



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

May 1, 2016
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to BMPC

Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

NEW HERE? We are grateful to have you join us as we gather to worship God. Our programs are open to all and you are welcome to participate according to your interests. Questions? Information is available in the alcove near the main Sanctuary entrance or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP: Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare: infants - age 5; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

Children age 2 to PreK: 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 3: 10:15 a.m., classes, Ed. Bldg.

(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ed. Bldg.

Grades 4 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Worship Together Sunday, Sanctuary

GETTING CONNECTED. Please fill out the Fellowship Register as indicated during worship to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you may greet each other after worship.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Ed. Bldg. Lobby after Sunday School.

*As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone
and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.*



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Variations on a Norwegian Hymn

Bjarne Sløgedal

WELCOME

Richard Wohlschlaeger

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Happy are those who inhabit the house of the Lord,
for they may ever praise you.

**All: Happy are the people whose strength is in God,
for their hearts are set on the pilgrim way.**

One: Lord God of hosts, hear our prayers as we worship,

**All: For you, O Lord, are our sun and our shield;
yours alone is the grace and the glory.**

† **HYMN 403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Loving God, you have shown us the way of Jesus, and invite us
to be compassionate and kind, faithful and loving.**

**While you direct us to embrace the qualities that marked his life,
we confess that we have stumbled and fallen.**

Our sins are real, and they are many.

Have mercy on us and forgive our failings.

**Encourage us to trust that what we have seen in Jesus is the way,
the truth and the life.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*† **GLORIA PATRI** *(in unison)*

(Hymnal 581)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN



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.

During the Sending Hymn, children in grades K - 3 depart for their Sunday School classes.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 67 (p. 529 in pew Bible)

Richard Wohlschlaeger

ANTHEM

Verleih uns Frieden (Grant Us Thy Peace)

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail,
trust we Thy word, all things in Thee, possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

SECOND LESSON

John 15:1-5, 12-17 (p. 109 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Branches

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Kellen Smith

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Immortality

Alan Hovhaness

Sanctuary Choir with Elizabeth Weigle, soloist

Jesus lives! No longer now can thy terrors appall us. Jesus lives! By this we know thou, o grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia! Jesus lives! Henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal. This shall calm our trembling breath, when we pass the gloomy portal. Jesus lives! To Him the throne over all the world is given. May we go whence He is gone, rest and reign with Him in heaven. Alleluia!

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

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*)

(*Hymnal 606*)

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**

† **HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

† **BENEDICTION**

Agnes W. Norfleet

You're invited to stay for the Annual Meeting.

Worship Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Stephen R. Holstad

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Bob Holmes

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of the Main Line Adult Day Center

TODAY'S MUSIC

Bjarne Sløgedal was organist and conductor of Kristiansand Cathedral in Norway, where he also directed an international Church Music Festival. He studied in Oslo, then at the Juilliard School in New York and at Kooninglich Conservatorium in the Hague. He composed works for choir and orchestra in addition to the organ, and he was a collector and arranger of Norwegian folk music.

The theme of the Variations is a chorale familiar in Norway from its hymn book. It was both the melody and the words which inspired the composer. The opening line begins: 'Å hvor salig det skal blive' ('O how glorious will it be for the children of God'). The first three variations emphasize the folk origins of the tune, casting it as a song in variation one, then as a flute melody over a hurdy-gurdy-style drone bass in the second variation. The title of the third variation, Langeleik, is the name of a Norwegian zither-like folk instrument which has one melodic string and up to seven drone strings. The music echoes its timbre, creating an interesting registration challenge. The final variation is an apotheosis of the melody. The composer dedicated the variations 'Mine foreldre tilegnet ...' —'to my parents'. (notes by Ian Carson)

BULLETIN COVER

I Am the Vine

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Announcements

MOTHER'S DAY INFANT FORMULA AND BABY FOOD COLLECTION.

May 1 – 15. Help homeless women and children at St. Barnabas Mission by bringing baby formula or food to the collection bins in the Ministries Center or Education Building. Pam Haynes-Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Tues., June 21 to Fri., June 24, BMPC campus. Planning is underway for an exciting week when students age 3 - rising 5th graders grow in God's love, serve neighbors, and build a community together. Registration has begun; search "VBC" at www.bmpc.org. Interested in participating or helping? MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION. Get ready for summer – sign up for the Middle School Urban Plunge in NYC or Camp Kirkwood 2016 in the Poconos. Register at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

MINISTRIES CENTER ART EXHIBIT. Ending today, the Chester Charter School for the Arts (CCSA) presents "21st Century Perspectives" by students in grades K-9. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY. After coffee in the Court, take a few minutes to visit the Converse House Library on the 2nd floor. You'll find a great selection of books, CDs, and magazines. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

HUNGER ENVELOPES. Consider these sobering statistics: While nearly 1 in 8 people in Pennsylvania struggle to find the resources to put food on the table, the number in Philadelphia approaches 1 in 3. BMPC's Hunger Committee works in many hunger-relief efforts such as making more than 1,600 casseroles a year at casserole blitzes and supporting local food closets and soup kitchens. These efforts are funded almost entirely by contributions from Hunger Envelopes found in the pews.

Today

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION. The meeting, following 10:00 a.m. worship, will include reports on the life of our church. Copies of the 2015 BMPC Annual Report and other materials for the meeting are available in the Narthex and on www.bmpc.org. Sunday School and childcare will be extended during the meeting.

This Week

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., May 6, 6:00 p.m., home of Janet Haas in Radnor. Enjoy a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion. Speaker: the Rev. Cynthia Jarvis, Senior Pastor of Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church will discuss "What would you like next for the Presbyterian Church?" Register: Janet White, JanetW298@verizon.net, including potluck donation.

Upcoming

PROJECT HOME. Sun., May 8, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Larry Arney discusses the mission of the Project HOME community and its efforts to empower adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Y-GROUP END-OF-YEAR BRUNCH. Tues., May 10, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Guest speaker, Dr. Asha George-Guiser, discusses “Contentment in the Midst of Restlessness.” Bring friends and a brunch item to share. Register: Sharna Liggett, sliggett@me.com.

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC. Wed., May 11, 6:30 a.m. departure from back parking lot. Our Senior Adult Council invites you to a guided tour of the National Cathedral followed by time on your own at the National Gallery of Art. Cost: \$45 per person includes transportation and admission to the Cathedral; lunch not included. Register by check payable to BMPC or at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

LAST YOUTH GATHERING AND 5TH GRADE STEP-UP DAY. Sun., May 15, 10:00 a.m., Gym. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

CONFIRMATION EXPO. Sun., May 15, 11:00 a.m., Gym. All are invited to view projects presented by our Confirmands. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF VOLUNTEERING FOR REFUGEES. Sun., May 15, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Sturgis Poorman, founder of “Welcoming the Stranger,” walks us through the logistics of volunteering locally in support of refugee families from around the world. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

IPHONE & IPAD WORKSHOPS. Sun., May 15, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room (iPhone Workshop) and Sun., May 22, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room (iPad Workshop). Make better use of the new technology and learn the latest tips and tricks to get more out of your iPhone and/or iPad. No charge. Register: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

YOUNG ADULT PICNIC. Sun., May 15, 12:30 p.m., Chanticleer Garden. Bring a dish to share. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., May 17, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.

Save the Date

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. Sun., May 22. Following 8:30 a.m. breakfast for Confirmands and their families in Congregational Hall, Confirmands will be received during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PARTY. Sun., May 22, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. Youth and their families are invited to celebrate the end of year with a backyard cookout. (Rain location: Congregational Hall) Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

BEETHOVEN'S 9TH SYMPHONY. Sun., June 12, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring our Sanctuary Choir, the Singing City Choir, and the National Music Festival Orchestra. Tickets: \$10/adult; \$5/student. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Caring & Sharing

DAY OF DIRT III. Sat., May 7, 9:00 a.m., West Kensington Ministry. Help remove dirt from the WKM basement to provide more programmatic space. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., May 14, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., main kitchen. Prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia food cupboards and homeless shelters at this family friendly event. SandieNicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

OFFER A RIDE. Drivers are needed to transport members to medical appointments. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

PROVIDE HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

This Week's Calendar

*For more information visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, May 1, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 5, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 12:30 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
Filling the Well Women's Group, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Worship Together Sunday (Grades 4 - 12), Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary
Cafe in the Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15 a.m. Youth Ministry Council, Fullerton Room

Monday, May 2, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Adult Program, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!; meet in main parking lot
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Membership Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room
Worldwide Ministries Council Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, May 5, 2016

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fullerton Room
- 12:30 p.m. Meals on Wheels Volunteer Luncheon, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, May 6, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
- 5:00 p.m. Oldfield/Parks Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, home of Janet Haas in Radnor
Eastern University Baccalaureate Services, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 7, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Under Three, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104
- 4:30 p.m. Oldfield/Parks Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 8, 2016 - Mother's Day

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

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