

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 8:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fourth Sunday of Easter



# WELCOME

## NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors in the Atrium following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

## LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: [www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream). For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

## CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

## Today's Schedule

### Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

### “Natural Mothers” Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

### Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

### Sunday School Classes

#### Age 2 - Pre-K

10:00 a.m., Education Building

#### Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

### Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

### Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

### Family Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Hall

### We Are the Church Together

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: who made heaven and earth.**

One: So come, let us sing to the Lord,

**All: and shout with joy to the source of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

**All: singing joyful songs of praise.**

## † HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to show us the way and yet we have strayed from following. We have depended upon the ways of the world to lead and guide us. Forgive us when we fail to listen to your voice and stay near to you. Gather us safely in your fold, to live and serve with you; through Jesus Christ.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SUNG RESPONSE

BUNESSAN

Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -  
pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts  
burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

# HEARING OF THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Keith Brinks

**FIRST LESSON** Psalm 23 (pg. 501 in pew Bible)

**SECOND LESSON** John 10:11-18 (pg. 103 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Souls Restored

Agnes W. Norfleet

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

*You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.*

*Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.*

*You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.*

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 321** The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

## † SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Barbara Smetana ~ April 6, 2024

Alec Temoyan ~ April 11, 2024

Marcia Shearer ~ April 14, 2024

# WORSHIP NOTES

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne M. and Edward A. Flood Jr., Anna E. and Herbert H. Middleton, and Frances S. and Herbert H. Middleton Jr.

## ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Keith Brinks, Elder

## USHER

Skip Dittman

# ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The ordination of deacons and elders will take place today at the 10:00 a.m. Service.

## Deacon for a three-year term as part of the Class of 2027:

Josh Hirt  
Sharna Liggett  
David Noble  
Seth Pidot  
Katie Quigley

## Elder for a three-year term as part of the Class of 2027:

Bill Bosch  
Anne Chamberlin  
Meg Holdsworth  
Nancy Taylor

## Youth Deacon for a one-year term as part of the Class of 2025:

Nina Bertrand  
Kylie Liggett

## Youth Elder for a one-year term as part of the Class of 2025:

Maeve Daley-Gibson  
Eli Press

## **Today**

**WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER.** Sun., Apr. 21, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Is the church the building, the people, the organization, or something else entirely? As part of her final project for her D.Ed.Min., the Rev. Rachel Pedersen has been studying the language, images, and metaphors children use to explain and understand the church. Learn from these uncanny observers as they help us take an honest assessment of the Church as it is and give us new eyes to see the Church that God is forming.

## **This Week**

**NATURAL MOTHERS.** Through April 28, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Inspired by her early experiences as a caseworker, Lisa Hancock's photographs explore the foster care system through the stories of three biological mothers and reconnect the photographer with the Cruz siblings—foster children from her caseload who are now grown with their own children.

**QUIZZO NIGHT.** Wed., Apr. 24, 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Children and Family Ministries and our regular Wednesday Night Dinner are combining forces as a special invitation to families to share a meal and join together as teams for a quiz night! This is a fun fellowship opportunity for all ages, with no skills required. Teams will be randomly assigned. Please register at <https://bit.ly/BMPCQuizzo> once per family, indicating the number of adults and children attending for dinner and if you'll be requesting childcare.

## **Celebrate Earth Day**

**LABYRINTH WALK.** Mon., Apr. 22, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Front Lawn. All are invited to walk the labyrinth in prayer and celebration of Earth Day. For more info., [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org).

**BMPC HIKE/WORK DAY.** Sat. Apr. 27, 9:30 a.m., McKaig Nature Education Center in Radnor. The Environmental Justice Committee invites all to join together for a hike/work day at McKaig. We will begin with a hike of the grounds followed by a work session for those who can stay. All are welcome. To sign up, contact David Heaton, [heatondavid2@gmail.com](mailto:heatondavid2@gmail.com).

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS.** BMPC supports and works alongside a variety of organizations that are working to advocate for changes in legislation that protect the environment, protect our local environmental resources, and educate the larger community on creation care. This includes Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light—[paip.us](http://paip.us); Riverbend Environmental Education Center—[riverbendec.org](http://riverbendec.org); The Philadelphia Orchard Project—[phillyorchards.org](http://phillyorchards.org); and the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education—[schuylkillcenter.org](http://schuylkillcenter.org) To be a part of the work of the BMPC Environmental Justice Committee, contact [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

**PRAY FOR OUR TRAVELERS IN PERU.** The Revs. Leigh DeVries and Rebecca Kirkpatrick are leading a small group of members on a trip to Peru this Earth Day to work with our mission partner, Joining Hands Peru. JHP is an ecumenical network of environmental activists who work especially within the indigenous communities of Peru to lobby for improved environmental standards and to help reclaim the land, water, and air that has been polluted by environmentally unfriendly mining and industrial practices. BMPC has committed to supporting the work of JHP, learning more about their experiences and struggles, and advocating for changes in policy and industrial standards. Please keep the group and our partners in prayer this week.

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES FROM CONVERSE LIBRARY.** Check out the wide variety of resources on the environment and our work to care for it, in Converse Library. Several selections are featured this month in the Ministries Center Court (Converse in the Court) display. You can search for books in the collection online: [www.libib.com/u/converselibrary](http://www.libib.com/u/converselibrary). If you would like to learn more about Converse Library as a patron or volunteer, contact Kat MacMurray, [Katrmac2@icloud.com](mailto:Katrmac2@icloud.com).

## **Upcoming**

**PC(USA) CO-MODERATOR, THE REV. RUTH SANTANA GRACE.** Sun., Apr. 28, 11:15, Congregational Hall. Join us as we welcome the Rev. Ruth Santana Grace, who is not only the Executive Presbyter of Philadelphia Presbytery but also the Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly, the highest non-staff elected office in our denomination. She will bring greetings from the national church as well as share her hopes for the Presbyterian Church in this next generation.

**A GERMAN REQUIEM BY JOHANNES BRAHMS.** Sun., Apr. 28, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The 2023-24 concert season will end with a performance of Johannes Brahms' monumental German Requiem, though in a more intimate arrangement for two pianos by the composer himself. Featuring Laura Ward and Susan Ricci Rogel, pianos; Kara Goodrich, soprano; and Nicholas Provenzale, baritone. A free-will offering will be taken, fifty percent of which will go to support the Homeless Advocacy Project —[www.haplegal.org](http://www.haplegal.org).

## **Caring & Sharing**

**END GUN VIOLENCE ADVOCACY DAY.** Tues., May 7, 8:00 a.m. departure from the offices of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. In partnership with Cease Fire PA and other local congregations, join us for a day in Harrisburg to participate in advocacy meetings and drop-bys in our local legislative offices, as well as a rally to end gun violence on the steps of the Capitol building. We will travel via motor coach. Return to the Presbytery Offices by 5:00 p.m. Sign up or for more info, [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmipc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmipc.org).

**SOUP MINISTRY.** Delivering soup to members experiencing health issues or other challenging circumstances has been a practice of the Care Team and Deacons. We invite you to be a part of this Ministry! The next time you make soup, make some extra to share. We have containers with lids and labels you can pick up from the church. For more info, [KathrynWest@bmipc.org](mailto:KathrynWest@bmipc.org) or 610-520-8833.

**THANK YOU FROM THE HUNGER COMMITTEE.** Your regular and generous donations to the BMPC Hunger Fund allow our congregation to financially support over eighteen different pantries and feeding programs in Greater Philadelphia and continue to make over 1,000 casseroles each year. Thank you for giving. As always, your next gift to the Hunger Fund can be made using the white Hunger Envelopes found in your pew rack or by giving one-time or recurring gifts online at <https://onrealm.org/bmipc/give/hunger>.

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, April 21**

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
		Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir &amp; Officer Ordination, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmipc.org">www.bmipc.org</a></b>
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
11:15	a.m.	We Are the Church Together, Fullerton Room

### **Monday, April 22**

All day Labyrinth Walk, Ed. Bldg., Front Lawn

### **Tuesday, April 23**

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Class, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

### **Wednesday, April 24**

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
		Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00	p.m.	High School Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
		Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

### **Thursday, April 25**

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
		Sacred Threads ( <i>The Other Wes Moore</i> ), Zoom

**Friday, April 26**

8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, Virtual

**Saturday, April 27**

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group,  
Converse House Parlor

10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group,  
Witherspoon Parlor

**Sunday, April 28**

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir,  
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)**  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

## **Worship Staff**

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Leigh DeVries**, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

**Kirby Lawrence Hill**, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

**Franklyn C. Pottorff**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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