

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Seventh 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. 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 in Worship Grades 6 - 12

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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

Baptism Service

12:00 p.m., Chapel

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Elegy and Festive Bells

John Rutter

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: You have set your glory above the heavens.

One: The mouths of young people speak of your greatness
and praise your name.

All: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

† **HYMN 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of grace and love, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and give allegiance to things that are not worthy of worship and praise. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to a new life, that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

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

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 Isaiah 45:5-8 (*pg. 675 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

O Day of Days

Emily Maxson Porter

O day of days, the day I found the love that had been seeking me; more than a word, more than a sound, that Word was God and set me free. O day of days, the day I found that word a body on the cross; no sacrifice of friend has bound me to him by so great a loss. O day of days, the day I found a life to live that's more than me, around, a cause to serve, a way to be. O day of days, the day I found your people raised like me to sing; now one with them and those beyond I look for ways to thank our King. Stand by me, Father, Flesh and Flame; embrace, embolden and increase your child reborn to bear your name, another messenger of peace.

SECOND LESSON Acts 1:6-14 (*pg. 118 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Leaning Forward

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

Leigh DeVries

PROFESSION OF FAITH

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

Sandra Stouffer, Guest Conductor

I will sing with the spirit, alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also, alleluia.

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

†	DOXOLOGY		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
†	HYMN 69	I, the Lord of Sea and Sky	HERE I AM
†	BENEDICTION		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Toccata in Seven	John Rutter

WORSHIP NOTES

2023 CONFIRMANDS

William Armstrong	Margaret Gord	Thomas Springer
Kyle Bickell	Harper Kiss	Arwen Tucker
Corinne Brown	Cameron Liggett	Emily Webster

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT NOON

Timothy James Reed
Son of Emma & Josh Reed

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in honor of today's Confirmands
and their loving families, teachers, and mentors

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

Dave Tavani

Announcements

150th ANNIVERSARY VISION SURVEY DEADLINE EXTENSION. By request, the deadline for submitting surveys has been moved to Sun., May 28. 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. Thank you!



QR CODE

OFFERING UPDATE. Last Sunday, May 14, we believe that some gifts may have been taken from an offering plate. A small number of checks and empty stewardship and hunger envelopes were recovered near the campus. If you realize that a gift you made to the church was not properly recorded, please contact Sarah Miciak, SarahMiciak@bmpc.org. We regret that this happened, and we are reviewing best practices for safeguarding your gifts. Thank you for your generosity to BMPC.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available for next Sunday, May 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 Hoepf at bmpcflowers@gmail.com

CONVERSE IN THE COURT - FEATURING BOOKS FROM CONVERSE LIBRARY. For Memorial Day, remember those who served by checking out *No Greater Glory: The Four Immortal Chaplains and the Sinking of the Dorchester in World War II* from the library. Find it and other books on war (and peace) now on display in Converse in the Court, our bookshelves on the lower level of the Ministries Center.

Today

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. This morning a group of Eighth Grade Confirmands will be confirmed during worship and welcomed into full membership of the church.

This Week

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP. Saturdays, May 27 and June 10, 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

Upcoming

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Sun., June 4, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. A congregational meeting has been called to act on the Rev. Brian Ballard's request to dissolve his pastoral relationship with BMPC in order to pursue a PhD in Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary.

SENIOR ADULT SPRING SOCIAL. Sun., June 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Merion Tribute House, Merion Station. The Senior Adult Council invites all adults 55 and older to an afternoon of food, drinks, and fellowship. Cost is \$20 per person and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Please register by Tues., June 6, with either a check payable to BMPC or online: <https://bit.ly/spring-social23>
MonicaDevane@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 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, scholarships are available. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2023>
Shayla Jordan, shaylajordan@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., June 10, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us for the Hunger Committee’s last Casserole Blitz of the season! 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. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

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 21

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
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
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
		Confirmation Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12, Sanctuary
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium
		Teacher Thank You and End-of-Year Celebration, Front Lawn
11:15	a.m.	Anti-Racism Taskforce Meeting, Cannon Room
12:00	p.m.	Baptism Service, Chapel

Monday, May 22

No Events Scheduled.

Tuesday, May 23

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
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

Wednesday, May 24

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Pastor Rachel's Manse
Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, May 25

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, May 26

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, May 27

10:00 a.m. Searching For Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House
Parlor

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and
Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Leigh DeVries 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

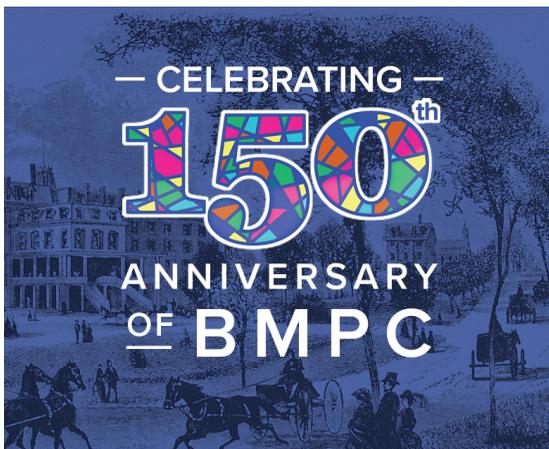
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Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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

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