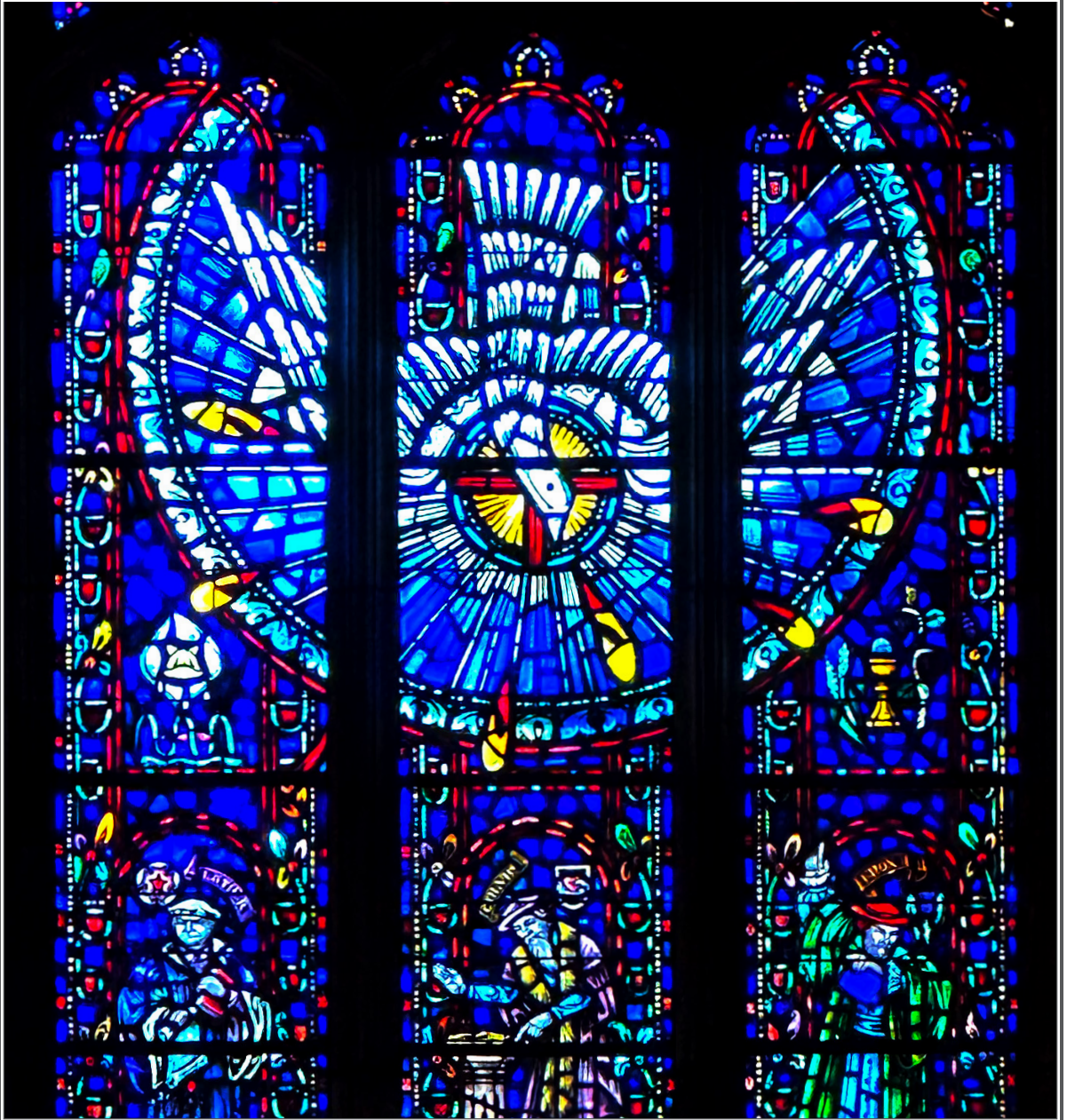


Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 28, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Day of Pentecost



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.

Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Stories Through Art Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence,

All: For God has done wondrous things for us.

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind,

All: That we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us this day,

All: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

† **HYMN 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen to your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the — Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre - sence of God — be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (*pg. 174 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love

Robert J. Powell

Spirit Truth, pure Light of Love, Guiding Light of God above; Make Your beacon ours; Inspire us to shine so all may know The radiance of the Spirit's own Revealing power. Spirit Wind, sweet Song of Love, Stirring Song of God above, Make Your music ours; Excite us to sing so all may know The anthem of the Spirit's own Resounding power. Spirit Fire, fierce Breath of Love, Blazing Breath of God above, Make Your passion ours; Impel us to live so all may know The fervor of the Spirit's own Resplendent power.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21 (*pg. 119 in pew Bible*)

Leigh DeVries

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pentecost's Affirmation

Leigh DeVries

† HYMN 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rachel Pedersen

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 peoples 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!"

~ 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 The Whisper of a Distant Wind Edward Landin Senn

The whisper of a distant wind speaks peace into the void. The whisper of a distant wind inspires the lifeless breath. The whisper of a distant wind claims hope is drawing near. The whisper of a distant wind reminds us of our song. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*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** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 401** Here in This Place GATHER US IN

† **BENEDICTION** Leigh DeVries

POSTLUDE Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost J.S. Bach

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

William E. Sanders ~ May 13, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Burke

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

Photo by Matthew Rowe

MUSIC NOTES

“The Whisper of a Distant Wind” was written for Jeffrey Brillhart and The Sanctuary Choir of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. The text comes from a recently written hymn for the season of Pentecost by David Bjorlin (b. 1984), who teaches Fellowship in Music and Worship at North Park College in Chicago, Illinois; he also is the Pastor of Worship and Creative Art at Resurrection Covenant Church, also in Chicago. Pentecost is a mysterious day in the church year and this beautiful text highlights the fact that the Holy Spirit is present, bringing peace and breath to our lives, as well as hope and song. As I spent time meditating on this text and how it would evolve into an anthem, a steady and flowing chantlike melody presented itself and is manipulated by various voice parts and also changes key and modality throughout the piece. - Edward Landin Senn (b. 1988)

Announcements

150th ANNIVERSARY VISION SURVEY DUE TODAY. By request, the deadline for submitting surveys has been moved to today. 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

SUMMER CHOIR. Beginning on Sun., June 18, 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. All are welcome!

STORIES THROUGH ART EXHIBIT. Today through Mon., Sept. 4, Art Gallery. BMPC staff share paintings, sculptures and textile art from their personal collections, and the exhibit includes descriptions of how and why the pieces were acquired. 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for July 9, 23 and 30 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 bmpcfflowers@gmail.com

CONVERSE IN THE COURT — FEATURING BOOKS FROM CONVERSE LIBRARY. For Memorial Day, remember those who served by checking out from the library collection *No Greater Glory: The Four Immortal Chaplains and the Sinking of the Dorchester in World War II*. You will 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.

This Week

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

Next Sunday

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 Ph.D. in Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Upcoming

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP. Saturdays, June 10 and 24, 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

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

CREATING A COMMUNITY OF REPAIR ON THE MAIN LINE. Sun., June 11, 1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join the Anti-Racism Taskforce, the BMPC Mission Council, and members of Bethel AME Church of Ardmore for a conversation with leaders from Green Street Quaker Meeting to learn about how they support Philadelphia city homeowners in “untangling” their home titles. BMPC has the opportunity to work one on one with our neighbors to help them stay in their family homes as we seek to repair and maintain historic community connections on the Main Line. Lunch will be served. To sign up for this conversation, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ON THE MAIN LINE. Sat., June 17, 12:00-6:00 p.m., Vernon Young Playground, Ardmore. Join your neighbors and friends for a local celebration of Juneteenth. BMPC members are invited to attend the event together by meeting in the Sanctuary Parking Lot at 1:00 p.m. to carpool. The event will include music, food and community vendors. AliciaFranklin@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>

Calendar

Sunday, May 28

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:30	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
10:00	a.m.	Sunday Worship with Sanctuary Choir,
		Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
		Worship Together Sunday for Grades K-12, Sanctuary

Monday, May 29

BMPC Campus Closed. *For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

10:00	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

Thursday, June 1

7:00	p.m.	Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
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Friday, June 2

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, June 3

No Events Scheduled.

Sunday, June 4

8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Worship with Communion, Chapel
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

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts

Edward Landin Senn, Assistant Director of Music



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