

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 8, 2022 | 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!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Masks are optional inside church buildings, although masks may be required in some areas of the Education Building. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that while COVID vaccines are available for children ages five to 11, some children may not have been vaccinated.

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 livestreaming 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 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at 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

8:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

Ages 2 to Grade 5
10:00 a.m., Ed Bldg.

Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m.
Foerderer House, 2nd Floor

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship, Atrium

Diane Burko Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. – noon
Fine Arts Gallery,
Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Prelude on the Carillon d'Alet

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship, secure in the promises of God's goodness;

All: We are created in God's image.

One: God has named us and called all creation very good.

All: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it;

One: Even stones will shout out praise and the trees clap their hands.

All: We come to worship, secure in the promises of God's goodness.

† HYMN 34

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being

RUSTINGTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Creator God, we are residents of your planet Earth in need of confession. Attune our spirits that we may hear the harmonies you intend for the creation, and help us face our own complicity in the destruction of your goodness. You have made us just a little lower than the angels, and given us responsibility for all living things, and yet we have failed to be good stewards. We use more resources than we should; we wage war on people and vast landscapes; we neglect fragile, habitats and pollute the land and air and water. Forgive us and heal us. Restore us to a proper role in preserving this fragile world entrusted to our care.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

Christ, our Companion

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.

† Please stand, if able.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON Psalm 104:24-31 (*p. 555 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Phillips

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm he has won for himself the victory. The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing to the Lord with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

SECOND LESSON Genesis 1:26-2:3 (*pg. 1 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Created as Earthling
First of Three Sermons on Eco-Faithfulness

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 25

Our Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

We affirm that the universe of matter, energy, and life
is God's good creation in all its parts.

Therefore we may work and play in it
and explore it with wonder and joy.

God included human beings among the creatures he made
and charged them to care for other living things.

We acknowledge we are kin to the other creatures.

We are dependent on the systems that sustain all life.

We hold the earth in trust
for future generations of living things.
The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul and destroy it.
The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce
in ways that make the world's goodness available to all people
and reflect God's love for all creatures.
The Lord bids us use our technical skills
for beauty, order, health, and peace.

~ Excerpt from a *Declaration of Faith*

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 How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, from "Requiem"
Sanctuary Choir 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!

*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** 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

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

POSTLUDE Fugue on the Carillon d'Alet Craig Phillips

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Skillman Odiorne

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

BULLETIN COVER

Painting by Diane Burko, on display in the BMPC Art Gallery in the Ministries Center.

RESPONSE

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Announcements

SABBATICAL NEWS. Pastor Rebecca Kirkpatrick will be on sabbatical through July 31. During this extended time away from BMPC Rebecca will be spending time with her family and developing new adult education and mission resources for our congregation. In her absence, Alicia Franklin, assistant for Adult Education and Mission, is available to support our ongoing work in mission and to answer any questions.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available on May 22 and during the month of June for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepf at bmpcfowers@gmail.com.

This Week

SACRED THREADS: STUDYING THE BEATITUDES. Wednesdays, May 11 and 18 and June 1, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a four-week exploration using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, *Beatitudes from the Backside*, as our guide and the scriptures Matthew 5:4-7; 10-11. Sacred Threads is a program open to all who are curious about the threads that knit our faith together. Led by the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director. For more information, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

WHAT IS OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BMPC? As the 150th anniversary of BMPC approaches in 2023, the 150th Vision Committee will facilitate a congregation-wide conversation to discern and affirm future directions for BMPC's ministry. Our process will begin with a series of public forums in May, followed by focus groups in the fall and a congregational survey in early 2023. Our hope is for every member to share their views and vision for the future.

Please contact Liz Ellis at LizEllis@bmpc.org to reserve a place at one of the following public forums:

- Wed., May 11, 6:00 p.m. dinner, followed by the forum from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Congregational Hall
- Tues., May 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Virtual Public Forum, Zoom <https://bit.ly/150-zoom-forum>
- Sun., May 22, 11:15-12:15 p.m., Fullerton Room

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., May 14, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Make casseroles and friends! Get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause! Join the Hunger Committee in preparing casseroles for area shelters, and enjoy a family activity (children over age 5). Participants are required to be vaccinated, masked and to practice social distancing. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

Next Sunday

CONFIRMATION EXPO. Sun., May 15, 11:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Every year our Confirmation students engage in a Confirmation Discipleship Project, which is a 30-day daily spiritual practice. After 30 days our Confirmands create presentations that center on the impact of the chosen spiritual practice on the Confirmand's relationship with God and their understanding of faith. Since 2020 these projects have been virtual, but we are returning to in-person presentations in the gym this year! All are welcome to stop by the expo after worship on May 15 and hear about our Confirmation students' remarkable experiences with their spiritual practices.

Upcoming

COMMUNITY FORUM. Sun., June 5, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The BMPC Community Forum will host Trudy Rubin, the Worldview columnist of The Philadelphia Inquirer who has written extensively on Putin, Russia, and the war in Ukraine. Rubin's presentation will include a question and answer session.

ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2022. Mon., June 20 - Fri., June 24. This year's VBC theme is "Follow Me!" Meet the people and explore the places where Jesus taught and served. From a stormy sea to a crowded city street, come travel with Jesus' disciples and learn how you can help share God's love with others. VBC is held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., for ages 3 years to 5th grade. Registration for three year olds is closed. Volunteers of all ages are invited to sign up to help make this a special week for the children of our church and community. Register campers online: <https://bit.ly/vbc-22>.

MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

JOHNSONBURG PLUNGE. June 24-26. Rising sixth to eighth graders are invited, along with their parents, to experience camp during a weekend of worship, play, and service! The cost will be \$200 per youth, and \$150 per adult, with scholarships available. To register, contact *JackLiskey@bmpc.org*.

PHILLY IMMERSION TRIP. July 10-15. Rising ninth to 12th graders are invited to join us on our Philadelphia Immersion Trip. We will be serving with The Common Place, a non-profit organization that assists children and families in Southwest Philadelphia through educational programs, social services, and collaboration with other groups. The trip costs \$500 per student, with scholarships available. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmpc.org.

YOUTH CAMP. July 31-Aug. 5. For rising sixth to 12th graders, our popular camp tradition is spearheaded by a team of BMPC staff and volunteer leaders. The cost is \$500 per camper, with scholarships available. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER EFFORTS IN UKRAINE. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is joining with reformed churches in Ukraine and adjacent regions to respond to the humanitarian crisis created by the war. PDA anticipates its response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance continues to grow. If you wish to join our Peacemaking Committee in supporting the work of PDA in Ukraine, you may make a donation today by indicating “Ukraine Response” on the memo line of your check, or by giving online: <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/disaster>.

Calendar

Sunday, May 8

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Ages 2-3, Ed. Bldg., Nursery PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201 Grades 1 & 2, Ed. Bldg., Lobby Grades 3 - 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual Confirmation Class, Foerderer House, 2nd Floor Youth Gathering for Middle and High School, Gymnasium
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium

Monday, May 9

4:00	p.m.	Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Virtual
4:30	p.m.	Gentle Yoga, Witherspoon Parlor
6:00	p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Discover BMPC Class, Witherspoon Parlor Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Virtual

Tuesday, May 10

10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
5:00	p.m.	Midweek Meet-Up, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, May 11

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual
Men's Study Group, Virtual
Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. 150th Vision Committee Open Forum and Simple Supper,
Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium
Sacred Threads: The Beatitudes, Virtual

Thursday, May 12

No events scheduled.

Friday, May 13

- 10:00 a.m. Chanticleer Tour, Virtual
- 3:45 p.m. Spanish School, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, May 14

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

Sunday, May 15

- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

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Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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