

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fifth 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

Family Fellowship

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

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

PC(USA) Co-moderator

Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

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

Suite Brève

Edward Landin Senn

I. Plein jeu; II. Tierce en taille;
III. Fond d'orgue; IV. Caprice

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God alone is our rock and our salvation,
our stronghold in whom we dwell secure.

All: **In God alone is our safety and our honor;
God is our strong defense and our refuge.**

One: Put your trust in God always,
and pour out your hearts before God in prayer.

All: **Power belongs to the Lord alone,
and steadfast love is God's promise to us.**

† HYMN 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Resurrecting God, we sometimes grow comfortable with the way things are
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.

We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ.

Sure of our own righteousness, we can be critical of others.

Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us.

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.

Help us live connected to your own life of self-giving and sacrifice,
and thereby more deeply connected to one another.

Fill us with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON 1 John 4:7-13 (pg. 241 in pew Bible)**ANTHEM**

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Harold Friedell

Come my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a way as gives us breath. Such a truth that ends all strife. Such a life that killeth death. Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength! Such a light as shows a feast. Such a feast as mends in length. Such a strength as makes his guest. Come my Joy, My Love, my Heart! Such a joy as none can move. Such a love as none can part, Such a heart as joys in love.

SECOND LESSON John 15:1-8 (pg. 109 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.****SERMON***Branches of the True Vine*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 285**

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

RESPONSE TO THE WORD† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Ruth Santana-Grace

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM King Jesus Hath a Garden John Rutter

King Jesus hath a garden full of divers flowers, where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours. There naught is heard but paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender soothing flute. The lily, white in blossom there is chastity: The violet with sweet perfume, humility. The crown imperial bloometh too in yonder place, 'Tis charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace. Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim The Star of Bethlehem Jesus Blessed be his Name! Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete, Make thou my heart thy garden-plot, fair, trim and neat.

*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** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN** 722 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak CANONBURY

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

POSTLUDE Philadelphia Flourish Jeffrey Brillhart

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"I am the resurrection and the life."
Emily Parkin ~ April 19, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Gorrell Moser, Arthur D. Moser, William McAfee Hanna, Jr. and David Stewart Hanna.

MUSIC NOTES

Written in 2017, Philadelphia Flourish was part of a commission project that celebrated the Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ in the Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall. The project included works by Philadelphia-area composers Matthew Glandorf, Kile Smith, David Schelat, Kathleen Scheide, and Jeffrey Brillhart. The pieces were written so they could be performed as a concert set or individually. Philadelphia Flourish takes "AGO Philadelphia" and "Philly" and makes melodies out of them that are manipulated throughout the work in various ways, utilizing many different timbres, harmonies, and formats that pay tribute to French masters such as Demessieux, Dupré, Messiaen – and Brillhart!

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowski

New Announcements

SURREY BRYN MAWR CELEBRATION. Thurs., May 2, at 1 p.m., Foerderer House. Members of the BMPC community are invited to the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony celebrating the senior adult enrichment programming offered by our partner, Surrey Services for Seniors. Come learn more about what is offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and explore volunteer opportunities. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Kathy at KDeSantis@surreyservices.org.

SEEKING FREEDOM: PORTRAITS OF MASS INCARCERATION. May 5 through Sept. 1, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Several large portraits, created in batik, quilting, and embroidery by textile artist Carolyn Harper, form a dramatic exhibition that combines the portraits with texts written by the artist in collaboration with the sitters, telling the stories of these currently and formerly incarcerated people. Carolyn Harper will be present in the Gallery following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on May 5 to speak about the exhibit and answer any questions.

HERSHEYPARK FUN DAY. Sun., Jun. 2, 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sign-ups are officially open for Youth Ministry's annual Hersheypark Fun Day! You won't want to miss out on this awesome day of snacks, rides, and time spent with friends around the park. The cost is \$40, which covers transportation to and from the church, lunch with a drink, and entry into the park. Lots of scholarships are available; email ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org to apply! Spots are very limited and fill up fast, so sign up soon on Realm or our social media.

Today

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.

NATURAL MOTHERS. 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. Today is the last day to see this exhibit.

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.

ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY - CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL. Thurs. May 9, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 36 Ardmore Ave. This winter and spring, guests of the Ardmore Food Pantry have engaged in creative arts expressions as a means of creating a sense of welcome, community, and self-expression for those experiencing food insecurity in our own community. All are invited to join in this culminating event to celebrate this pilot program funded in partnership with BMPC. For more info., foodpantry@stmarysardmore.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.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee continues in its work to support local families and individuals making a new home in our community and greater Philadelphia. Supporting refugees and asylum seekers means walking with them as they navigate legal, governmental, educational, and community resources. The Committee's work also includes providing financial resources to supplement the limited government assistance they receive. If you would like to contribute financially to the work of the BMPC Refugee Support Committee, please donate by writing "Refugee Support" on the memo line of a check, or give a one-time or recurring gift online at <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/refugee>.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUR HUNGER PARTNERS. BMPC supports 18 different pantries and feeding programs in Greater Philadelphia. Some of those partners have reached out to us asking to connect with new volunteers willing to come and help serve meals and staff pantries. If you are interested in being connected as a new volunteer with one of our hunger partners, please reach out to JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

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,
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15 a.m. PC(USA) Co-moderator the Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace,
Congregational Hall
4:00 p.m. Johannes Brahms' "Requiem" Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, April 29

No events scheduled

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. High School Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, May 2

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
1:00 p.m. Surrey Services Ribbon Cutting, Foerderer House
5:30 p.m. MFAC Meeting, Gloucester Room
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Off campus
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
Sacred Threads (*The Other Wes Moore*), Virtual

Friday, May 3

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual

Saturday, May 4

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, May 5

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

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