

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

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

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

"Allegro" & "Folk Tune" (from Five Short Pieces)

Percy Whitlock

"Pastorale" (from Seven Sketches for Organ)

Percy Whitlock

James Kealey, organist

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Ezekiel 34

One The Lord is our shepherd.

All Seeking out the lost and gathering the scattered,

One God will guide this flock

All through green valleys and places of danger.

One God will tend to this flock:

All binding up the injured and strengthening the weak.

One The Lord is our shepherd.

All We shall not want. Let us worship the one who calls us by name.

HYMN 681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on

all God's own. Let heaven re - jice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in

earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Lord, like a shepherd, you never stop searching for your people. You are the shepherd, and we are the flock, but we admit the times we have tried to take your place and take control ourselves. At times we have pleaded for your care, but held back from caring for others. Loving Shepherd, forgive us and find us again. Lead us by your Holy Spirit that we might rest in your presence again.

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 For the Beauty of the Earth

Kenton Coe

Bryn Mawr Choristers

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, For the love from which our birth over and around us lies; We sing this hymn of graceful praise, we sing this hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; We sing this hymn of grateful praise, we sing this hymn of praise. We sing this grateful hymn of praise.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

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 Acts 2:42-47

(pg. 120 in pew Bible)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any

had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

ANTHEM The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Mack Wilberg

Siddhartha Misra, tenor

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

SECOND LESSON John 10:1-16

Rachel Pedersen

(pg. 103 in pew Bible)

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Untranslatable Words*

Rachel Pedersen

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Melanie Hardison

All **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

- Psalm 23

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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 Psalm 23

Jonathan Trumbull

Kara Goodrich, soprano

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters of comfort. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil. For thou art with me. Your rod and staff they comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them who trouble me. For thou has anointed my head with oil and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell with him forever.

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

Please stand, if able.

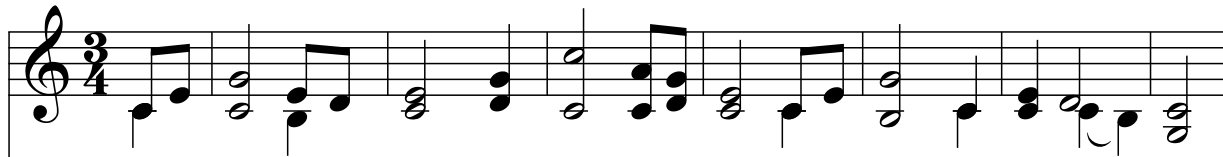
DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

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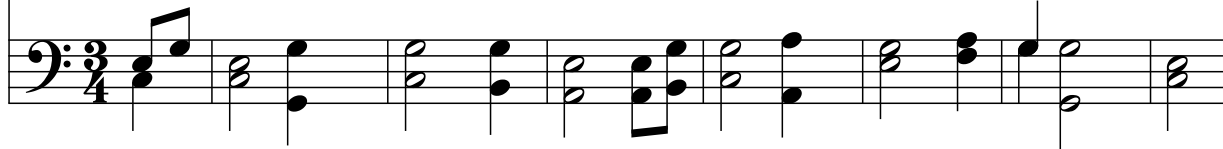
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Melanie Hardison



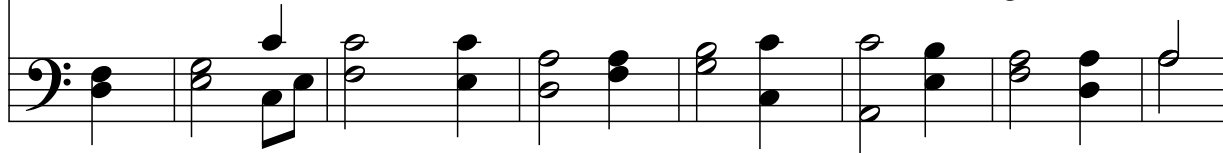
1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



POSTLUDE

Postlude on a theme by Orlando Gibbons (Song 22)
James Kealey, organist

Charles Villiers Stanford

Worship & Music Notes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's prayer of confession is adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dan Carmichael shared through the Church of Scotland.

TODAY'S MUSIC

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, the Lectionary recalls the story of the Good Shepherd. As you might imagine, there are numerous musical settings of Psalm 23, and other such evocative texts for the day, so much so that it can be a challenge to narrow down exactly what to choose. The choir library boasts thousands of pieces running the musical gamut, and includes numerous commissioned works, and works that enjoyed their first performance here in this Sanctuary, including by members of our congregation – in this case, a former member of our Youth program. Jonathan Trumbull's introspective setting of Psalm 23 is one of those works. Its beauty is in its simplicity, allowing this familiar text to be front and center. Mack Wilberg's compositions have reached global acclaim, and his work as Musical Director to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir has brought with it a whole host of new works. Wilberg takes the hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is", which we'll also sing today, and sets it for choir and flutes, today, adapted for two organists!

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowski

BULLETIN COVER

Shepherd in Canta, Peru. © Sister Helen David Brancato, IHM. Used with permission.

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in this joyful season of Eastertide! As we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that hope, renewal, and new life are at the heart of spring and our faith. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we're glad you're here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to live as resurrection people—grounded in love, growing in faith, and reaching out to the world. May this season draw us closer to God and to one another as we rejoice in the promise of Easter and the women's discovery of an empty tomb.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

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 following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Announcements

TODAY

Hotter, Wetter, Weirder: Climate Change in Philadelphia. Sun., Apr. 26, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Our region is already experiencing the impacts of climate change—heat waves, drought, wildfire smoke, and intense storms. Environmentalist Mike Weilbacher will explain the local evidence, trends, and data in an engaging presentation that weaves science with stories and humor. Come learn, ask questions, and be inspired toward solutions.

UPCOMING & ONGOING

“Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America.” Mondays, Apr. 20 - May 4, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. A timely exploration of what it means to practice our Presbyterian faith in a culture shaped by polarization, Christian nationalism, and competing visions of the gospel. Together, we will examine how our theology offers a distinctive and hopeful witness in uncertain times. This class will be led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Register and reserve a book at bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup

The Jazz Sanctuary Concert. Wed., Apr. 29, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to join us for a free concert by The Jazz Sanctuary, a musical group bringing live jazz to diverse venues, blending artistry with a mission to foster community and enrichment. The concert will include coffee and dessert, and follows BMPC’s weekly Wednesday Night Dinner (\$12/person). This event is sponsored by BMPC’s Equity and Racial Justice Committee.

Nurturing New Life Support Group.

Fridays, 9:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Come as you are for this weekly meet-up for parents with infants. Each week will include time for fellowship and opportunities to hear from local experts on topics such as sleep, feeding, development, parental well-being, and navigating the early months of parenthood. The May 1 topic is Parenthood and Faith led by the Rev. Rachel Pedersen. Sign up at bit.ly/NurturingNewLife Contact: ColleenCatania@bmpc.org

Confirmation Expo. Sun., May 3, 9:00 a.m., Gym. The Confirmation Class invites you to visit the gym before and after the 10:00 a.m. service to learn about their discipleship projects. As part of their faith journey, each confirmand engages in a spiritual practice for 30 days during the spring semester and reflects on that experience. These projects represent their personal exploration of faith, commitment, and growth. Stop by, hear their stories, and celebrate the thought, dedication, and creativity they’ve poured into this important milestone in their spiritual lives. Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Join the BMPC Peacemaking Committee.

Tues., May 5, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Room. Interested in social justice issues, both local and international? Come join the Peacemaking Committee at its open meeting when we look at priorities for the coming year. Do you have ideas for speakers on important topics or suggestions on groups or programs that deserve funding support? We welcome your input. Contact: Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com

Nurses' Week Celebration. Wed., May 6, 9:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. We invite all current and retired nurses to share stories, celebrate the nursing profession, and give thanks for the many ways nurses serve with compassion and skill.

Individualized Educational Program (IEP) Parent Gathering. Thurs., May 7, 9:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor. If your family is navigating an Individualized Education Program (IEP), exploring early intervention, or considering related supports, join us for connection, encouragement, and practical resources. This gathering offers a welcoming space to share experiences, build strength, and support one another as we learn to advocate confidently for our children. Feel free to invite friends who are also seeking a caring community. Walking through the IEP process can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to do it alone. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Dynamic Watercolors: Domenic DiStefano Gallery Opening. Sun., May 10, 11:15 a.m., Gallery. This exhibition showcases the evocative watercolors of Domenic DiStefano (1924-2011), a painter and teacher for over 50 years, celebrated for his dynamic depictions of coastal and marine landscapes. His work captures the interplay of light and shadow on water, reflecting both his passion for watercolor and his deep connection to Rockport, Massachusetts. Join us for the opening day to hear DiStefano's family and friends share personal reflections on DiStefano's life, artistic process, and enduring legacy.

The Threat of Christian Nationalism. Mon., May 11, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Join us for a lecture, conversation, and book signing with Dr. Matthew Boedy, author of "The Seven Mountains Mandate," in which he critiques the Christian Nationalist movement to reshape society through media, religion, family, and other spheres of cultural influence. This event is sponsored by Confronting Christian Nationalism, a coalition of Presbyterians and other faith leaders in Greater Philadelphia.

Hersheypark Fun Day. Sun., May 31, 9:30 a.m. Rising 6th–12th graders register now! Roller coasters. Water rides. Chocolate. Bring your friends for a fun day out in the sweetest place on earth. It will be a blast. The cost is \$40, which includes admission to the park and one meal, with scholarships available. Register at bit.ly/Hersheypark2026 Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

BMPC Meal Train. Join us in this caring ministry that provides meal support to congregants in times of need. This act of caring has been described as an actual lifeline for some of our recipients. If you are interested in periodically making (or purchasing) and delivering a meal, please contact BMPC Deacon Kara Udicious at udicious@comcast.net

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in May and June for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact: SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Volunteer at Vacation Bible Camp. Mon.,
Jun. 22–Fri., Jun. 26, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.,
BMPC Campus. This summer, we will
welcome over 150 children to Vacation
Bible Camp, and we need YOU to make
camp special for each one. Register at [bit.ly/
VBCVolunteer2026](https://bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2026) Contact: [MaryRichards@
bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), 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
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg. Library
- 9:00 a.m. Choristers Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 2s, 3s), and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering (Gr. 6-12), Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (K-5th Grade), Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Hotter, Wetter, Weirder: Climate Change in Philadelphia, Fullerton Room
- 2:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Partner Gathering, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Eugene C. Bay Fund Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 6:00 p.m. Equity and Racial Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga206, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Jazz Sanctuary Concert, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Leadership Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00 a.m. Visual Arts Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Support Group, Converse House Parlor

SATURDAY, MAY 2

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Session Retreat, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. 4th and 5th Grade Sleepover, Ed. Bldg. Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. John M. Willingham will preach.

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