

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 23, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Third 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 Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or 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 (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Cafe

11:15 a.m., Atrium

Leslie Bass, Master Gardener

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

“Passages from Dark to Light” Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Baptism Service

12:00 p.m., Front Lawn

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Cantabile" from Symphony VI Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ to reign in power!

All: Praise God, who sends the Spirit to empower the church.

One: Praise God, who raised Jesus Christ to show forth God's undying love.

All: Praise God, who commissions us to love in the name of the Risen Christ.

† **HYMN 233** The Day of Resurrection! LANCASHIRE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you created us for life together. You call us to serve one another, but we are tempted to think mostly about ourselves. You command us to love, knowing that in love we are fully alive; but we fail to love one another. Forgive and renew us to live in the light of your resurrection, that we might be filled with grace to live into our call to be the church of Jesus 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 Christ our Companion BUNESSAN

Christ our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing

Go now children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and May God be gracious to you, May the presence of God be with you. May the presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 51:1-3 (*pg. 681 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Love is Come Again

arr. Alice Parker

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain, love lives again, that with the dead has been. Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain. Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen. Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (*pg. 120 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Easter People

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

LITANY FOR ORDINATION

Brian K. Ballard

One: There are varieties of gifts,

All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One: There are different ways of serving God,

All: But it is the same Lord who is served.

One: To each is given a gift of the Spirit

All: To be used for the common good.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Dottie Bowen

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as Deacons and Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

One: Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

LAYING ON OF HANDS, CHARGE AND DECLARATION

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

MINISTRY MOMENT 150th Vision Committee

Ashley Whamond

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Alleluia

Randall Thompson

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

†	DOXOLOGY		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 305	Come Sing, O Church in Joy!	DARWALL'S 148TH
†	BENEDICTION		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Prelude and Fugue in E-Flat major	Camille Saint-Saëns

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 "I am the resurrection and the life."
 Elizabeth S. Warner ~ December 18, 2022
 Webster Dawley ~ December 30, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT NOON

James Francis Dennis
 Son of Natalie and Nate Dennis

Tate Ryan Miinch
 Son of Katie and Ryan Miinch

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

NARTHEX FLOWERS

In celebration of the marriage of Alexandra P. Williams and Jeffrey D. Copes

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

Dave Tavani

Announcement

150TH ANNIVERSARY VISION SURVEY. Each member of our community is invited to participate in helping us discern God's call for our congregation as we celebrate our 150th anniversary and look toward the future. This final piece of information gathering – building upon our learnings from the forums and focus groups – needs your insight and input! Please complete the survey mailed to you or fill it out online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/150thvisionsurvey>
Additional paper and large print copies and drop boxes are available at the Reception Desk and in the Atrium. The deadline for returning the survey is Sun., May 14. Thank you!

Today

LESLIE BASS, MASTER GARDENER. 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. In conjunction with our BMPC Plant Native/Native Plant initiative and the Homegrown National Parks movement, Master Gardener Leslie Bass will discuss why native plants are important and offer practical advice on purchasing native plants as well as what to look for when adding native plants to your backyard or garden.

This Week

DELIVERED OUT OF EMPIRE. Mondays, April 24 and May 1, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Room. Join Rabbi David Straus and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick for a three-week exploration of the Book of Exodus using Walter Bruggemann's recent book, *Delivered Out of Empire*. In addition to discussing the significance of the Exodus story as a movement of liberation, the class also will look at how Exodus is interpreted in various ways in the Jewish and Christian traditions, especially with Jewish Passover practices. To reserve a copy of the book: <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup>
For information: RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

SACRED THREADS: LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK. Thursdays, April 27 and May 4, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a program open to all who are curious about the threads that knit our faith together. Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, will be used as a guide, and the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director, will lead these sessions.
KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Next Sunday

THE WORLD BELOVED: A BLUEGRASS MASS. Sun., April 30, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Composer Carol Barnett and librettist Marisha Chamberlain combined efforts to create “The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass.” The result is a brilliant and exhilarating blend of the classical mass, modern choral sophistication, insightful poetry, and traditional bluegrass instrumentation. Featuring Monroe Crossing, the renowned bluegrass band. For information: MFA@bmpc.org

CHRISTIANITY AND LABOR ORGANIZING. Sun., April 30, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. BMPC member Connor Williams, who has a master’s degree in intercultural theology from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, will discuss Christianity’s relationship with labor organizing in the United States, the primary focus of his research. This class will provide an overview of how U.S. Christians have supported labor organizing and the theological justification for their support. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

Upcoming

Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION. Mon., May 1, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Y-Group (mothers and caregivers for young children) offers a book selection for the spring season: *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Lauren Winner. You may purchase a copy at your bookstore or online, borrow one of the two copies available in the church library, or borrow the ebook on your library’s Hoopla app. Come for snacks and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. and a book discussion at 7:30 p.m. Contact Ygroupbmpc@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the distribution list.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., May 8, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and livestream. Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr., bestselling author and political commentator, will speak on the Ethics of Anti-Racism. He is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. A question and answer session follows his talk. No registration is required for this free event. Glaude’s presentation will be livestreamed at www.bmpc.org/livestream. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP. Sat., May 13, 10:00 a.m., Ministries Center. The Middleton Counseling Center is presenting its in-person bereavement support group, Searching for Still Waters, on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. All are welcome; no charge. Dr. Sophia Park, Th.D, M.Div., LMFT, will lead this group. Register: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

STEPHEN PAULUS' "TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN." Sat., May 13, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Singing City Choir, along with Philharmonia, the Philadelphia Girls Choir, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and featured soloists, will present Paulus' oratorio in commemoration of the nearly one million children who perished in the Holocaust. The program also will feature Arnold Schoenberg's "Friede auf Erden" (Peace on Earth). General admission tickets are \$37 and may be purchased online: www.singingcity.org

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE TRIP. Thurs., June 3, 8:45 a.m. departure. Join us for this second opportunity to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. NMAAH is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. It was established by an Act of Congress in 2003, following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org
Register online: bit.ly/NMAAH_Trip_2

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023: BUILDING THE KINGDOM! Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., for ages three years to fifth grade. Campers must be at least four years old by May 1, 2023 to register. The Three's program is closed due to maximum capacity. Cost is \$50 per camper: <https://bit.ly/BMPCVBC2023>
MaryRichards@bmpc.org

VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER. Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This summer we will welcome over 100 children to take part in Vacation Bible Camp and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. You can volunteer to help with a specific station (like games), work with a small group, or help "behind the scenes." Register online: <https://bit.ly/VBCVolunteerRegistration>
MaryRichards@bmpc.org

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP. Sun., July 9 – Fri., July 14. Our summer mission trip is a collaboration with CROSS Missions at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. CROSS Missions is a unique urban outreach program that challenges individuals and groups to move beyond service projects and into a theological understanding of poverty and how Jesus teaches us to be changemakers in the world. Cost: \$350 with scholarships available.
Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCMissionTripNC>
Shayla Jordan, SJordan@bmpc.org

YOUTH CAMP AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA. Sun., Aug. 6 – Fri., Aug. 11. Join us for our annual youth summer camp which is filled with fellowship, fun and faith! All rising sixth through 12th graders are invited to participate. The cost is \$650 with a \$50 early bird discount for those who sign up before May 1; scholarships available. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2023>

Shayla Jordan, SJordan@bmpc.org

Calendar

Sunday, April 23

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.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children's Library
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Sunday School, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg. Worship with Sanctuary Choir and Officer Ordination, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Café, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15	a.m.	Leslie Bass, Master Gardener, Fullerton Room.
12:00	p.m.	Baptism Service, Front Lawn

Monday, April 24

5:00	p.m.	Harcum Student Recognition Banquet
7:00	p.m.	Delivered Out of Empire Class, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, April 25

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

Wednesday, April 26

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room and Virtual Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Student Serve, Gymnasium

Thursday, April 27

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sacred Threads: <i>Learning to Walk in the Dark</i> , Virtual Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, April 28

8:30	a.m.	Foundation Investments Committee, Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Joan Robinette Memorial Service, Chapel

Saturday, April 29

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
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Sunday, April 30

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

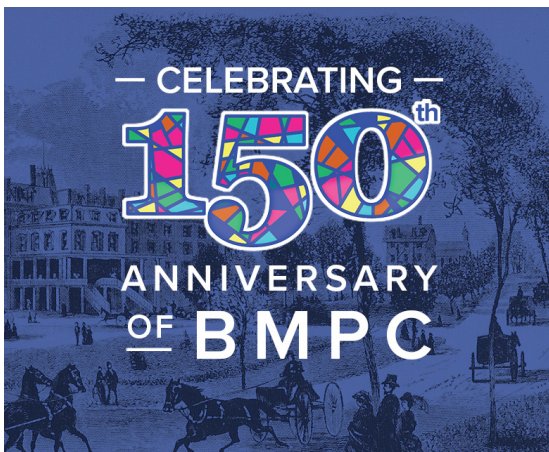
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