

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fifth 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!

## 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 live-streaming page: [www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://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 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)

## Today's Schedule

### Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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### Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m.

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### Sunday School Classes

#### Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

#### Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

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### Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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### Atrium Cafe and Confirmation Expo

11:15 a.m., Atrium

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### “Passages from Dark to Light” Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

Melody in E minor, Op. 8

Osip Gabrilovich

"Une Barque sur L'Océan" from Miroirs

Maurice Ravel

Prelude and Fugue No. 12 in F minor, BWV 857

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those who inhabit the house of the Lord,  
for they may ever praise you.

**All: Happy are the people whose strength is in God,  
for their hearts are set on the pilgrim way.**

One: Lord God of hosts, hear our prayers as we worship.

**All: For you, O Lord, are our sun and our shield;  
yours alone is the grace and the glory.**

## † HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, you have shown us the way of Jesus, and invite us to be compassionate and kind, faithful and loving. While you direct us to embrace the qualities that marked his life, we confess that we have stumbled and fallen. Our sins are real, and they are many. Have mercy on us and forgive our failings. Encourage us to trust that what we have seen in Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

*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

Christ our Companion

BUNESSAN

Christ our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.



# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

*5th Grade Step-Up and Senior Recognition*

## SENDING HYMN    Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing

Go now children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and May God be gracious to you, May the presence of God be with you. May the presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

## FIRST LESSON        Psalm 31:1-5 (*pg. 505 in pew Bible*)

## ANTHEM

Christ Hath A Garden

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around. A paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come. That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

## SECOND LESSON        Acts 3:1-10 (*pg. 120 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Easter Power*

Agnes W. Norfleet

## † HYMN 302        When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

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# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of people long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

~ 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

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**                      Seek Ye First                      arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness. And all these things will be added unto you, alleluia. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door will be opened unto you, alleluia.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;  
pass it down your row and back again.*

† DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

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 Franklyn C. Pottorff

Franklyn C. Pottorff

†	<b>HYMN 826</b>	Lift High the Cross	CRUICIFER
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# Lift High the Cross

CRUICIFER

† **BENEDICTION** Agnes W. Norfleet

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE** Fugue in D major J.S. Bach

# Fugue in D major

# J.S. Bach

# WORSHIP NOTES

## GRADUATING SENIORS

Aidan Briddell  
Kathryn Chang  
Maisy Chase  
Timmy Chettle  
Max Cieri  
Wynne Conger  
Jabe Cox  
Scott Dalkin  
Drew Davis  
Dakin Ebmeyer  
Kiley Gallagher  
Maddie Gallia  
Grady Gardner

Remy Greger  
Henry Haupt  
Johnny Herd  
Finley Hoffman  
Nate Hoffman  
Rosa Huffman  
Alex Huth  
Daniel Lapinski  
Erik Lee  
Eliza Lewis  
Hadley Mardis  
Hadley McCormack  
Ted McCormack

Katie McGuirl  
Peter Monroe  
Zachary Napolitano  
William Neely  
Paul Newlin  
Connor Pinsk  
Lilly Press  
Alexander Schrad  
Madison Smith  
Daniel Tillman  
Emma Vanderver  
Owen Yoder

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## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of  
James P. Roberts and J. Paxton Roberts, Jr.

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## CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

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

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## GUEST MUSICIAN

Alyssa Gabrilovich, piano

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## PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

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## BULLETIN COVER

Dave Tavani

# **Announcements**

**150TH ANNIVERSARY VISION SURVEY.** Each member of our community is invited to participate in helping us discern God's call for our congregation as we celebrate our 150th anniversary and look toward the future. This final piece of information gathering – building upon our learnings from the forums and focus groups – needs your insight and input! Please complete the survey mailed to you, scan the QR code or fill it out online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/150thvisionsurvey>

Additional paper and large print copies and drop boxes are available at the Reception Desk and in the Atrium. The deadline for returning the survey is next Sunday, May 14. Thank you!



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**SABBATICAL NEWS.** Jeffrey Brillhart will be on sabbatical through Aug. 31. During his absence, Edward Landin Senn, assistant music director, will handle the responsibilities for the music and fine arts department.

## **CONVERSE IN THE COURT - FEATURING BOOKS FROM CONVERSE LIBRARY.**

This week, check out books on plants, gardening, and the environment from Converse Library featured on the bookshelf in the Court on the lower level of the Ministries Center.

## **Today**

**CONFIRMATION EXPO.** 11:15 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 about 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. All are welcome to stop by the expo after worship and hear about our Confirmation students' remarkable experiences with their spiritual practices.

## **This Week**

**COMMUNITY FORUM.** Mon., May 8, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and livestream. Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr., bestselling author and political commentator, will speak on the Ethics of Anti-Racism. He is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. A question-and-answer session follows his talk. No registration is required for this free event. Glaude's presentation will be livestreamed at [www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream). [ElenaPerri@bmpc.org](mailto:ElenaPerri@bmpc.org)



**SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP.** Saturdays, May 13 and 27, 10:00 a.m., Ministries Center. The Middleton Counseling Center is offering its in-person bereavement support group, Searching for Still Waters, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. All are welcome; no charge. Dr. Sophia Park, Th.D, M.Div., LMFT, will lead this group. Register: [KikiMcKendrick@bmmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmmpc.org)

**STEPHEN PAULUS' "TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN."** Sat., May 13, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Singing City Choir, along with Philharmonia, the Philadelphia Girls Choir, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and featured soloists, will present Paulus' oratorio in commemoration of the nearly one million children who perished in the Holocaust. The program also will feature Arnold Schoenberg's "Friede auf Erden" (Peace on Earth). General admission tickets are \$37 and may be purchased online: [www.singingcity.org](http://www.singingcity.org)

## **Upcoming**

**HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK.** Fri., May 19, 6:00 p.m., Home of Dr. Winnifred Cutler, Chester Springs. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion: "*Sacred Journey: Walking the Camino de Santiago*." Janet White, [janetw298@verizon.net](mailto:janetw298@verizon.net)

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., May 20, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Final blitz: June 10. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>.

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE TRIP.** Sat., June 3, 8:45 a.m. departure. Join us for this second opportunity to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. NMAAH is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. It was established by an Act of Congress in 2003, following decades of efforts to promote and highlight the contributions of African Americans. [AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmmpc.org)  
Register online: [bit.ly/NMAAH\\_Trip\\_2](https://bit.ly/NMAAH_Trip_2)

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023: BUILDING THE KINGDOM!** Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., for ages three years to fifth grade. Campers must be at least four years old by May 1, 2023 to register. The Three's program is closed due to maximum capacity. Cost is \$50 per camper: <https://bit.ly/BMPCVBC2023>  
[MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER.** Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This summer we will welcome over 100 children to take part in Vacation Bible Camp and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. You may volunteer to help with a specific station (like games), work with a small group, or help “behind the scenes.” Register online: <https://bit.ly/VBCVolunteerRegistration>  
[MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org)

**YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP.** Sun., July 9 – Fri., July 14. Our summer mission trip is a collaboration with CROSS Missions at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. CROSS Missions is a unique urban outreach program that challenges individuals and groups to move beyond service projects and into a theological understanding of poverty and how Jesus teaches us to be changemakers in the world. Cost: \$350 with scholarships available.  
Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCMissionTripNC>  
Shayla Jordan, [shaylajordan@bmpc.org](mailto:shaylajordan@bmpc.org)

**YOUTH CAMP AT MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA.** Sun., Aug. 6 – Fri., Aug. 11. Join us for our annual youth summer camp which is filled with fellowship, fun and faith! All rising sixth through 12th graders are invited to participate. The cost is \$650 with a \$50 early bird discount; scholarships available.  
Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2023>  
Shayla Jordan, [shaylajordan@bmpc.org](mailto:shaylajordan@bmpc.org)

## ***Caring and Sharing***

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PHILADELPHIA.** Looking for a meaningful way to volunteer? Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia welcomes you! They work alongside volunteers throughout the year toward a vision of a city where everyone has a decent place in which to live, and we want your help – whatever your skill level is. For more information, contact Joe Tatum, Volunteer Manager, at [volunteer@habitatphiladelphia.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatphiladelphia.org) or call 215-765-6000, ext. 10.

# **Calendar**

## **Sunday, May 7**

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children's Library
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
		Sunday School, Virtual
		Fifth Grade Step Up Breakfast, Congregational Hall
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
		<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b>
		Youth Gathering and Confirmation Expo, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Confirmation Expo and Atrium Café, Gymnasium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15	a.m.	Anti-Racism Taskforce Meeting, Cannon Room
11:30	a.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

## **Monday, May 8**

7:00	p.m.	Community Forum with Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr., Sanctuary
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## **Tuesday, May 9**

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

## **Wednesday, May 10**

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room and Virtual
		Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
		Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Gymnasium

## **Thursday, May 11**

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

## Friday, May 12

No Events Scheduled.

## Saturday, May 13

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor
7:00	p.m.	Singing City Spring Concert, Sanctuary

## Sunday, May 14

8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b> The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

## **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

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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