10, 3:30/5:15/7:15/8:00 pm

(Bryn Athyn Cathedral)

For full details, visit
brynathynchurch.org/2023

