It is tradition to begin worship in quiet contemplation accompanied by music. The formal service begins with the singing of a hymn from the Liturgy. You can follow the order of service by turning to the numbers given on the facing page of this pamphlet. These numbers are also displayed on boards hung in various locations.

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 online at www.brynathynchurch.org.

After the worship service, please join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and conversation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach today's minister or a staff member. We'd love to meet you!

Teachings of the New Church

People Whose Faith Is Divorced from Charity Are Represented in the Word by the Philistines

There are two harmful forms of religion into which every church degenerates in the course of time: one that adulterates its goods, and one that falsifies its truths. The form of religion that adulterates the church's goods takes its origin from a love of ruling, and the other, the religion that falsifies the church's truths, takes its origin from a conceit in its own intelligence. The religion that takes its origin from a love of ruling is meant in the Word by Babylon. And the religion that takes its origin from a conceit in its own intelligence is meant in the Word by Philistia. ... [S]ince this religion, which is one of faith divorced from charity, continually endeavors to invade the church, therefore the Philistines remained in the land of Canaan and harassed the children of Israel again and again.

Doctrine of Faith 49-50

Altar flowers arranged by

Mary Williams

Musicians

Leah Martin, organ Bryn Athyn Cathedral Choir

Preludes

Consider and Hear Me - Carl Pflueger, arr. Frank W. Asper Aria, Op. 51 - Flor Peeters Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich - Dieterich Buxtehude Choral Prelude on "Horbury" - Alec Rowley Magnificat from Evening Canticles in E - Herbert Murrill

Postludes

Storm - Charles Tindley, arr. Ysaye Barnwell Voluntary in A Major - William Selby

Lord, Let My Prayer Be Set Before Thee
Please kneel Minister's prayer followed by 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.
Please rise Recitation
Let the Glory of the Lord Endure
Please be seated Welcome by the Pastor Lessons: 1 Samuel 4, 5, 7 (excerpts); Isaiah 14:29-32; Matthew 5:19, 20, 23:1-4; Doctrine of Faith 49-50
Interlude: Lead Me Lord - Will Todd
Please rise Psalm 3
Please be seated Sermon: Know Your Spiritual Enemies: The Philistines
Please rise Offertory
As Warriors True
God is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him

Please rise

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Visiting Friends Meeting January 29, 1:30 pm (Church Office)

Visiting Friends is a network of volunteers in our community who visit people looking for a little companionship. If you are interested in learning more or joining the team of visitors, please give Nina Dewees a call (215-947-6225 x206).

BATS Donation Drop-Off February 3, 9:00 am-1:00 pm (Society Building)

We will be accepting donations in nice condition (including clothing and Christmas decorations, etc.). NOT ACCEPTING books, toys and furniture.

Care Packages for College-Aged Young Adults

We will be sending care packages to college-age young adults who are away at college or attending locally on February 7. If you would like to get involved, we need help with the following:

- Bake homemade cookies
- Donate a small item (60-120) to enhance the packages
- Donate money toward shipping costs
- Help with packing the care packages on February 7.

If you can help or have any questions, contact Nina Dewees (Nina.Dewees@BrynAthynChurch.org or 215-947-6225 x200).

2024-25 Bryn Athyn Preschool: Registration Now Open!

Spaces are limited. For questions, contact Beth Bochneak, Director, at **beth.bochneak@bacs.org** or 215-947-4086 x241 (office).

Do you know if you are a member of Bryn Athyn Church?

Contrary to popular belief, being baptized into the New Church is only one of the requirements for membership. For more info, visit brynathynchurch.org/about/membership.

Get Involved!

Scan the QR code or visit **www.brynathynchurch.org/signup** to fill out a form to receive emails, volunteer, or learn more about the New Church:





Welcome to our Worship Service

Know Your Spiritual Enemies: The Philistines
Rev. Malcolm G. Smith
Adult Service – 11:00 am
January 28, 2024

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