



# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

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June 2, 2019  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Ascension Sunday

# WELCOME TO BMPC

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Childcare (infant - age 5)**

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Education Building, Rms.  
101 & 102

### **10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary**

#### **Grades K - 12**

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

#### **Café in the Court**

11:00 a.m., Ministries Center Court,  
Celebrate the Ministry of  
the Rev. David B. Smith

### **Campus Renovations Update**

11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

**NEW HERE?** We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP.** Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP.** Large print bulletins, back pillows and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register.  
For additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**

Aria on a Chaconne

Joel Martinson

**WELCOME**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: He is the Alpha and the Omega!

**All: Christ is the beginning and the end.**

One: He reigns on high at the right hand of the Father.

**All: He is among us, filling us with the Spirit.**

One: Let the people of God sing praise.

**All: Let us worship our Savior and our Lord!**

† **HYMN 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

David B. Smith

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

Almighty God,

we confess that we have our eyes set on the heavens

instead of on the earth You have given us.

We look to the angels instead of to the people around us.

We await a new beginning, but are often unwilling to change.

Forgive us for our short sightedness.

Draw us away from the things that distract.

Call us through your Word and your Spirit

so that we may be faithful disciples and living witnesses.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.*

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

**SENDING HYMN**      Go now, Children, with Our Blessing  
*During the Sending Hymn, children return to their pews.*



## FIRST LESSON

John 17:20-26 (*p. 111 in pew Bible*)

David B. Smith

## ANTHEM

God is Gone Up  
Sanctuary Choir

Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies: Sing Praises out, unto our King; sing praise seraphicwise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of Glory down him to attend, and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround His chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

## SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:1-11 (*p. 118 in pew Bible*)

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Eyes Heavenward*

Rachel Pedersen

† HYMN 262

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

ALL SAINTS

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

## OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels  
Sanctuary Choir

Henry V. Gerike

Up through endless ranks of angels, cries of triumph in his ears. To his heavenly throne ascending, having vanquished all their fears. Christ looks down upon his faithful, leaving them in happy tears. Death destroying, life restoring, proven equal to our need. Now for us before the Father as our brother intercedes, flesh that for our world was wounded, living, for the wounded plead! To our lives of wanton wandering, send your promised Spirit guide. Through our lives of fear and failure with your love abide. Welcome us as you were welcomed, to an endless Eastertide. Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace! Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face! Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace.

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

†	<b>DOXOLOGY</b>	Hymn 606
	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.	
†	<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>	David B. Smith
†	<b>HYMN 767</b>	Together We Serve SAN ANSELMO
†	<b>BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE</b>	Rachel Pedersen
	<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Visions of the Eternal Church Olivier Messiaen

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Elizabeth and John Knorr III  
John Knorr IV

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Sanctuary Choir

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Rob Mygatt

### **BULLETIN COVER**

Rose Window, BMPC Chapel



## **Announcements**

**PARK 'EM AT HARCUM.** For 10:00 a.m. worship, we invite members who are able, to park across Montgomery Avenue at Harcum College, making parking available in our lot for those who need to be closer to church, and for visitors. Please also note that Baldwin School parking lots should not be used on Sunday mornings out of courtesy to their residential staff.

**SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENING.** We have an opening on Sun., June 30, for a shared dedication of our Sanctuary Flowers. If you would like to participate in dedicating flowers to a loved one, contact Doreen Petrovitch, [dkpetrovitch@gmail.com](mailto:dkpetrovitch@gmail.com).

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our two “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, June 17 and June 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center. These two classes provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome, and childcare available with advance notice. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**SUMMER WEEKEND FOOD DONATIONS.** BMPC is one of three food collection sites for the Community Partners of Lower Merion and Narberth, an organization that assists those in need during the summer months when food donations are at their lowest. Canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, granola bars, applesauce cups, bananas and apples are just a few of the items needed. Collection bins are in the Ministries Center.

**SUMMER CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** This summer BMPC again joins with 16 other local congregations for the lunch program at Ardmore Presbyterian Church, to feed children and youth experiencing food scarcity in Lower Merion Township. To volunteer and sign up for training: [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org).

**THE BOOK CENTER & LIBRARY.** Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays throughout the summer. Kat MacMurray, [katrmac2@icloud.com](mailto:katrmac2@icloud.com).

**CAMP KIRKWOOD.** Aug. 4-10. Our annual weeklong summer camp is a sleep-away experience in the Poconos. This vibrant camp tradition is spearheaded by a caring team of BMPC staff and volunteer leaders. Camp provides an opportunity for youth at all levels of church involvement to build lifelong relationships, experience the joy of the outdoors, and ask bold questions about life and faith in a supportive environment. Register now: \$499. Full and partial scholarships available for all youth. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org).

## **Today**

**CAFÉ IN THE COURT.** Join us for refreshments in the Ministries Center Court following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to celebrate the ministry of the Rev. David B. Smith, Interim Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families, on his last Sunday at BMPC.

**EDUCATION BUILDING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND PROGRAMMING UPDATE.** 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Staff and Renovations Committee members provide an update on the final designs for the Education Building and the impact of the construction on the campus and 2019-2020 programming.

## **This Week**

**REFUGEE SUPPORT ACTION COMMITTEE.** Thurs., June 6, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Supper provided. You are invited to hear not only our latest local efforts but an exciting guest speaker, Michelle Pistone of Villanova University, who founded and directs its law clinic, CARES, that provides legal aid to asylees and refugees. JudySherry1@gmail.com.

## **Next Sunday**

**SUNDAE SUNDAY.** June 9, 11:00 a.m., Front Lawn (rain location: Gymnasium). Celebrate summer with ice cream and toppings (non-dairy option available).

## **Upcoming**

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., June 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m., theVillage, Robinson Hall, Rosemont. The Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace leads our discussion. RSVP online with your specific food or drink donation: <http://bit.ly/June2019HolyLeisure>. Betty Wu, [efwu01@gmail.com](mailto:efwu01@gmail.com).

**SUMMER CHOIR.** Begins Sun., June 16. All singers are invited to come to church on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal in the choir loft, then stay and sing for the 10:00 a.m. service. Summer choir is simple (one anthem and hymns), and informal (no robes). No long-term commitment, no need to sign up in advance. This is a great opportunity to lend your voice to worship and give choir a try. [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org).

**LESSONS IN LIGHT: EXPLORING THE STORIES AND MEANING WITHIN THE CHAPEL WINDOWS.** Sundays, June 16 to July 7, 11:15 a.m., Catherine Pew Memorial Chapel. Join the pastors for four Sundays in the Chapel as we explore the iconography and themes of its stained glass windows.

**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tues., June 18, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Proud*, a memoir by Ibthijah Muhammad. [Joannehanna3@comcast.net](mailto:Joannehanna3@comcast.net).



## **Caring & Sharing**

**PENTECOST OFFERING.** The Pentecost Offering envelopes are in the pew holders today and June 9. You also may note “Pentecost” on the memo line of your check. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering is retained by BMPC for the Tutoring Program. The remaining 60 percent is used to support related ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., June 15, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen, Congregational Hall. Family-friendly event! Children must be over 4 years old. Prepare casseroles for area food shelters and enjoy meeting new people! Register: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

**UNIVERSITY CITY SUMMER DINNERS.** University City Hospitality Coalition (UCHC) has been serving weeknight dinners to the hungry for more than 30 years. When college students leave at the end of the school year, volunteers are needed to serve meals from 6-7 p.m. during the summer. For information about UCHC, visit [www.uchcphiladelphia.org](http://www.uchcphiladelphia.org) or Rick Hamilton: 610-639-4395, rhamilto@brynmaur.edu.

**HUNGER DONATIONS.** To make financial donations to the Hunger Committee for the support of area food cupboards and shelters, use the white Hunger Envelopes in the pew holders or note Hunger on the memo line of your check.

# **This Week's Calendar**

*For more information, visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, June 2**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 9:00 a.m. Call time for Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
Youth in Worship (Grades K-12), Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Café in the Court
- 11:15 a.m. Campus Renovations Update, Witherspoon Parlor  
Sanctuary Choir End-of-Season Party, Congregational Hall

## **Monday, June 3**

*No scheduled activities.*

## **Tuesday, June 4**

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Chapel

## **Wednesday, June 5**

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Council Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room  
Music and Fine Arts Council, Fine Arts Center

### **Thursday, June 6**

- 8:45 a.m. Senior Adult Council Trip to Bartram's Garden, Event is Off Campus
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

### **Friday, June 7**

- 10:00 a.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Converse House Parlor

### **Saturday, June 8**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 3:30 p.m. Oelschlegel/Abraham Wedding, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, June 9**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.

## **Renovations Update**

*Fullerton Room, Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor and the Conference Room are no longer available as meeting spaces.*

**June 2:** Meeting at 11:15 a.m. in Witherspoon Parlor to provide an update on final designs for the Education Building and the impact of construction on the campus and 2019-2020 programming.

**June 9:** Childcare begins in Fullerton Room, and Summer Sunday School takes place in Gloucester Room.

**June & July:** Enabling work and preconstruction begin in June.

**August 1:** Education Building closes for construction.

*This box will be updated regularly to keep you informed about how the renovation process is impacting our ministries and programs.*



## **Worship Staff**

**Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor**

**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**

**David B. Smith, Interim Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry**

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

**Edward Landin Senn, Assistant Director of Music**

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