

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, April 7, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Second 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](http://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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

## Today's Schedule

### Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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### “Natural Mothers” Exhibit

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

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### Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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### Sunday School Classes

#### Age 2 - Pre-K

10:00 a.m., Education Building

#### Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

#### Grades K - 2

10:15 a.m., Education Building

#### Grades 3 - 5

10:15 a.m., Gymnasium

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### Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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### Family Fellowship

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

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### The Presbyterian Historical Society

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

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### Evening Worship

5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Christ is Risen

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In our uncertainty,

**All: Christ goes before us.**

One: In our doubts,

**All: Christ remains with us.**

One: In our fear,

**All: Christ surrounds us.**

One: In our hope,

**All: Christ is within us.**

One: In this time of worship,

**All: We strive to follow Jesus, who leads us into life.**

† HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, in raising Christ from the dead, you have set us free from the deathly power of self-absorption. Yet even as we long for the fullness of life with you, we are slow to leave the familiarity and comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we resist full connection with you as its source. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to our focus on 'me and mine.' Come to us, risen Christ, through the closed doors of our hearts and minds, to redeem us and free us from our attachment to what has been, so that you might bring us into the glory of what could be.

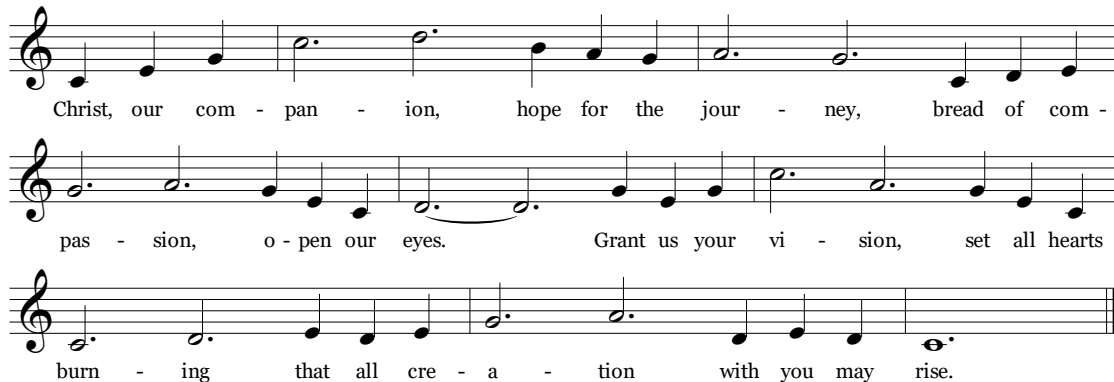
*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## 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.

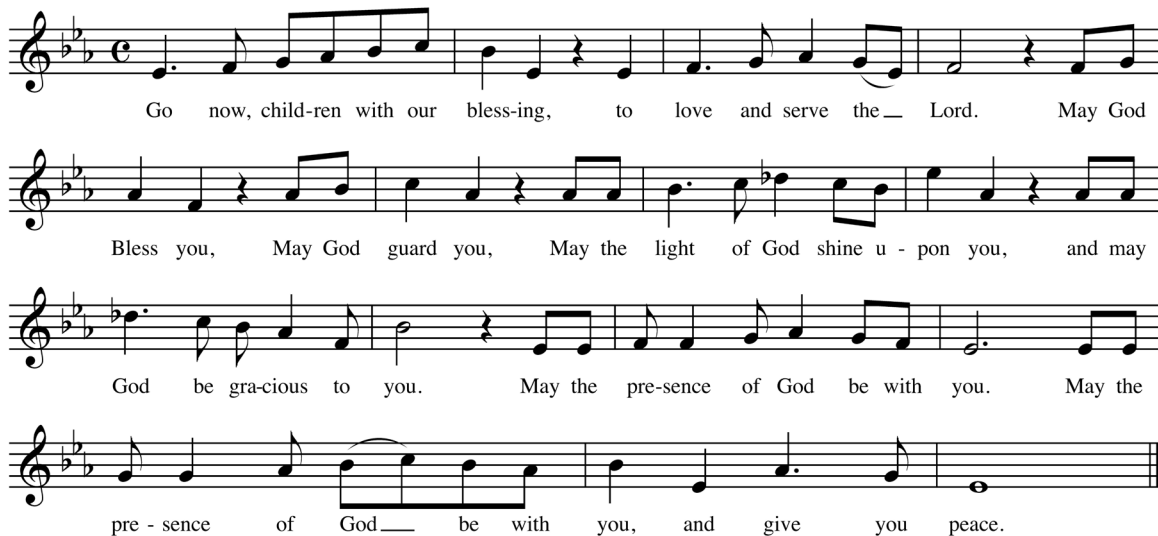
## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

### 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

1 John 1:1-2:2 (*pg. 238 in pew Bible*)

### ANTHEM

Easter Rejoicing

Jonathan Willcocks

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! The Lord of life is risen this day; bring flowers of song, bedeck the way. Let all the world rejoice and say Alleluia! Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high, Alleluia! Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored; Alleluia!

### SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-31 (*pg. 115 in pew Bible*)

Kirby Lawrence Hill

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Scars

Kirby Lawrence Hill

† HYMN 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Franklyn C. Pottorff

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

### 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 DISCIPLESHP

### OFFERTORY SOLO

He's So Wonderful  
Kara Goodrich, soprano

James H. East

Wonderful, God is so wonderful. He's wonderful, God, He's so wonderful. The Lord is my shepherd, He's my guide. Whatever I need, the Lord will provide. And praise my Lord's name. I, I know he's so wonderful. And whoa, He's wonderful, and I better believe, The Lord is wonderful, yes He is. And whoa-oh, if you never tried God, try the Lord one day And see when my Father come down and make a way And whoa, and oh, I can't help but love God. He's so wonderful.

*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 246**      Christ Is Alive!      TRURO
- † **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**      Kirby Lawrence Hill
- POSTLUDE**      Prelude in C major      J. S. Bach

## MUSIC NOTES

### PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

# Announcement

**EVENING WORSHIP.** Sun., Apr. 7, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This monthly worship service welcomes all ages and includes musical and liturgical leadership from across the congregation. Using the traditional elements of worship, Evening Worship focuses each month on a particular part of the church calendar. Join us this evening as we celebrate the season of Easter and welcome musicians and leadership from our mission partners at The Common Place in southwest Philadelphia.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE.** We are very happy to report that, as of this week, we have received 457 pledges totaling 94% of our goal. This generosity reflects the congregation's support of BMPC and our ministry and mission. We hope to achieve 100% of our goal. If you have not participated, pledge cards are available in the pew, or you can pledge online at [bmpc.org/giving](https://bmpc.org/giving). Thank you so much.

**SURREY SERVICES AT BRYN MAWR.** BMPC has partnered with Surrey Services to offer programming for active senior adults out of the Foerderer House on our campus (119 Radnor Street). Surrey's programming is expanding to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays starting April 16. For more info., <https://surreyservices.org/surrey-bryn-mawr-location/>.

**PENN MUSEUM TOUR.** Thurs., Apr. 18, 9:45 a.m. Home to over a million extraordinary artifacts and archaeological finds, the Penn Museum has been uncovering our shared humanity across continents and millennia since 1887. Join us for a one-hour guided "highlights" tour of its world-renowned collection. Following the tour, we will gather for lunch at the museum café. Meet at the BMPC Sanctuary Parking Lot at 9:45 a.m. for roundtrip bus transportation. We will return following the tour and lunch around 1:30 p.m. Tour tickets are \$20 and do not include lunch. Please reserve your space by contacting [MonicaDevane@bmpc.org](mailto:MonicaDevane@bmpc.org) by April 12.

**A GERMAN REQUIEM BY JOHANNES BRAHMS.** Sun., Apr. 28, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The 2023-24 concert season will end with a performance of Johannes Brahms' monumental German Requiem, though in a more intimate arrangement for two pianos by the composer himself. Featuring Laura Ward and Susan Ricci Rogel, pianos; Kara Goodrich, soprano; and Nicholas Provenzale, baritone. A free-will offering will be taken, fifty percent of which will go to support the Homeless Advocacy Project —[www.haplegal.org](http://www.haplegal.org).

## **Today**

**THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Sun., Apr. 7, 11:15 a.m. Fullerton Room. PHS is an extraordinary resource for congregations and the larger Church as they preserve not just the vital artifacts but the story of the Church as well. Join Executive Director of PHS (and BMPC member) Nancy Taylor for a conversation on the work of the historical society and how we can continue to partner together to imagine and create the future church. This is the final presentation from our 150th-anniversary grant recipients.

## **This Week**

**NATURAL MOTHERS.** Through April 28, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Inspired by her early experiences as a caseworker, Lisa Hancock's photographs explore the foster care system through the stories of three biological mothers and reconnect the photographer with the Cruz siblings—foster children from her caseload who are now grown with their own children.

**PASTORS' MOVIE NIGHT.** Wed., Apr. 10, 6:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join the Rev. Leigh DeVries for a viewing and discussion of the compelling coming-of-age film *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*. Based on Judy Blume's classic young adult novel, the film explores the intersections of puberty, faith, and family. Participants are encouraged to grab dinner from Congregational Hall and join us in Fullerton, where tables will be set up for eating and viewing. For more info., [LeighDeVries@bmpc.org](mailto:LeighDeVries@bmpc.org).

**YOUTH SERVICE RETREAT WITH SALT & LIGHT MINISTRIES.** Sat., Apr. 13. All youth are invited to a day-long retreat with Salt & Light. Youth will spend the day learning about their ministries and the communities they serve and complete a service project with them. Sign up on our website or social media, or email [ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org](mailto:ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org).

## **Upcoming**

**WISDOM FROM THE EARLY CHURCH.** Sun., Apr. 14, 11:15 a.m. Fullerton Room. How did the first generations of Christians worship together and support each other? How was that different from the ways we are accustomed to today? We will look to the Acts of the Apostles, the letters of Paul, and other early Christian documents that give us clues about the first Christian churches. Dr. Joshua Yoder will teach this class.



**SACRED THREADS.** Thurs., Apr. 18-May 9, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Led by spiritual director Betty Wright-Riggins, the sessions focus on the book *The Other Wes Moore—One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore. This book explores the parallel lives of two men with the same name, growing up in similar circumstances but taking different paths. To register or for more info., [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org).

**WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER.** Sun., Apr. 21, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Is the church the building, the people, the organization, or something else entirely? As part of her final project for her D.Ed.Min., the Rev. Rachel Pedersen has been studying the language, images, and metaphors children use to explain and understand the church. Learn from these uncanny observers as they help us take an honest assessment of the Church as it is and give us new eyes to see the Church that God is forming.

## **Caring & Sharing**

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Apr. 20, 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. Upcoming Dates: May 18, June 15. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>.

**BMPC HIKE/WORK DAY.** Sat. Apr. 27, 9:30 a.m., McKaig Nature Education Center in Radnor. The Environmental Justice Committee invites all to join together for a hike/work day at McKaig. We will begin with a hike of the grounds followed by a work session for those who can stay. All are welcome. To sign up, contact David Heaton, [heatondavid2@gmail.com](mailto:heatondavid2@gmail.com) by April 15.

**END GUN VIOLENCE ADVOCACY DAY.** Tues., May 7, 8:00 a.m. departure from BMPC. In partnership with Cease Fire PA and other local congregations, join us for a day in Harrisburg to participate in advocacy events, meetings in our local legislative offices, and to rally for an end to gun violence on the steps of the Capitol building. Return to BMPC by 5:00 p.m. Sign up or for more info., [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.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. If you'd like to help, contact [KathrynWest@bmpc.org](mailto:KathrynWest@bmpc.org) or call 610-520-8833.

**THANK YOU FROM THE HUNGER COMMITTEE.** Your regular and generous donations to the BMPC Hunger Fund allow our congregation to financially support over eighteen different pantries and feeding programs in Greater Philadelphia and continue to make over 1,000 casseroles each year. Thank you for giving. As always, your next gift to the Hunger Fund can be made using the white Hunger Envelopes found in your pew rack or by giving one-time or recurring gifts online at <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger>.

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, April 7**

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Digging Deeper Bible Study, Gloucester Room Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b> Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg./Gymnasium
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.
11:15	a.m.	The Presbyterian Historical Society, Fullerton Room
12:30	p.m.	Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
5:00	p.m.	<b>Evening Worship, Sanctuary</b>

### **Monday, April 8**

4:00	p.m.	Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
7:00	p.m.	Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

## **Tuesday, April 9**

9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Class, Gymnasium  
6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg  
6:00 p.m. Session Dinner with New Officers, Congregational Hall  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

## **Wednesday, April 10**

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, 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  
6:00 p.m. Pastor's Movie Night, Fullerton Room

## **Thursday, April 11**

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

## **Friday, April 12**

1:00 p.m. **Lillian Wall Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

## **Saturday, April 13**

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group,  
Converse House Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement, Witherspoon Parlor

## **Sunday, April 14**

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir,**  
**Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)**  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet 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

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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