

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 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

Andante in D Major

James Kealey, organist

Be Thou My Vision

Bells of Bryn Mawr

Felix Mendelssohn

arr. Cathy Moglebust

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16:5-6, 11

One The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

All The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places,

One I have a goodly heritage. You show me the path of life.

All In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

HYMN 248 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"

Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
 Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na ev-ery-one!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Embodied God, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, imbuing us with the grace and patience that you have shown to us time and again. We experience your presence, but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do. We look down on those who ask for proof, we scorn those who scoff at our faith. Forgive us and soften our hearts. Remind us of our own human doubts, that we might have compassion for all and freely share your grace.

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-gin-ning 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON John 20:19-25

(pg. 115 in pew Bible)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

ANTHEM Now the Green Blade Riseth

Bob Chilcott

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that He never would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

SECOND LESSON John 20:26-31

John Willingham

(pg. 115 in pew Bible)

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because

you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *What It Takes to Believe*

John Willingham

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 300 We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

John Willingham

One Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

New Members I do.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All 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

One Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

New Members I will.

SUNG RESPONSE 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Melanie Hardison

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 Alleluia

Randall Thompson

Alleluia, Amen.

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

Melanie Hardison

HYMN 254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

John Willingham

POSTLUDE

Paraphrase on a Chorus in "Judas Maccabaeus" by Handel

Alexandre Guilmant

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of James R. & Anna H. Affleck, Walter B. & Roberta Bastow, W. Barton Bastow and Lois Affleck King.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

TODAY'S MUSIC

Though the patient and solemn journey of Lent is 40 days, the season of Eastertide is 50 days long, leading us to Pentecost. So, since we find ourselves in jubilant celebration of the Resurrection, the anthems reflect this continued joyous occasion. Randall Thompson's popular "Alleluia" sets one singular word (a word we have been remiss in saying since the beginning of Lent) in a quasi-symphonic style, exploring the heights and depths of each vocal part. The Sanctuary Choir has spent a good deal of this spring learning new music, and the Offertory Anthem is no different. Bob Chilcott's pleasant and reservedly cheerful "Now the Green Blade Riseth" sets a familiar text from the 19th and 20th-century priest, John Macleod Campbell Crum, this time set to a new tune, rather than the 15th-century French tune, "Noel Nouvelet." Bells of Bryn Mawr present a bright setting of "Be Thou My Vision" (the text of which can be found in your pew hymnal, #450), with organ music fit for the Second Sunday of Easter.

- James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Kate Beers and Curtis Weber

Alexander and Elizabeth Moore

Adam and Lauren Hammer

Rebecca Ruskiewicz

Kathleen Kennedy

Judy Torchiana

Milca Lilian

Chris Washburn

Brendan and Elizabeth McQuiston

Jeremiah and Kellie Woodring

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Klaus Volpert

BULLETIN COVER

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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

Filling the Well. Starting Sun., Apr. 12, 8:45 a.m., Children's Library. Join this longstanding women's Sunday School class as we discuss "We the Women: The Hidden Heroes Who Shaped America." This collection of short biographies will guide our conversations towards the 250th Anniversary celebrations. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org to reserve a book.

Understanding BMPC's Finances. Sun., Apr. 12, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. How does the Foundation support the ministries of the church? What part of the operating budget goes for facilities, mission, and personnel? What are restricted funds? Does my giving really make a difference? Join us as we answer those questions and more about the financial picture of BMPC.

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Burgers & Root Beers. Mon., Apr. 13, 4:00 p.m., Pastor Andy's Manse. Flip burgers, drink root beer, and talk honestly about growing up amid loud messages about masculinity. We'll share a meal, laugh, and explore topics like toxic masculinity, social media algorithms, and healthier ways of being. Open to 6th–9th grade boys and nonbinary youth who feel this space is right for them. Come hungry! Contact: AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Wednesday Night Dinner. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us on Wednesday evenings for delicious food, friendly conversation, and good company.

Whether it's your first time or a familiar weekly rhythm, there's always room at the table. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome, including non-members. View the menu at bmpc.org/WednesdayNightDinner. Cost is \$12 for adults, and \$5 for children and students.

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, brass 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 both before and after the service.

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

“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

Woodmere Art Museum Trip. Thurs., Apr. 23, 10:00 a.m., Chestnut Hill. The Senior Adult Council invites members and friends of all ages to the Woodmere Art Museum for a one-hour, docent-led tour of the newly opened Francis M. Maguire Hall for Art and Education. All are invited to lunch after (at your own expense) at Scoogi’s Italian Kitchen and Bar. \$15 per adult / \$10 per senior (55+) Register by April 17 bit.ly/SACWoodmereTrip

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 Anti-Racism Committee.

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 12

- 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, Witherspoon Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:00 a.m. New Member Breakfast, Congregational Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 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. Understanding BMPC's Finances, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. "Gaia: In Reverence to Earth," Gallery
- 1:30 p.m. New Officer Training, Cannon Room

MONDAY, APRIL 13

- 4:00 p.m. Burgers and Root Beer Youth Event, Pastor Andy's Manse
- 7:30 p.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 12:30 p.m. Presbytery of Philadelphia Stated Meeting, Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon 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
- 5:00 p.m. Junior Choristers Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Gym Youth Lounge
- 6:00 p.m. Piano Class B, Fine Arts Kitchen
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Gym Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. LGBTQ@BMPC, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fullerton Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. "Missa Gaia: Earth Mass" Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. John Willingham will preach.

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