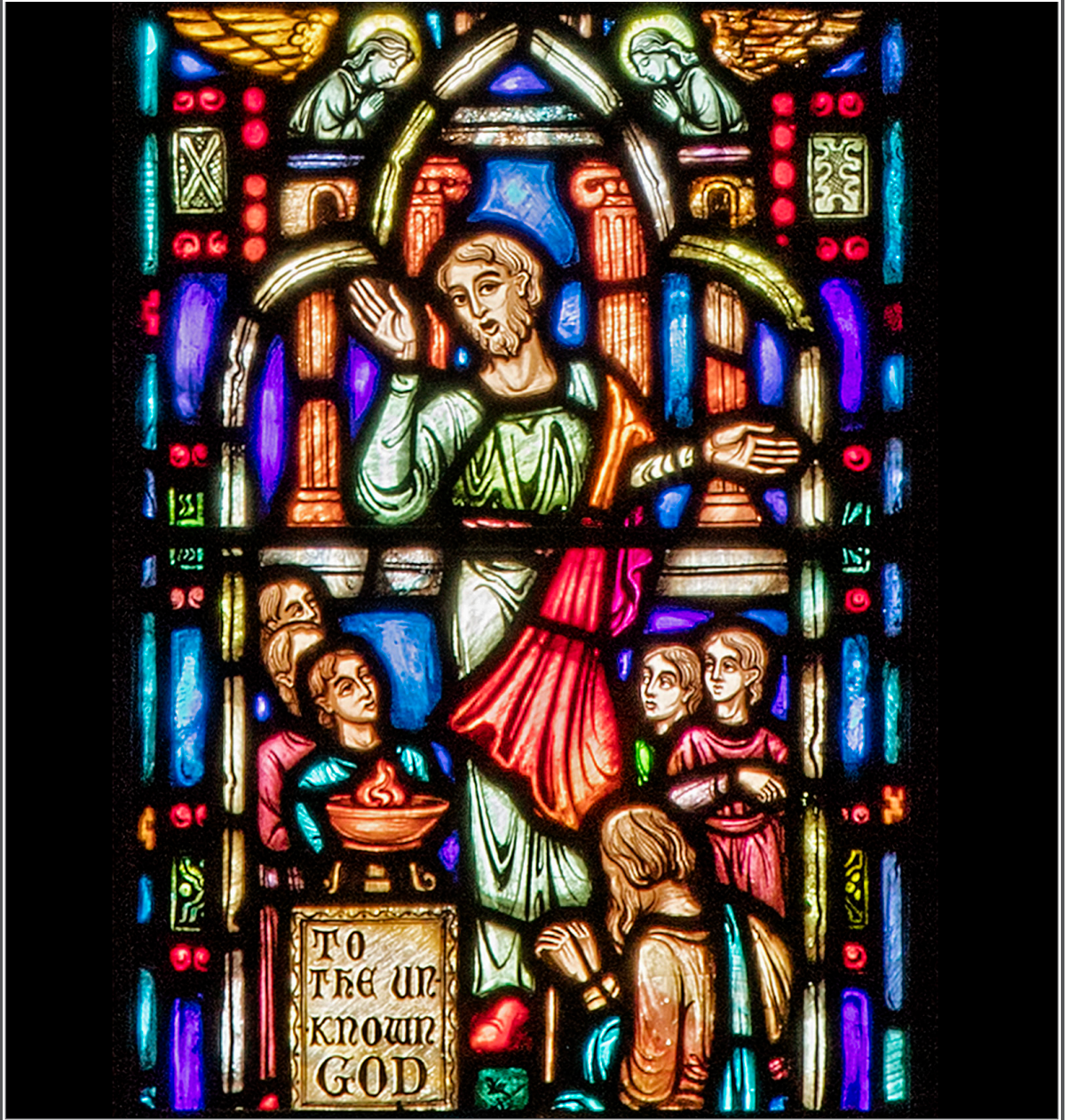


Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 14, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

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 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 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service is available to watch 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 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 or 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 (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m.

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.

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m., Atrium

“Passages from Dark to Light” Art Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

All: Let the sound of praise ring out.

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

All: The Lord who has made everything!

† HYMN 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,
our love for others can be faint,
our prayers are often timid,
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.
When we stand looking toward heaven,
yet feel far from you,
you draw near in mercy to forgive us,
and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dottie Bowen

FIRST LESSON Psalm 115:1-11 (*pg. 564 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON Acts 17:22-31 (*pg. 137 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Searching for the Unknown God

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle.

Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 156** Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WORSHIP NOTES

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Dottie Bowen, Elder

USHERING

Keith Brinks

BULLETIN COVER

Chapel Stained Glass Photos by Joseph Elliott

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 today, May 14. Thank you!



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SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available on Sundays, May 21 and 28, 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 church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepp at bmpcflowers@gmail.com

SABBATICAL NEWS. Jeffrey Brillhart will be on sabbatical through Aug. 31. During his absence, Edward Landin Senn, assistant director of music, will handle the responsibilities of 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.

PASSAGES FROM DARK TO LIGHT. Exhibit closing Sun., May 21. Art Gallery. An exhibition of paintings by Reena Milner Brooks, based upon her mother's experience of surviving the Holocaust in a German concentration camp. The gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

This Week

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.” Register online: <https://bit.ly/HolyLeisure5192023>
Janet White, 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>

Next Sunday

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. Sun., May 21, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Next Sunday we will confirm a small group of Eighth Grade Confirmands during worship and welcome them into full membership of the church.

Upcoming

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP. Saturdays, May 27 and June 3, 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@bmpc.org

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. Cost: \$60. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org. Register online: bit.ly/NMAAH_Trip_2

HERSHEY PARK FUN DAY. Sun., June 4, 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sign up for our annual Hershey Park trip! The price is \$30 and includes park admission and one meal. Scholarships are available. Youth are encouraged to bring extra money if they want to purchase souvenirs or additional food. Spots will fill up fast! Register online: <https://buff.ly/3ALUclD>. ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org

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

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

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@bmipc.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@bmipc.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 or call 215-765-6000, ext. 10.

Calendar

Sunday, May 14

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
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
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
		Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Monday, May 15

7:00	p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting, Virtual
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Tuesday, May 16

8:30	a.m.	Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Prayer Partner Meeting, Cannon Room
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Stewardship Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, May 17

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room and Virtual Vacation Bible Camp Planning Meeting, Witherspoon Room Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
7:00	p.m.	Mission Council Meeting, Virtual Student Serve, Gymnasium Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, May 18

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center Hunger Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Friday, May 19

10:00	a.m.	Vacation Bible Camp Planning Meeting, Cannon Room
6:00	p.m.	Holy Leisure, Home of Dr. Winnifred Cutler

Saturday, May 20

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
11:00	a.m.	Eileen M. Haller Memorial Service, Sanctuary
12:00	p.m.	Eileen M. Haller Reception, Congregational Hall

Sunday, May 21

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Confirmation Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet 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

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