

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 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 the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, 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

“Natural Mothers” Exhibit

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

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - Pre-K

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Pancakes with Prayer Partners

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

Wisdom from the Early Church

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

Prelude on the Carillon d'Alet

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my strength and my song has become my salvation.

All: I shall not die, but I shall live and declare the goodness of the Lord!

One: I will give thanks to the Lord, for God has answered me

All: and assured me of the good news of salvation.

† HYMN 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of all good, you have filled our hearts with the resurrection promises of Easter. You have blessed us with a rich inheritance of faith, hope and love; and yet we have not wisely invested these greatest gifts of life. We forget how you have called us to follow, and we have not lived as boldly as we could to spread your living presence into the world in faithful service. Forgive us, O God, and call us anew to live as your children, as heirs of your promises, and as brothers and sisters in 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

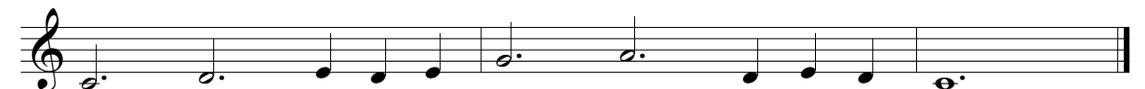
BUNESSAN



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

Rachel Pedersen

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

All: We do.

HYMN 188, vs 1

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON

1 John 3:1-3 (*pg. 240 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Love Is Come Again

Arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

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

Luke 24:13-35 (*pg. 90 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Road from Emmaus

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN

The Risen Christ

SURSUM CORDA

1. The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet from gar - den tomb through
2. The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side, breathes out his Spir - it
3. The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand the bread for those who
4. May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand with the op-pressed in
dark-ened cit - y street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and
on them to a - bide, whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be -
fail to un - der - stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering
this and ev - ery land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing
fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
lieve; new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
tears, en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
be, re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stewardship

Lisa Kimbro

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jesus Christ The Apple Tree Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne'er can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*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** Kirby Lawrence Hill

† **HYMN** 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! HYMN TO JOY

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

POSTLUDE Carillon Sortie Henri Mulet

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brooks Alexander Maus
Son of Sara & Gates Maus

MUSIC NOTES

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

Announcement

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. 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/>.

Today

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.

PANCAKES WITH PRAYER PARTNERS. Sun., Apr. 14, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Children and Youth, did you know that you have a prayer partner praying for you? We invite families to come after church to enjoy a pancake breakfast and to meet prayer partners!

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.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Apr 16, 12:00 p.m. Fullerton Room. This longstanding book group will meet this week to discuss our recent Community Forum speaker, Matthew Desmond's, *Poverty, by America*. All women are invited to attend. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert provided. Contact Anna May Charrington, grandebay1@gmail.com.

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@bmmpc.org.

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@bmmpc.org by April 15.

Upcoming

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.

LABYRINTH WALK. Mon., Apr. 22, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Lawn. All are invited to walk the labyrinth in prayer and celebration of Earth Day. For more info., KikiMcKendrick@bmmpc.org.

QUIZZO NIGHT. Wed., Apr. 24, 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Children and Family Ministries and our regular Wednesday Night Dinner are combining forces as a special invitation to families to share a meal and join together as teams for a quiz night! This is a fun fellowship opportunity for all ages, with no skills required. Teams will be randomly assigned. Please register here once per family, indicating the number of adults and children attending for dinner and if you'll be requesting childcare.

PC(USA) CO-MODERATOR, THE REV. RUTH SANTANA GRACE. Sun., Apr. 28, 11:15, Congregational Hall. Join us as we welcome the Rev. Ruth Santana Grace, who is not only the Executive Presbyter of Philadelphia Presbytery but also the Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly, the highest non-staff elected office in our denomination. She will bring greetings from the national church as well as share her hopes for the Presbyterian Church in this next generation.

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.

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 by April 15.

END GUN VIOLENCE ADVOCACY DAY. Tues., May 7, 8:00 a.m. departure from the offices of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. In partnership with Cease Fire PA and other local congregations, join us for a day in Harrisburg to participate in advocacy meetings and drop-bys in our local legislative offices, as well as a rally to end gun violence on the steps of the Capitol building. We will travel via motor coach. Return to the Presbytery Offices by 5:00 p.m. Sign up or for more info., RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmmpc.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@bmmpc.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 14

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.	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.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, 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 Cafe, Atrium
11:15	a.m.	Pancakes with Prayer Partners, Congregational Hall
		Wisdom from the Early Church, Fullerton Room
2:00	p.m.	Hunger Committee Liaison Gathering, Congregational Hall

Monday, April 15

7:00	p.m.	Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
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Tuesday, April 16

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
7:00	p.m.	Tangled Title Working Group, Cannon Room
		Stewardship Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, April 17

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00	p.m.	High School Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
		Mission Council Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
		Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, April 18

9:45	a.m.	Penn Museum Tour, Meet in Sanctuary Parking Lot
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
		Sacred Threads (<i>The Other Wes Moore</i>), Zoom

Friday, April 19

No scheduled events

Saturday, April 20

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen

Sunday, April 21

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir & Officer Ordination, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

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Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

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