

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 10:00 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. 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 or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: 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

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland, BWV 665

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† 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

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

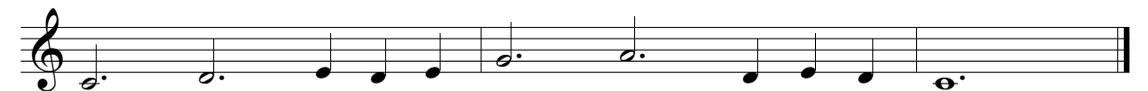
BUNESSAN



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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing

Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
 Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
 God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
 pre - sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

ANTHEM

“Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen”
from *A German Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!

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

† HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

One: There are varieties of gifts,

All: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: To each is given a gift of the Spirit

All: **To be used for the common good.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Dottie Bowen

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as Deacons and Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: **We do.**

One: Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

All: **We do.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS, CHARGE AND DECLARATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Brother James's Air

Gordon Jacob

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie in pastures green, He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, Even for His own Name's sake. Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; My head with oil Thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me and in my Father's heart alway my dwelling place shall be.

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.

† **DOXOLOGY 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Praeludium Pamela Decker

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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.

MUSIC NOTES

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS

**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.

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.

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; Riverbend Environmental Education Center—riverbendec.org; The Philadelphia Orchard Project—phillyorchards.org; and the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education—schuylkillcenter.org. To be a part of the work of the BMPC Environmental Justice Committee, contact 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. If you would like to learn more about Converse Library as a patron or volunteer, contact Kat MacMurray, 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.

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@bmpc.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@bmpc.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/bmpc/give/hunger>.

Calendar

Sunday, April 21

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
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. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir & Officer Ordination,
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
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 (*The Other Wes Moore*), 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**
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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