Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 16, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Second 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

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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 Cafe 11:15 a.m., Atrium

Return of the River 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

"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., Front Lawn

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Christ is Risen J.S. Bach

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

All: You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.

One: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.

All: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel.

One: God shows me the path of life.

All: In God's presence my heart is glad and my soul rejoices.

† **HYMN** 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. We doubt what we cannot see, and deny what we cannot touch. We prefer skepticism to belief, following what is right in our own eyes. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy and come to believe in the risen 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 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

Psalm 16 (pg. 495 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM

"How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place"

Johannes Brahms

from Requiem

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!

SECOND LESSON

John 20:19-31 (pg. 115 in pew Bible)

Brian K. Ballard

One: The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Behind Locked Doors

Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN** 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

- 9. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?
- A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

~ The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

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

See the Land

Alice Jordan

See the land, her Easter keeping, rises as her Maker rose; seeds so long in darkness sleeping, burst at last from winter's snows. Earth with heav'n above rejoices; fields and gardens hail the spring; hills and woodlands ring with voices. All creatures sing: 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** 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

† BENEDICTION

Brian K. Ballard

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolaus Lemmens

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"I am the resurrection and the life." Joan Robinette ~ March 29, 2023

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT NOON

Craig Richard Wiborg Jr. Son of Susanna & Craig Wiborg

Theodore David Young Son of Kim & Mike Young

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Anne M. and Edward A. Flood Jr., Anna E. and Herbert H. Middleton, and Frances S. and Herbert H. Middleton Jr.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

BULLETIN COVER

"Confession of Thomas" – icon by Ulyana Tomkevych, Lviv, Ukraine

Announcement

"PASSAGES FROM DARK TO LIGHT." Through 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.

Today

"RETURN OF THE RIVER." 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. As we prepare to celebrate Earth Day, join us to view the documentary "Return of the River," which reveals an inspiring story of the Klallam tribe restoring the Elwha River and its ecosystem in Washington State by breaking down the Glines Canyon Dam. The Klallam people relied heavily on the river for their main food source, so when the dam was built, it left them powerless and starving. Almost 100 years later, the Klallam people fought to get the dam removed, and it remains the largest dam removal in U.S. history.

This Week

Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION. Mon., April 17, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Y-Group (mothers and caregivers for young children) offers a book selection for this spring: Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God by Lauren Winner. Come for snacks and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. and a book discussion at 7:30 p.m. Contact Ygroupbmpc@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the distribution list.

DELIVERED OUT OF EMPIRE. Mondays, April 17 and 24, and May 1, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Room. Join Rabbi David Straus and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick for a three-week exploration of the Book of Exodus using Walter Bruggemann's new book, *Delivered Out of Empire.* In addition to discussing the significance of the Exodus story as a movement of liberation, the class also will look at how Exodus is interpreted in various ways in the Jewish and Christian traditions, especially around Jewish Passover practices. To reserve a copy of the book: https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup For information: RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

SACRED THREADS: *LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK.* Thursdays, April 20 and 27, and May 4, 7:00-8:15 p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a gathering open to all who are curious about the threads that knit our faith together. Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, will be used as a guide, and the Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins, Middleton Center spiritual director, will lead these sessions. <u>KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org</u>

SLAVERY AND PUBLIC SPACE. Thurs., April 20, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. All are invited to attend this free event to learn more about the Main Line's history of slavery. Hosted by the CommUNITY Breakfast Collaborative, Colin McCrossan, Villanova Scholar-in-Residence, will discuss local public spaces where Black people were once enslaved. To register, visit: http://communitybreakfast.weebly.com

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., April 21, 6:00 p.m., Home of Janet Haas. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck; Patricia Danzon leads our discussion, "A Fresh Look at the Examen." RSVP online with a shared food item: https://bit.ly/HolyLeisureApril212023
Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP. Sat., April 22, 10:00 a.m., Ministries Center. The Middleton Counseling Center will resume its in-person bereavement support group, Searching for Still Waters, on April 22. All are welcome; no charge. Dr. Sophia Park, Th.D, M.Div., LMFT, will lead this group which meets on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Register: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

YOUTH SERVICE RETREAT. Sat., April 22. All Youth are invited to participate in our first-ever service day with A Common Youth Initiative! We'll learn why we as Christians engage in social justice issues and serve in various ways around Philadelphia. Spots are limited; please register online promptly: https://bit.ly/YouthServiceRetreatPhilly. Cost is \$25 with scholarships available. Shayla Jordan@bmpc.org

Next Sunday

LESLIE BASS, MASTER GARDENER. Sun., April 23, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. In conjunction with our BMPC Plant Native/Native Plant initiative and the Homegrown National Parks movement, Master Gardener Leslie Bass will discuss why native plants are important and offer practical advice on purchasing native plants as well as what to look for when adding native plants to your backyard or garden. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org

Upcoming

THE WORLD BELOVED: A BLUEGRASS MASS. Sun., April 30, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Composer Carol Barnett and librettist Marisha Chamberlain combined efforts to create "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass." The result is a brilliant and exhilarating blend of the classical mass, modern choral sophistication, insightful poetry, and traditional bluegrass instrumentation. Featuring Monroe Crossing, the renowned bluegrass band. For information: MFA@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, SJordan@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 with a \$50 early bird discount for those who sign up before May 1, with scholarships available. Register online: https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2023 Shayla Jordan, SJordan@bmpc.org

Caring and Sharing

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PHILADELPHIA. Looking for a meaningful way to volunteer? Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia welcomes you! Habitat works alongside volunteers throughout the year toward a vision of a city where everyone has a decent place in which to live, and we invite you to help provide shelter for others. For more information, please contact Joe Tatum, Volunteer Manager, at volunteer@habitatphiladelphia.org or call 215-765-6000, ext. 10.

Calendar

Sunday, April 16				
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 Café, Atrium		
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby		
11:15	a.m.	Mini Casserole Blitz for Pre-K - Kindergarten Families, Kitchen		
		"Return of the River" Documentary, Fullerton Room		
12:00	p.m.	Baptism Service, Front Lawn		
Monday, April 17				
7:00	p.m.	Delivered Out of Empire, Cannon Room		
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Tuesday, April 18				
9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium		
10:00	a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center		
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual		
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium		
5:30	p.m.	Harcum College Athletics Banquet, Congregational Hall		
7:00	p.m.	Stewardship Meeting, Gloucester Room		

Wednesday, April 19				
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room and Virtual		
		Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium		
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary		
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall		
7:00	p.m.	Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room		
		Student Serve, Gymnasium		
		Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room		
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	ıy, April 20			
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center		
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center		
		Sacred Threads: Learning to Walk in the Dark, Virtual		
Friday, A	April 21			
8:30	a.m.	Foundation Investments Committee, Virtual		
10:00	a.m.	Outdoor Labyrinth Walk for Earth Day, Ed. Bldg., Lawn		
4:30	p.m.	Williams/Copes Wedding Rehearsal, Chapel		
6:00	p.m.	Holy Leisure, Event Off Campus		
Saturda	y, April 22			
7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor		
10:00	a.m.	Searching For Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House		
		Parlor		
4:00	p.m.	Williams/Copes Wedding, Chapel		
Sunday, April 23				
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel		

Worship with Sanctuary Choir and Officer Ordination

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org

10:00

a.m.

Worship Staff

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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

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