

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 26, 2024 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Trinity Sunday



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 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 the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, 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. – 11:15 a.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Communion

8:00 a.m., Chapel

“Seeking Freedom” Exhibit

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

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday

Grades K - 12

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be God the Creator;

All: Who breathes life into all creation.

One: Blessed be God the Redeemer;

All: Who sets us free from sin and death through mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

One: Blessed be God the Sustainer;

All: Who cannot be captured, but only felt and followed, and in whom we live, move, and have our being.

One: Holy One, Three in One,

All: Create us, redeem us, sustain us. Now and forever.

† HYMN 2 Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Timeless Sovereign,

We measure ourselves before you and know we are wanting:

Where you call us to creativity, we are comfortable with leaving well enough alone;

Where you model exuberant generosity, we carefully keep our hands closed;

Where you propose that we rush in to offer help, we remain casual bystanders.

Forgive us, Lavish and Wonderworking God.

Provoke us to be instruments of imagination, selflessness, and agency.

We pray this in the name of the One who came to trouble and save us, Christ our Lord.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

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.

HEARING OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Keith Brinks

FIRST LESSON Romans 8:12-17 (*pg. 158 in pew Bible*)

SECOND LESSON John 3:1-17 (*pg. 93 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Begotten in the Dark

Franklyn C. Pottorff

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leigh DeVries

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN 694** Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

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ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Keith Brinks, Elder

USHER

Brian Kerr

New Announcements

BMPC HIKE/WORK DAY. Sat., Jun. 8, 9:00 a.m., beginning at Haverford College Campus. The Environmental Justice Committee invites all to join together for a hike/work day. We will enjoy a hike around the Haverford College Campus, followed by a work session at Sharpe Bird Sanctuary. To sign up, contact David Heaton, heatondavid2@gmail.com by Jun. 3.

SUNDAE SUNDAY. Sun., Jun. 9, 11:15 a.m., Atrium. Join us for ice cream and non-dairy frozen treats to celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer Sunday School.

DIGGING DEEPER-DEVOTIONAL CLASSICS. Sun., Jun. 16 – Jul. 28, 8:45 a.m., Gloucester Room. This Sunday morning Adult Education class will resume for six weeks this summer (skipping Jul. 7) to study Richard Foster's Devotional Classics. This collection includes excerpts from the works of great spiritual writers of the past as well as contemporary spiritual leaders. Members of the class will take turns facilitating the discussion. For more info. and to order a book, contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org.

LESSONS IN LIGHT, CONVERSATIONS ON THE SANCTUARY STAINED GLASS. Sun., Jun. 16, 23, 30, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary. We will spend three weeks looking closely at the five Sanctuary stained glass windows located in the Chancel and Transepts. The class will explore the design process, the theological and biblical details they illuminate, and the ways that the windows capture a particular moment in the church's history. This class will be taught by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick.

In the Gallery

SEEKING FREEDOM: PORTRAITS OF MASS INCARCERATION. May 5 through Sept. 1, Gallery. Several large portraits, created in batik, quilting, and embroidery by textile artist Carolyn Harper, form a dramatic exhibition that combines the portraits with texts written by the artist in collaboration with the sitters, telling the stories of these currently and formerly incarcerated people.

Upcoming

HERSHEYPARK FUN DAY. Sun., Jun. 2, 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sign-ups are officially open for Youth Ministry's annual Hersheypark Fun Day! You won't want to miss out on this awesome day of snacks, rides, and time spent with friends around the park. The cost is \$40, which covers transportation to and from the church, lunch with a drink, and entry into the park. Lots of scholarships are available; email ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org to apply! Sign up on Realm or our social media.

SENIOR ADULT SPRING SOCIAL. Sun., Jun. 9, 4:00 p.m., Merion Tribute House. Members 55 and older are invited to enjoy fellowship with long-time and new friends at this annual event. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and beverages will be served. The cost is \$20 per person, and we will accept free-will cash and check donations for ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth. RSVP by Mon., Jun. 3, to MonicaDevane@bmpc.org or <https://bit.ly/SeniorAdultSpringSocial2024>.

BLACK HISTORY IN THE PHILADELPHIA LANDSCAPE. Jun. 12, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Historian, educator, and author Amy Jane Cohen has studied the history of Black Americans in Philadelphia for more than 20 years. In *Black History in the Philadelphia Landscape: Deep Roots, Continuing Legacy*, Ms. Cohen highlights the contributions of slaves, laborers, entrepreneurs, abolitionists, clergy, educators, historians, and civil rights leaders who influenced the formation of Philadelphia from the 18th to the 21st centuries. The program is free, but please register and order a discounted copy of the book (\$10) by Jun. 7, <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookTalk>. For more info., JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available in June and July 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 SusanThorkelson@mac.com.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED. During the summer months, our local food pantries need extra support through the donations of non-perishable items. You can bring items for donation - soup, canned chicken, fruit cups/canned fruit, oatmeal, box cereal, pasta, paper goods, juice, and brown rice - during the week to the Church Office reception desk or leave them in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or Chapel on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your support of the fight against hunger.

SOUP MINISTRY. Delivering soup to members experiencing health issues or other challenging circumstances has been a practice of the Care Team and Deacons. We invite you to be a part of this Ministry! The next time you make soup, make some extra to share. We have containers with lids and labels you can pick up from the church. For more info, KathrynWest@bmpc.org or 610-520-8833.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee continues in its work to support local families and individuals making a new home in our community and greater Philadelphia. Supporting refugees and asylum seekers means walking with them as they navigate legal, governmental, educational, and community resources. The Committee's work also includes providing financial resources to supplement the limited government assistance they receive. If you would like to contribute financially to the work of the BMPC Refugee Support Committee, please donate by writing "Refugee Support" on the memo line of a check, or give a one-time or recurring gift online at <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/refugee>.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jun. 15, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us for the last Casserole Blitz of the season to make casseroles and friends! 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. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>.

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10:00	a.m.	Worship Together Sunday Grades K-12 Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Cafe, Atrium

Monday, May 27

Campus closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 28

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Class, Gymnasium
2:30	p.m.	Parkinson's Support Group, Cannon Room

Wednesday, May 29

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study Brunch, Pastor Rachel's Manse
6:30	p.m.	Children & Youth Ministries Volunteer Thank You, Pastor Rachel's Manse
7:00	p.m.	Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, May 30

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
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Friday, May 31

No events scheduled.

Saturday, June 1

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
11:00	a.m.	Barbara Smetana Memorial Service, Chapel

Sunday, June 2

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

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