

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 29, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Seventh 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 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

8:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday Grades 4-12

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 Andante religioso and Allegretto from "Sonata IV" Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is the Almighty.

All: Let the earth rejoice!

One: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness.

All: Let all the peoples behold God's glory!

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

All: Let us give thanks to God's holy name!

† HYMN 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of mercy,

we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.

We have not loved others as you have loved us.

We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.

Forgive us, restore us,

that we may abide in your love

and live out your mercy,

for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

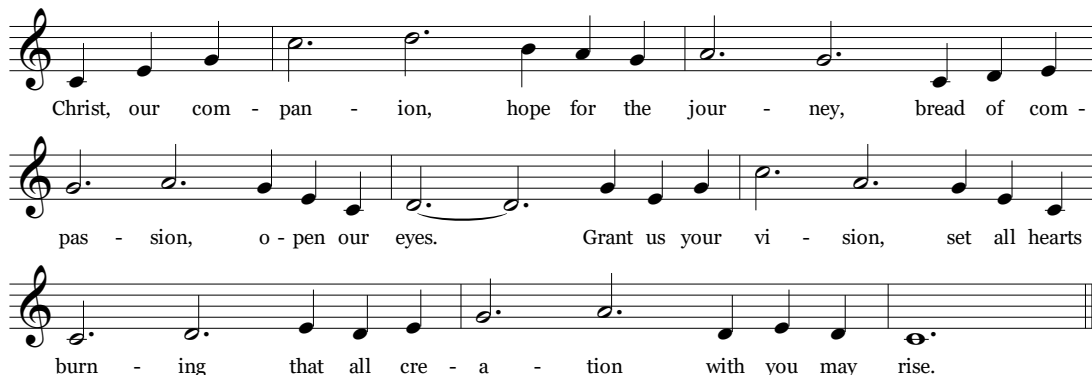
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

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 97 (*p. 551 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing
Sanctuary Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 16:16-34 (*p. 136 in pew Bible*)

Brian K. Ballard

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Ray of Darkness

Brian K. Ballard

† HYMN 365 God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

MARION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Rachel Pedersen

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

God Is Gone Up
Sanctuary Choir

Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies: Sing Praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphicwise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of Glory down him to attend, and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround His chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

*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 Rachel Pedersen

† **HYMN 346** For the Healing of the Nations ST. THOMAS (WADE)† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Brian K. Ballard

POSTLUDE	Paean	Craig Phillips
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WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Michael F. Madden.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

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RESPONSE

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Announcements

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available for June 26 for a donor who wishes to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Our Deacons then deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepp at bmpcfflowers@gmail.com.

SUMMER CHOIR. Beginning on Sun., June 19, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Loft. Each summer, from mid-June through the beginning of September, all singers ages 12+ are invited to come to church any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem, hymns, and a closing response), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance.

NATIVE PLANT PROJECT. Prioritizing native plants on the BMPC campus and in backyard gardens - the newest initiative from the BMPC Environmental Justice Committee - offers opportunities to better understand the importance of native plants that support local insects, birds, and other creation allies. Increasing biodiversity is a vital task that all of us can do. It's easy, inexpensive, and helps to create a holy greenway for native species. New plant markers with QR codes have been placed around the church campus to help identify native plantings. When you find a marker, scan the QR code using the camera on your cell phone to learn more about each plant. Information on native plants and where to find them is available on the webpage: <https://bit.ly/native-plant>.

This Week

SACRED THREADS: STUDYING THE BEATITUDES. Wed., June 1, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is an exploration using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, *Beatitudes from the Backside*, as our guide and the scripture passages from 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.

Next Sunday

FIFTH GRADE STEP-UP DAY & HYMNAL PRESENTATION. Sun., June 5, 9:15 a.m. Fifth grade students, their families and those who have helped with their Sunday School classes are invited for a light breakfast in Congregational Hall before the 10:00 a.m. service. During the Children's Moment, we distribute hymnals to our fifth graders as they bridge from the children's program to the youth program. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org if your child is participating.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Sun., June 5, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary and Livestream. 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, "Ukraine, NATO and Putin's War - What Lies Ahead," will include a question and answer session. No preregistration required.

Special childcare instructions: For children ages three and younger, parents need to tell the nursery staff at check in if they need extended care. Children in preschool through fifth grade need to be checked out of Sunday School and then checked into Nursery Room 101.

Upcoming

SENIOR ADULT SPRING SOCIAL. Sun., June 12, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Merion Tribute House, Merion Station. The Senior Adult Council invites all adults 50 and older to an afternoon of food, drinks, and fellowship. Cost is \$18 per person and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Please register by Mon., June 6, either with a check payable to BMPC, or online: <https://bit.ly/spring-social22>. MonicaDevane@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. Registration deadline: Wed., June 1. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmmpc.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. Registration deadline: Fri., June 10. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmmpc.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 at Camp Johnsonburg. The cost is \$500 per camper, with scholarships available. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

MEAL TRAIN COOKS NEEDED. Do you enjoy making meals? Are you looking for other ways to care for your neighbors in need? The Deacons and Caring Ministries team are considering starting a churchwide meal train ministry, and they are looking for help. If you are interested in periodically making and delivering a meal to congregants during a time of need, please let us know. At this stage, we are gauging the feasibility of beginning this ministry. By responding, your name will be added to the list of potential cooks for this new ministry. Please contact Monica Devane at MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org or 610-525-2821.

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/bmmpc/give/disaster>.

Calendar

Sunday, May 29

8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room and Virtual
8:30	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Worship Together Sunday for Grades 4-12, Sanctuary
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium

Monday, May 30

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 31

10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium

Wednesday, June 1

10:00	a.m.	Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
		Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Sacred Threads: The Beatitudes, Virtual

Thursday, June 2

7:00	p.m.	Touring Choir, Fine Arts Center
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Friday, June 3

10:00	a.m.	Afghan Women's Circle, Children's Library
		Senior Adult Council, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Molly Hartzell Memorial Service, Sanctuary or Livestream
5:00	p.m.	Kuchma/Blau Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, June 4

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor and Virtual
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Sunday, June 5

10:00	a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
10		The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

Worship Staff

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