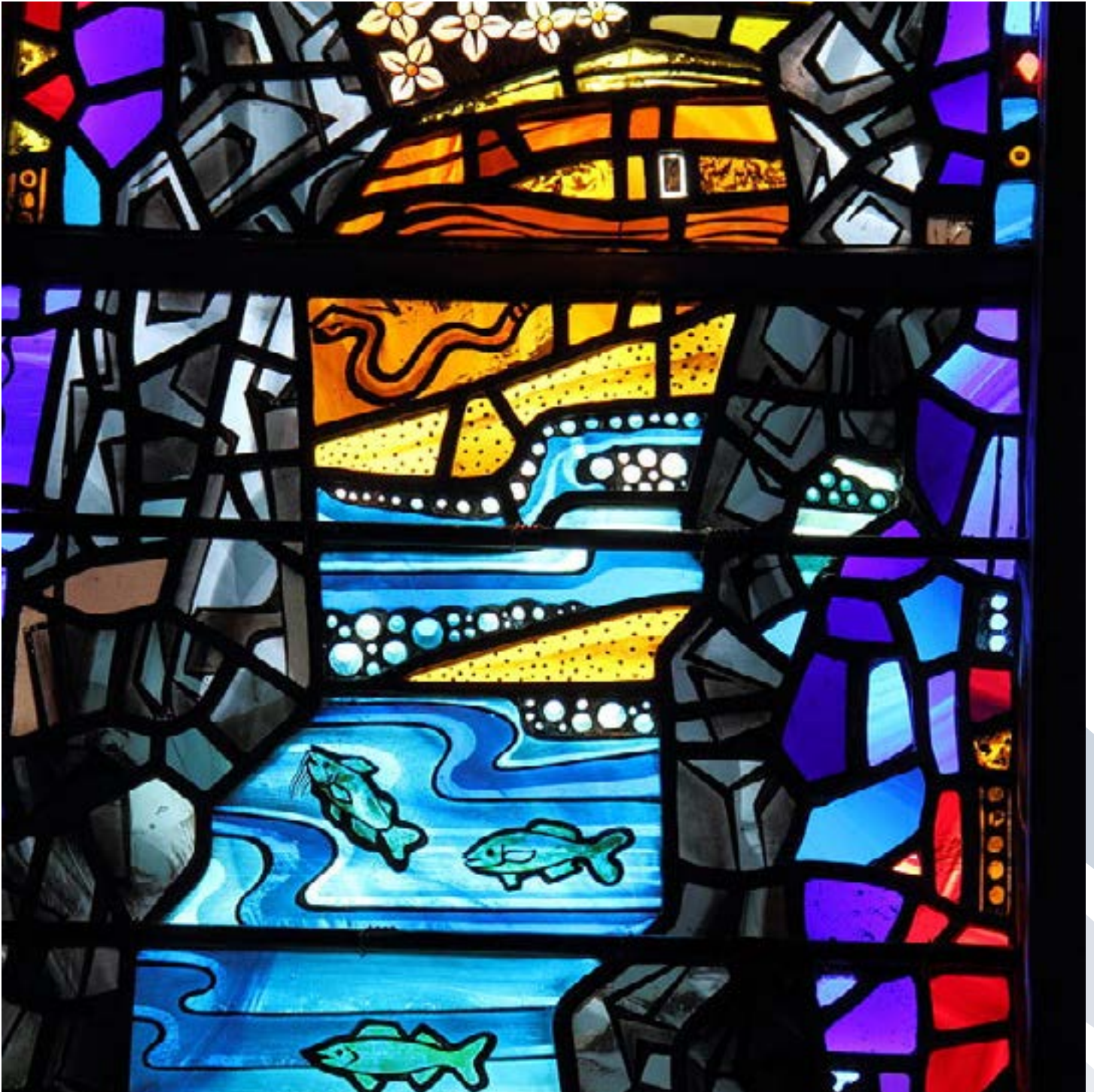




Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

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

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Improvisation: Adagio

Daniel Carroll, organist

WELCOME

Melanie Hardison

Please stand, if able.


CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:1-2, 7

One The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
All the world and those who live in it,
One for God had founded it on the seas,
All and established it on the rivers.
One Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
All that the King of glory may come in!

HYMN 36 For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All God, we join in one voice to confess our sins before you. We confess our desire for power and exchange it for your peace. We confess our pride and exchange it for your perfect will. We confess our fears and exchange them for faith. We confess our desire to be right and exchange it for your righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. We are your people, and we submit ourselves to you again.

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 Gloria

James Kealey

Glo - ry be to God: cre - a - tor Christ and
 Ho ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gi - nning is now and ev - er shall be.
 World with - out end. A - men! A - men!

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

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

Melanie Hardison

FIRST LESSON Matthew 20:20-28

(pg. 22 in pew Bible)

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine

to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

ANTHEM Look at the World

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth and his the heavens above.

SECOND LESSON Psalm 8

John Willingham

(pg. 492 in pew Bible)

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SERMON *A Shared Dominion*

John Willingham

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 24 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (F#m)
 F Dm Gm Dm Am

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it

(Em7) (G) (Bm) (A) (Bm) (A)
 Gm7 Bb Dm C Dm C

nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive

(G) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)
 Bb Am Bb C F

ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

(D) (Bm7) (G) (Em7) (G) (F#m7)
 F Dm7 Bb Gm7 Bb Am7

we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or

(G) (Em7) (A) (D) (Bm) (A)
 B \flat Gm7 C F Dm C

powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -
 ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to
 mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us

(Em7) (F#m) (G) (A) (D)
 Gm7 Am B \flat C F

at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

All

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies and truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

-from A Brief Statement of Faith

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All

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 Lord of the Dance

John Ferguson

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth. *Dance then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, but they wouldn't dance, and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on. *Dance then wherever you may be...*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die. *Dance then wherever you may be...*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black, it's hard to dance with the devil on your back, they buried my body and they thought I'd gone. But! I am the dance and I still go on. They cut me down and I lept up high: I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me. I am the Lord of the dance, said he. *Dance then wherever you may be...*

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

Please stand, if able.

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in praise of God's wondrous Creation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's prayer of confession is taken from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts, 59.1

TODAY'S MUSIC

Noting our shared life is both sacred and secular, today's music relates to themes of Eastertide, with the joyful (and somewhat frivolous) Offertory Anthem, "Lord of the Dance" by the notable American composer, organist, and pedagogue, John Ferguson. This work sets each verse of this profound text narrating the Easter story in a multitude of ways, reaching the very heart of the message. Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, and 56 years later, we have come a long way towards our relationship to the environment around us. John Rutter's delightful "Look at the World" reminds us of what God has given us, and what we must be fervent caretakers of.

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

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WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in this joyful season of Eastertide! As we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that hope, renewal, and new life are at the heart of spring and our faith. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we're glad you're here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to live as resurrection people—grounded in love, growing in faith, and reaching out to the world. May this season draw us closer to God and to one another as we rejoice in the promise of Easter and the women's discovery of an empty tomb.



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

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 following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Past Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Announcements

TODAY

The Beauty of "Missa Gaia." Sun., Apr. 19, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Join Director of Music and Fine Arts James Kealey for an introduction to "Missa Gaia: Earth Mass." We'll explore its musical style, spiritual themes, and celebration of creation, preparing us to experience the upcoming performance more deeply. All are welcome to learn, listen, and reflect together.

"Missa Gaia: Earth Mass." Sun., Apr. 19, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Celebrate Earth Day with an inspiring performance of "Missa Gaia: Earth Mass" by Paul Winter, featuring BMPC Choirs, jazz ensemble, guest musicians, and immersive visual projections that bring the beauty of creation to life; a reception with light food and refreshments will follow in the Court in conjunction with the gallery exhibition "Gaia: In Reverence to Earth." BMPC Children's artwork, inspired by the gallery pieces, will also be on display. Live animals will be present in the atrium for a special meet & greet before the concert.

Youth Positive Parenting Series. Sun., Apr. 19, 6:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor & Youth Lounge. Led by experts from the Middleton Counseling Center, April's focus will be Walking with Your Youth Through Faith. Understand how to accompany your children in their faith life and how that accompaniment changes with age. Designed for parents of 6th–12th graders, the series offers practical strategies for positive parenting, with concurrent programming for youth in the Youth Lounge. Registration requested. Email KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

UPCOMING & ONGOING

"Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America." Mondays, Apr. 20 - May 4, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. A timely exploration of what it means to practice our Presbyterian faith in a culture shaped by polarization, Christian nationalism, and competing visions of the gospel. Together, we will examine how our theology offers a distinctive and hopeful witness in uncertain times. This class will be led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Register and reserve a book at bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup

Urban Suburban Book Group. Tues., Apr. 21, 12:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Women are invited to the Urban Suburban book group discussion of "Master Slave Husband Wife." Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert provided. Ilyon Woo's true story narrates an enslaved couple who escaped from Georgia in 1848, with light-skinned Ellen disguised as a disabled white gentleman and William as her manservant. They became famous abolitionists.

Nurturing New Life Support Group. Fridays, 9:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Come as you are for this weekly meet-up for parents with infants. Each week will include time for fellowship and opportunities to hear from local experts on topics such as sleep, feeding, development, parental well-being, and navigating the early months of parenthood. The April 24 topic is nutrition, led by Megan Bragg. Sign up at bit.ly/NurturingNewLife Contact: ColleenCatania@bmpc.org

Hotter, Wetter, Weirder: Climate Change in Philadelphia. Sun., Apr. 26, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Our region is already experiencing the impacts of climate change—heat waves, drought, wildfire smoke, and intense storms. Environmentalist Mike Weilbacher will explain the local evidence, trends, and data in an engaging presentation that weaves science with stories and humor. Come learn, ask questions, and be inspired toward solutions.

The Jazz Sanctuary Concert. Wed., Apr. 29, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to join us for a free concert by The Jazz Sanctuary, a musical group bringing live jazz to diverse venues, blending artistry with a mission to foster community and enrichment. The concert will include coffee and dessert, and follows BMPC's weekly Wednesday Night Dinner (\$12/person). This event is sponsored by BMPC's Equity and Racial Justice Committee.

Confirmation Expo. Sun., May 3, 9:00 a.m., Gym. The 2025–2026 Confirmation Class invites you to visit the gym before and after the 10:00 a.m. worship service to learn about their discipleship projects. As part of their faith journey, each confirmand engages in a spiritual practice for 30 days during the spring semester and reflects on that experience. These projects represent their personal exploration of faith, commitment, and growth. Stop by, hear their stories, and celebrate the thought, dedication, and creativity they've poured into this important milestone in their spiritual lives. Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Join the BMPC Peacemaking Committee. Tues., May 5, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Room. Interested in social justice issues, both local and international? Come join the Peacemaking Committee at its open meeting this May when we look at priorities for the coming year. Do you have ideas for speakers on important topics or suggestions on groups or program that deserve funding support? We welcome your input. For more information contact Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com

Hersheypark Fun Day. Sun., May 31, 9:30 a.m. Rising 6th–12th graders register now! Roller coasters. Water rides. Chocolate. Bring your friends for a fun day out in the sweetest place on earth. It will be a blast. The cost is \$40, which includes admission to the park and one meal, with scholarships available. Register at bit.ly/Hersheypark2026 Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

New Offering Envelopes. There are new offering envelopes in the pew racks which provide the opportunity to add your name to your gift. Your name will allow us to acknowledge and thank you and provide a tax receipt at the end of each calendar year. Thank you for using these envelopes when you make a gift in the offering plate.

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in May and June for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact: SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Calling All Nurses! Are you a current or retired nurse? We are gathering names in order to celebrate and connect the nurses within our church community. Please contact our Parish Nurse ColleenCatania@bmpc.org or (610) 520-8832.

Volunteer at Vacation Bible Camp. Mon., Jun. 22–Fri., Jun. 26, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., BMPC Campus. This summer, we will welcome over 150 children to Vacation Bible Camp, and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. Register at bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2026 Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), 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
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg. Library
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School (Ages 2s, 3s), and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering (Gr. 6-12), Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (K-5th Grade), Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. The Beauty of “Missa Gaia,” Fullerton Room
- 11:15 a.m. “Gaia: In Reverence to Earth,” Gallery
- 1:00 p.m. Taizé Young Adult Cohort Meeting, virtual
- 2:30 p.m. “Missa Gaia” Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 3:00 p.m. Animals Meet and Greet, Atrium
- 4:00 p.m. “Missa Gaia: Earth Mass” Concert, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. “Missa Gaia: Earth Mass” Reception, Court
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Positive Parenting Series, Witherspoon Parlor & Gym Youth Lounge

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 7:00 p.m. Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America, Witherspoon Parlor

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

7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium

12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room

1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium

6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

6:00 p.m. Session Dinner, Congregational Hall

6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Discussion Group, Fullerton Room

4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

4:30 p.m. Piano Class A, Fine Arts Kitchen

5:00 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

6:00 p.m. Piano Class B, Fine Arts Kitchen

7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge

7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, virtual

9:15 a.m. Nurturing New Life Support Group, Converse House Parlor

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**

The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

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