

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 1, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
3rd 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!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Masks are optional inside church buildings, although masks may be required in some areas of the Education Building. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that while COVID vaccines are available for children ages five to 11, some children may not have been vaccinated.

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 livestreaming 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 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at 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

8:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

Ages 2 to Grade 5
10:00 a.m., Ed Bldg.

Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m.
Foerderer House, 2nd Floor

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship, Atrium

Theologian-in-Residence Lecture

11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Diane Burko Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. – noon
Fine Arts Gallery,
Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Two settings of "Rhosymedre"

Alice Jordan and
Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ has Risen.

All: God is alive... new birth is given.

One: Hope is alive... a new age is dawning.

All: Joy is alive... redemption is here.

One: Love is alive... death cannot harm us.

All: We are alive... new life is within us.

One: The church is alive... God's spirit is within us.

All: God of life, we worship you.

† HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Revolutionary God, in raising Jesus Christ you loosed great energy, creating a new people who shared common life, witness, prayer and belonging. Yet we confess that we are afraid to risk selves and goods in creating your new world. We are even afraid to pray honestly with one another. God, forgive us. Blow through us with the Spirit of your Christ. Give us new energy to build community, peace, and justice on earth.

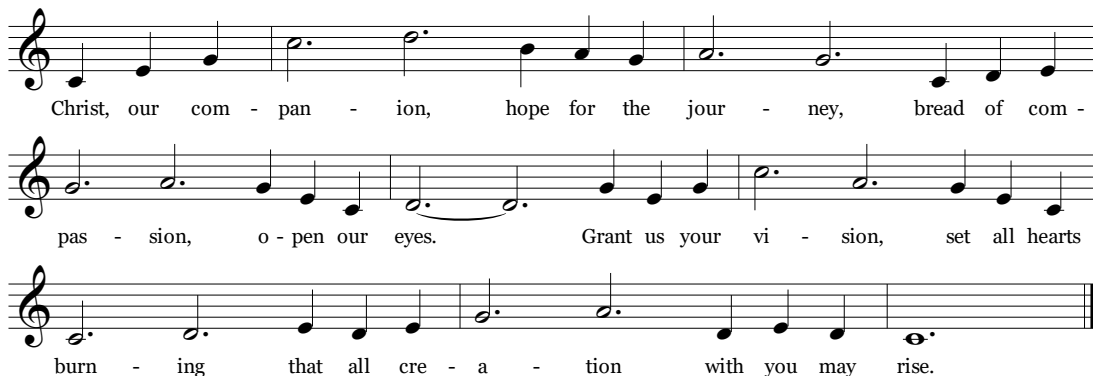
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

Christ, our Companion

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.

† Please stand, if able.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 46 (*p. 517 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

See the Lamb
Sanctuary Choir

Alice Jordan

See the land, her Easter keeping, rises as her Maker rose; seeds so long in darkness sleeping, burst at last from winter's snows. Earth with heav'n above rejoices; fields and gardens hail the spring; hills and woodlands ring with voices. All creatures sing: Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

2 Samuel 21:1-14 (*pg. 296 in pew Bible*)

Lisa Sharon Harper

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Repair as Repentance

Lisa Sharon Harper

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HYMN 372

O for a World

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Achieved is the Glorious Work Franz Joseph Haydn
Sanctuary Choir

Achieved is the glorious work; Our song let be the praise of God. Glory to his
name for ever. He sole on high exalted reigns. Hallelujah.

*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** Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 246 Christ Is Alive! TRURO

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Lisa Sharon Harper

POSTLUDE Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan Williams

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”
E. William Ross ~ April 25, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne M. and Edward A. Flood Jr.; Anna E. and Herbert H. Middleton Sr.; Frances S. and Herbert H. Middleton Jr.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

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RESPONSE

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Announcements

SABBATICAL NEWS. Pastor Rebecca Kirkpatrick will be on sabbatical through July 31. During this extended time away from BMPC Rebecca will be spending time with her family and developing new adult education and mission resources for our congregation. In her absence, Alicia Franklin, assistant for Adult Education and Mission, is available to support our ongoing work in mission and to answer any questions.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, May 2 and 9 at 7:00 p.m., in Witherspoon Parlor. These two classes provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. Contact the Rev. Frank Pottorff at 610-525-2821 or via email: FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available on May 22 for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepp at bmpcfflowers@gmail.com.

DIANE BURKO ART EXHIBIT. On display through Sun., May 29, Ministries Center Art Gallery. The exhibit of works by acclaimed artist and environmentalist Diane Burko, "Our Endangered Earth," in the BMPC art gallery, is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sundays.

Today

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE. Sanctuary and via livestream. This year's Theologian in Residence is author and activist Lisa Sharon Harper. As a columnist at Sojourners Magazine and an Auburn Theological Seminary Senior Fellow, Lisa writes extensively on shalom and governance, immigration reform, health care reform, poverty, racial and gender justice, climate change, and transformational civic engagement. Lisa preaches this morning and afterward gives a lecture that focuses on her newest book, *Fortune: How Race Broke My Family and the World and How to Repair It All*. Copies of *Fortune* are available to purchase for \$10 this morning in the Atrium after worship.

This Week

SACRED THREADS: STUDYING THE BEATITUDES. Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18 and June 1, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a four-week exploration using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, *Beatitudes from the Backside*, as our guide and the scriptures Matthew 5:4-7; 10-11. Sacred Threads is a gathering open to all who are curious about the threads that knit our faith together. Led by the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director. For more information, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmmpc.org.

Upcoming

WHAT IS OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BMPC? As the 150th anniversary of BMPC approaches in 2023, the 150th Vision Committee will facilitate a congregation-wide conversation to discern and affirm future directions for BMPC's ministry. Our process will begin with a series of public forums in May, followed by focus groups in the fall and a congregational survey in early 2023. Our hope is for every member to share their views and vision for the future.

Please contact Liz Ellis at LizEllis@bmpc.org to reserve a place at one of the following public forums:

- Wed., May 11, 6:00 p.m. dinner, followed by discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Congregational Hall
- Tues., May 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Virtual Public Forum, Zoom
- Sun., May 22, 11:15-12:15 p.m., Fullerton Room

CONFIRMATION EXPO. Sun., May 15, 11:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Every year our Confirmation students engage in a Confirmation Discipleship Project, which is a 30-day daily spiritual practice. After 30 days our Confirmands create presentations on their projects and share what they experienced. These presentations center on the impact of the chosen spiritual practice on the Confirmand's relationship with God and their understanding of faith. Since 2020 these projects have been virtual, but we are returning to in-person presentations in the gym this year! All are welcome to stop by the expo after worship on May 15 and hear about our Confirmation students' remarkable experiences with their spiritual practices.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Sun., June 5, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The BMPC Community Forum will host Trudy Rubin, the Worldview columnist of The Philadelphia Inquirer who has written extensively on Putin, Russia, and the war in Ukraine. Rubin's presentation will include a question and answer session.
ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2022. Mon., June 20 - Fri., June 24. This year's VBC theme is "Follow Me!" Meet the people and explore the places where Jesus taught and served. From a stormy sea to a crowded city street, come travel with Jesus' disciples and learn how you can help share God's love with others. VBC is held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., for ages 3 years to 5th grade. Registration for three year olds is closed. Volunteers of all ages are invited to sign up to help make this a special week for the children of our church and community. Register campers online: <https://bit.ly/vbc-22>. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

JOHNSONBURG PLUNGE. June 24-26. Rising sixth to eighth graders are invited, along with their parents, to experience camp during a weekend of worship, play, and service! The cost will be \$200 per youth, and \$150 per adult, with scholarships available. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmipc.org.

PHILLY IMMERSION TRIP. July 10-15. Rising ninth to 12th graders are invited to join us on our Philadelphia Immersion Trip. We will be serving with The Common Place, a non-profit organization that assists children and families in Southwest Philadelphia through educational programs, social services, and collaboration with other groups. The trip costs \$500, with scholarships available. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmipc.org.

YOUTH CAMP. July 31-Aug. 5. For rising sixth to 12th graders, our popular camp tradition is spearheaded by a team of BMPC staff and volunteer leaders. The cost is \$500 per camper, with scholarships available. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmipc.org.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., May 14, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Make casseroles and friends! Get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause! Join the Hunger Committee in preparing casseroles for area shelters, and enjoy a family activity (children over age 5). Participants are required to be vaccinated, masked and to practice social distancing. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER EFFORTS IN UKRAINE. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is joining with reformed churches in Ukraine and adjacent regions to respond to the humanitarian crisis created by the war. PDA anticipates its response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance continues to grow. If you wish to join our Peacemaking Committee in supporting the work of PDA in Ukraine, you may make a donation today by indicating "Ukraine Response" on the memo line of your check, or by giving online: <https://onrealm.org/bmipc/give/disaster>.

Calendar

Sunday, May 1

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual
9:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir,
10:00	a.m.	Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Ages 2-3, Ed. Bldg., Nursery PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201 1st & 2nd Grade Communion Class, Chapel Grade 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual Grades 4 & 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual Confirmation Class, Foerderer House, 2nd Floor Youth Gathering for Middle and High School, Gymnasium
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15	a.m.	Theologian-in-Residence Lecture, Sanctuary and Livestream

Monday, May 2

10:00	a.m.	Great Decisions, Virtual
4:30	p.m.	Gentle Yoga, Witherspoon
7:00	p.m.	Discover BMPC Class, Witherspoon Parlor

Tuesday, May 3

8:30	a.m.	Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Chartres Indoor Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
5:00	p.m.	Midweek Meet-Up, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, Virtual

Wednesday, May 4

10:00	a.m.	Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Worldwide Ministries Committee, Virtual
		Student Serve, Gymnasium
		Sacred Threads: The Beatitudes, Virtual

Thursday, May 5

6:00	p.m.	Refugee Committee Meeting, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, May 6

10:00	a.m.	Senior Adult Council, Virtual
3:45	p.m.	Spanish School, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, May 7

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor and Virtual
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Sunday, May 8

10:00	a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
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Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

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