

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 22, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sixth 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.

Worship Together Sunday

Grades 6 - 12
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Atrium Café

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

Diane Burko Art Exhibit

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

“Aria” from Symphonie VI

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.

**All: One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

One: Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**All: their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

One: Let us worship God with hymns of praise.

† HYMN 645

Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Creator God of extraordinary power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good. Forgive us when we neglect to live with awe and wonder. Forgive us when we participate in polluting the earth, air and water. Forgive us when we fail to be good neighbors to other creatures including the people around us in need of peace, justice and compassion. In all that we do, transform our lives to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ.

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

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 65:17-23 (*p. 696 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

The Last Words of David
Sanctuary Choir

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men, must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Micah 3:9-4:4 (*p. 864 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Created in Prophetic Community
Third of Three Sermons on Eco-Faithfulness

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 37**

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

Leigh DeVries

PROFESSION OF FAITH

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

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

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Brian K. Ballard

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 The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Sanctuary Choir Thomas Fettke and Linda Lee Johnson

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars suspended into space. Oh, what are we, that You are mindful of us? You have given us a crown of glory and honor, and have made us a little lower than the angels. You have put us in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcend the earth and fill the heavens. Little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia!

*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** Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN 488** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry WATERLIFE

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE "Final" from Symphonie VI Louis Vierne

WORSHIP NOTES

2022 CONFIRMANDS

Wade Cranford
Amanda Jean Hauptfuhrer
Elizabeth Josephine Huth
Peter Hayden McConnell
Lexi Louise McCracken
Triston Scott McCracken
Finley Anne McGuirl
Bliss McKenna Odiorne

Zackary James Nestle Powers
Elizabeth Mason Pulsifer
Finn Pulsifer
Andrew Jarrod Quigley
Elizabeth Josephine Rothman
Hugo Alexander Rowbotham
Stefan Gil Snyder
Aliane Lucie Vanderver

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lynn Hardy Yeakel.

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stuart Gord.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

BULLETIN COVER

Painting by Diane Burko, *Disappearing Amazon 3*, on display in the BMPC Art Gallery in the Ministries Center.

RESPONSE

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Announcements

2021 ANNUAL REPORT. Copies of the 2021 Annual Report are available in the display racks in the Narthex, the Atrium and the Ministries Center.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available for June 26 for a donor who wishes to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Our Deacons then deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepf at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

SUMMER CHOIR. Beginning on Sun., June 19, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary Choir Loft. Each summer, from mid-June through the beginning of September, all singers ages 12+ are invited to come to church any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem, hymns, and a closing response), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment; no need to sign up in advance.

NATIVE PLANT PROJECT. Prioritizing native plants on the BMPC campus and in backyard gardens, the newest initiative from the BMPC Environmental Justice Committee, offers opportunities to better understand the importance of native plants that support local insects, birds, and other creation allies. Increasing biodiversity is a vital task that all of us can do. It's easy, inexpensive, and helps to create a holy greenway for native species. New plant markers with QR codes have been placed around the church campus to help identify native plantings. When you find a marker, scan the QR code using the camera on your cell phone to learn more about each plant.

The Environmental Justice Committee has a table in the Atrium with more information about planting native plants as a way to support local ecosystems while casting seeds of hope into our world. Information also is available on the BMPC's Native Plant webpage: <https://bit.ly/native-plant>

DIANE BURKO ART EXHIBIT. Through next Sunday, May 29, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Acclaimed artist and environmentalist Diane Burko's exhibit "Our Endangered Earth" is currently on display in the BMPC art gallery. Ms. Burko presents a showcase of her work that examines the devastating effects of global warming on deserts, glaciers, and coral reefs throughout the world. The 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

FINAL PUBLIC FORUM: WHAT IS OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BMPC?

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. As the 150th anniversary of BMPC approaches in 2023, the 150th Vision Committee has been facilitating congregation-wide conversations to discern and affirm future directions for BMPC's ministry. Our final public forum takes place following worship this morning. Focus groups will be held in the fall, and a congregational survey will be sent out in early 2023.

Special childcare instructions: For children ages three and younger, parents need to tell the nursery staff at check in if they need extended care. Children in preschool through fifth grade need to be checked out of Sunday School and then checked into Nursery Room 101.

Upcoming

FIFTH GRADE STEP-UP DAY & HYMNAL PRESENTATION. Sun., June 5, 9:15 a.m. Fifth grade students, their families and those who have helped with their Sunday School classes are invited for a light breakfast in Congregational Hall before the 10:00 a.m. worship service. During the Children's Moment, we distribute hymnals to our fifth graders as they bridge from the children's program to the youth program. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org if your child is participating.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Sun., June 5, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary and Livestream. 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, "Ukraine, NATO and Putin's War - What Lies Ahead," will include a question and answer session. No preregistration required.

Special childcare instructions: For children ages three and younger, parents need to tell the nursery staff at check in if they need extended care. Children in preschool through fifth grade need to be checked out of Sunday School and then checked into Nursery Room 101. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

SENIOR ADULT SPRING SOCIAL. Sun., June 12, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Merion Tribute House, Merion Station. The Senior Adult Council invites all adults 50 and older to an afternoon of food, drinks, and fellowship. Cost is \$18 per person and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Please register by Mon., June 6, either with a check payable to BMPC, or online: <https://bit.ly/spring-social22>. MonicaDevane@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@bmmpc.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@bmmpc.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 per student, with scholarships available. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmmpc.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 at Camp Johnsonburg. The cost is \$500 per camper, with scholarships available. To register, contact JackLiskey@bmmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

MEAL TRAIN COOKS NEEDED. Do you enjoy making meals? Are you looking for other ways to care for your neighbors in need? The Deacons and Caring Ministries team are considering starting a churchwide meal train ministry, and they are looking for help. If you are interested in periodically making and delivering a meal to congregants during a time of need, please let us know. At this stage, we are gauging the feasibility of beginning this ministry. By responding, your name will be added to the list of potential cooks for this new ministry. Please contact Monica Devane at MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org or 610-525-2821.

Calendar

Sunday, May 22

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Rm. and Virtual
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Ages 2-3, Ed. Bldg., Nursery PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201 Grades 1 & 2, Ed. Bldg., Lobby Grades 3 - 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual Worship Together Sunday for Grades 6 - 12, Sanctuary
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15	a.m.	150th Vision Committee Open Forum, Fullerton Room Teacher Thank You & End-of-the-Year Celebration, Ed. Bldg. Front Lawn

Monday, May 23

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, May 24

10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

Wednesday, May 25

10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual
Men's Study Group, Virtual
Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Virtual

Thursday, May 26

7:00 p.m. Genesis from Scratch, Cannon Room
Touring Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, May 27

7:00 a.m. Wonderspring In-Service Day, Cannon Room
10:00 a.m. Afghan Women's Circle, Children's Library

Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Brian K. Ballard will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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

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Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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