

Bryn Mawr

Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God declares: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

All: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

One: The young shall see visions.

All: The elders shall dream dreams.

One: Both men and women shall prophesy.

All: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy and Merciful God,
this is the day to celebrate your Spirit
which gave birth to your church.
Grateful for the gifts of Pentecost,
we know we fail to receive and use them fully.
You break down linguistic barriers,
and we use speech that divides.
You bless us with diversity
and we harbor prejudices against human differences.
Guide us to your ways of loving the world
and lead us into greater faithfulness,
that trusting your word of truth
will grant us courage and peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 104:24-34

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ANTHEM

Come, Holy Ghost
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Orlando Gibbons

Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker, come; Take in the souls of thine thy place; Thou whom our hearts had being from, oh, fill them with thy heav'nly grace. Thou art that Comfort from above, the Highest doth by gift impart; Thou spring of life, a fire of love, and the anointing Spirit art.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

The Gift of Language

Agnes W. Norfleet

CONFIRMATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

As the early Christian community,
so in the centuries since,
the Spirit has formed and identified the church.

We acknowledge the true church of Jesus Christ
wherever the work of the Spirit is evident:
in preaching and sacraments,
in the new life and continuous growth of believers,
in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things,
in the mission and service to the world.

The boundaries of the church are not clearly known to us,
but God knows those who belong to God.

– from *A Declaration of Faith*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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 292

As the Wind Song

WAIKUA TAPU

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

“Minuetto” from *Duet Suite for Organ and Piano*

Denis Bédard

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Anita Bentley ~ May 13, 2021

Announcement

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our virtual “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, June 7 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. These two classes will give you the opportunity to learn about our denomination, our Reformed tradition, and our sense of Christian ministry. Inquirers welcome. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

Today

COLLABORATIVE CONCERT. Sun., May 23, 12:00 p.m., via Zoom. Main Line Reform Temple, ARTolerance and the BMPC Music and Fine Arts Program will present “Four Seasons” with Polyphony of Nazareth, Israel. Polyphony bridges the divide between Arab and Jewish communities in Israel through classical music and serves as a worldwide model for cooperation based on cultural exchange, dialogue and partnership. You may view this program at bit.ly/3eyzoT2.

OUTDOOR FAMILY WORSHIP. 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Outdoor Family Worship Services are being offered through June! ***Our Confirmands will be confirmed during the May 23 service.*** All are welcome to attend these family-friendly services on the front lawn.

This Week

YOGA CLASS. BMPC is hosting a new Gentle Hatha Yoga class on campus. Rosa Giletti brings more than 45 years of experience to her students. This six-week class will be held on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. on May 17 and 24, June 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Rosa at 267-644-9685 for class details.

INTERFAITH RACIAL JUSTICE VIGILS RESUME. Tues., May 25, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Zion Baptist Church, 219 W. Spring Ave., Ardmore. Faith communities in Lower Merion are hosting a series of prayer vigils on Tuesdays from May 25 to June 22 at different locations throughout the township. The first event, hosted by Zion Baptist Church, will commemorate the anniversary of George Floyd’s death. For more information and the vigil schedule, visit <http://bit.ly/Interfaith-Racial-Justice-Vigils>
Contact: RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

LIVESTREAMING OF WORSHIP SERVICES. BMPC will begin livestreaming the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., June 6. You are invited to view these services via BMPC’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/brynmawrpres, the BMPC YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/brynmawrpres or the livestream page on the church website: www.bmpc.org/livestream.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. This year we will journey with Elijah deep into the wilderness to see where God meets us! Rising fourth to sixth graders will assist with camp from June 21–25, and rising PreK–Kindergarten students and rising first to third graders will attend camp from June 23–25. For more details and registration information, <http://bit.ly/VBC-2021>. Volunteers needed!
Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

HOUSING SUPPORT FOR A LOCAL REFUGEE. The BMPC Refugee Committee has been working closely with a family who needs a new housing arrangement starting on Jan. 1, 2022. A single mother, who has received formal asylum status in the United States, seeks housing for herself and two children (ages 5 and 3). She needs an apartment or house with two bedrooms at an affordable price and near public transportation. She works full time as a child care worker at a school in Ardmore. Her current housing is available only through this December as it is through a local church. She is from Guinea, West Africa, and speaks her native language, French, and English. She has been in the United States for two years and can provide excellent references for her character and dependability. She is a lovely, resilient, determined and delightful young woman. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.