

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sixth 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

“Seeking Freedom” Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ministries Center Gallery

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., K-4 in Ed. Building

10:15 a.m., Gr 5 in Gymnasium

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Family Fellowship

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

Confirmation Expo

11:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to God's name,

**All: To declare God's steadfast love in the morning,
and God's faithfulness by night.**

One: At the works of God's hands, we sing for joy!

All: God is our rock. Let us sing to the Lord!

† HYMN 371

New Songs of Celebration Render

RENDEZ À DIEU

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of our Life, you have called us to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus, in whose love we have found joy. We confess that we keep this good news to ourselves; and neither our words nor our actions have faithfully proclaimed your saving goodness. We allow despair for all that is wrong with the world to overwhelm us and prevent us from joyful discipleship. Forgive us, and help us in all that we say and do, to be faithful witnesses to the love, mercy, and peace of 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

5th Grade Step-Up

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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON 1 John 4:15-21 (pg. 241 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come by his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON John 15:9-17 (pg. 109 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Complete Joy

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 629 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

William Byrd

I will not leave you comfortless: Alleluia. I will come again to you: Alleluia. And your heart shall rejoice: Alleluia.

*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

Kirby Lawrence Hill

† HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Jeffrey Brillhart

WORSHIP NOTES

5TH GRADERS RECEIVING HYMNALS

Sasha Lou Rose Albahary
Emma Marie Armstrong
Ivy Frances Erdlen
Morgan Anne Gunther
Everly Claire Knox
Micah George Lee
Connor Paul Mackay
Greer Kathryn McMahan
Owen Papson
Benjamin Marc Pidot
Callum Brooks Read
Charles David Reiner
Avery Stoy

MUSIC NOTES

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

ELECTED LEADERSHIP

SESSION, BOARDS OF DEACONS AND TRUSTEES

2024-2025

Session	Board of Deacons	Board of Trustees
Dottie Bowen, Clerk	Charlotte Swenson, Moderator	Tobin Whamond, President
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(Y) Indicates a youth serving a one-year term as elder or deacon.

+ Indicates a person is serving their second three-year term.

New Announcements

SENIOR ADULT NEMOURS MANSION TOUR. Wed., May 15, 9:45 a.m., Meet at the BMPC Sanctuary Parking Lot for roundtrip bus transportation. Join us to explore the estate of Alfred I. and Jessie Dupont. The estate includes the mansion, chauffeur's garage, and 200-acre formal French gardens. This is a self-guided tour with expert docents in each section of the mansion and garage. Bring a brown bag lunch to eat at picnic tables or on the bus (weather dependent). We will return following the tour around 2:00 p.m. Tour tickets are \$20. Please reserve your space by contacting MonicaDevane@bmpc.org by May 6.

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., May 17, 6:00 p.m., Home of Janet Haas, Radnor. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion led by Dr. Mary Ann Meyers, Senior Fellow of the John Templeton Foundation and author. Topic: "Religious Riffs & Contemporary Culture." RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/holyleisuremay2024>. For more info, contact Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

SPRING POTLUCK. Sat., May 18, 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Congregational Life and Stewardship are co-sponsoring this event and will provide the main dishes (meat and vegetarian lasagnas). We invite participants to bring their favorite spring dish to share with the community. The Stewardship Committee will provide the desserts. Register to attend, <https://bit.ly/BMPCSpringPotluck2024>.

Today

CONFIRMATION EXPO. 11:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Every year, our Confirmation students engage in a Confirmation Discipleship Project, a 30-day daily spiritual practice. After 30 days, they create presentations about their projects and share what they experienced. These presentations center on the impact of the chosen spiritual practice on the Confirmand's relationship with God and understanding of faith. All are welcome to stop by the Expo after worship and hear about our Confirmation students' remarkable experiences with their spiritual practices.

SEEKING FREEDOM: PORTRAITS OF MASS INCARCERATION. May 5 through Sept. 1, Ministries Center 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 today's 10:00 a.m. worship service to speak about the exhibit and answer any questions.

Upcoming

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.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., May 11, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Sign up, <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>.

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, May 5

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.
9:00	a.m.	Confirmation Expo for Session, Gymnasium
		5th Grade Hymnal Breakfast, Congregational Hall
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
		5th Grade Hymnal Presentation, Sanctuary
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium Classroom
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-4 Grade, Ed. Bldg., Gr. 5 Gymnasium
11:00	a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
		Confirmation Expo, Gymnasium
		"Seeking Freedom" Artist Carolyn Harper, Gallery

Monday, May 6

No events scheduled

Tuesday, May 7

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Labyrinth Walk
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Class, Gymnasium
4:00	p.m.	Curtis Institute of Music Recital, Sanctuary
6:00	p.m.	Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, May 8

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
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
6:30	p.m.	Adult Education Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

Thursday, May 9

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>), Virtual

Friday, May 10

No events scheduled

Saturday, May 11

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall

Sunday, May 12

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. Rebecca Kirkpatrick 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

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