

Bryn Mawr

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

Agnes W. Norfleet

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love,

but our actions betray us.

We talk about love,

but we neglect those who are poor.

We talk about love,

but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit

so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,

in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

Easter Day

Dominick Argento

Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Rise, Heire of fresh Eternity, from thy Virgin Tombe: Rise, mighty man of Wonders! and thy world with thee. Thy Tombe, the universall East, Nature's new wombe, Thy Tombe, faire Immortalities perfumed Nest. Of all the Gloryes Make Noone gay, this is the Morne. This rocke buds forth the fountaine of the streames of Day. In joyes white Annals live this houre, when life was borne, No cloud scoule on his radiant lids no tempest lowre. Life, by this light's Nativity all creatures have. Death onely by this Dayes just Doome is forc't to Dye; Nor is Death frc't; for may hee ly thron'd in thy Grave. Death will on this condition be content to Dy.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

Brian K. Ballard

SERMON

Truth and Action

Brian K. Ballard

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Rachel Pedersen

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

- from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION

Brian K. Ballard

POSTLUDE

“Prélude” from Suite, Op. 5

Maurice Duruflé

†
“I am the resurrection and the life.”
Cathrine “Kitty” Sanders ~ April 13, 2021
Elizabeth “Libby” Somers ~ April 19, 2021

This Week

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP: NEW BOOK, SOUL SURVIVOR. Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom, beginning April 29. Join the Rev. Brian Ballard to discuss *Soul Survivor: How Thirteen Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church* by Philip Yancey. In the book, Yancey interweaves his own journey with the fascinating stories of those who modeled a life-enhancing faith for him. All are welcome.

Contact Monica Devane, monicadevane@bmpc.org for the Zoom details.

Theologian in Residence

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND. Sat., May 1 and Sun., May 2, via Zoom. This year's Theologian in Residence is Dr. Jonathan Walton, Dean of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University. Dr. Walton is an outspoken advocate for social justice and civil rights. His work and insights have been featured in several national and international news outlets. Prior to joining Wake Forest's administration, he served as the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University. For details or questions about the weekend's events: Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org or visit our website <https://bit.ly/2021-theologian-in-residence>.

THE SUN DO MOVE! INTERPRETING THE BIBLE IN CULTURAL CONTEXT. Sat., May 1, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Join us for a lecture and conversation with our Theologian in Residence Dr. Jonathan Walton on the ways that thoughtful biblical interpretation can inform and inspire our living and working in the world today. Dr. Walton is Dean of the Wake Forest Divinity School. Pre-registration is required. Register: <http://bit.ly/May-1-Registration>

THE NARCISSISM OF MINOR DIFFERENCES: A GOSPEL CHALLENGE TO PURITY, RANK, AND HIERARCHY. Sun., May 2, 2:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar. Our second lecture with Dr. Jonathan Walton features a conversation and Q&A with a distinguished panel of local leaders and scholars including the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Howard, Chaplain and University Vice President for Social Equity and Community, University of Pennsylvania; the Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall, Pastor, New River Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; and Dr. Anthea Butler, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania. Pre-registration is required. Register: <https://bit.ly/Theologian-in-Residence-Webinar-2021>

Upcoming

INFANT FORMULA DRIVE THRU & DROP-OFF COLLECTION: SUNDAYS, MAY 9 AND MAY 16. The BMPC Hunger Committee and Children and Family Ministries are collecting infant formula and baby food for Episcopal Community Services, to assist in its work with single mothers experiencing homelessness, and with Maternity Care Coalition that works to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women and parenting families. On May 9, those attending in-person worship may drop donations in bins in the Narthex. On May 16 donations may be dropped off at the entrance to the Chapel between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. for those who wish to drive through. Those attending Family Worship at 4:00 p.m. may drop off donations before or after the service in the bins in the Narthex. The preferred formula brand is Similac Advanced, but all brands may be donated.

CONVERSATION ON A LENS OF LOVE: READING THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD FOR OUR WORLD. Sunday, May 16 2:00 p.m. on the BMPC Campus. As we continue to reflect on the wisdom offered by our 2021 Theologian in Residence, Jonathan L. Walton, we are also offering an opportunity to read and discuss his book *A Lens of Love* on here at BMPC on Sunday, May 16. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will be leading these conversations. Please sign up here (<http://bit.ly/lens-of-love>) to reserve a copy of the book and to choose which session you wish to attend. Questions? RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

DEACONS RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., May 17, 2:00–7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. To sign up to donate blood: <http://bit.ly/2021-blood-drive>