

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, April 30, 2023 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Fourth 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 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 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service is available to watch on our livestreaming page:

[www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://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](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)

## Today's Schedule

### Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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### *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*

10:00 a.m.

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### Sunday School Classes

**Age 2 - PreK**

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

**Grades K - 2**

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg

### Worship Together Sunday

Grades 3 - 5

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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### Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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### Atrium Cafe

11:15 a.m., Atrium

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### Christianity and Labor Organizing

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

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### "Passages from Dark to Light" Art Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord,

**All: and shout with joy to the source of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

**All: singing joyful songs of praise.**

## † HYMN 475

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of all good, you have filled our hearts with the promises of resurrection. You have blessed us with a rich inheritance of faith, hope and love; and yet we have not wisely invested these greatest gifts of life. Forgive us, O God, and call us anew to live as your children, as heirs of your promises, and as brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### 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.

# HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Keith Brinks

**FIRST LESSON**      Psalm 100 (*pg. 681 in pew Bible*)

**SECOND LESSON**      Acts 2:42-47 (*pg. 120 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

**SERMON**      *Easter Community*

Agnes W. Norfleet

# 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

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 215**                      What Wondrous Love Is This!

WONDROUS LOVE

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## WORSHIP NOTES

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hayley Elizabeth Craig

### CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Stuart Gord

### ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Keith Brinks, Elder

### USHERING

Skip Dittman

### BULLETIN COVER

Dave Tavani

## **Announcement**

**150TH ANNIVERSARY VISION SURVEY.** 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 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. The deadline for returning the survey is Sun., May 14. Thank you!

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.** In honor of National Library Week, we celebrate BMPC writers past and present. On exhibit now in Converse Library in the Fullerton Room are a diverse selection of books by BMPC authors for you to check out and enjoy. Also, visit “Converse in the Court” on the lower level of the Ministries Center, where you can browse our reading corner that features books celebrating reading and libraries.

## **Today**

**THE WORLD BELOVED: A BLUEGRASS MASS.** 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.

**CHRISTIANITY AND LABOR ORGANIZING.** 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. BMPC member Connor Williams, who has a master's degree in intercultural theology from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, will discuss Christianity's relationship with labor organizing in the United States, the primary focus of his research. This class will provide an overview of how U.S. Christians have supported labor organizing and the theological justification for their support.

## **This Week**

**DELIVERED OUT OF EMPIRE.** Mon., 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 recent 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 with Jewish Passover practices. To reserve a copy of the book: <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup>. For information: [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

**Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION.** Mon., May 1, 7:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Y-Group (mothers and caregivers for young children) offers a book selection for the spring season: *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Lauren Winner. You may purchase a copy at your bookstore or online, borrow one of the two copies available in the church library, or borrow the ebook on your library's Hoopla app. Come for snacks and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. and a book discussion at 7:30 p.m. Contact [Ygroupbmpc@gmail.com](mailto:Ygroupbmpc@gmail.com) for more information or to be added to the distribution list.

**SACRED THREADS: LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK.** Thur., May 4, 7:00-8:15p.m., via Zoom. Sacred Threads is a program 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.  
[KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

## **Upcoming**

**COMMUNITY FORUM.** Mon., May 8, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and livestream. Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr., bestselling author and political commentator, will speak on the Ethics of Anti-Racism. He is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. A question and answer session follows his talk. No registration is required for this free event. Glaude's presentation will be livestreamed at [www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream). [ElenaPerri@bmpc.org](mailto:ElenaPerri@bmpc.org)

**SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS BEREAVEMENT GROUP.** Sat., May 13 and 27, 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 Saturday of the month. All are welcome; no charge. Dr. Sophia Park, Th.D, M.Div., LMFT, will lead this group. Register: [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

**STEPHEN PAULUS' "TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN."** Sat., May 13, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Singing City Choir, along with Philharmonia, the Philadelphia Girls Choir, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, and featured soloists, will present Paulus' oratorio in commemoration of the nearly one million children who perished in the Holocaust. The program also will feature Arnold Schoenberg's "Friede auf Erden" (Peace on Earth). General admission tickets are \$37 and may be purchased online: [www.singingcity.org](http://www.singingcity.org)

**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. [AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org](mailto:AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org)  
Register online: [bit.ly/NMAAH\\_Trip\\_2](http://bit.ly/NMAAH_Trip_2)



**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@bmipc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmipc.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 can 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@bmipc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmipc.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@bmipc.org](mailto:SJordan@bmipc.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; scholarships available. Register online: <https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2023> Shayla Jordan, [SJordan@bmipc.org](mailto:SJordan@bmipc.org)

# Calendar

## Sunday, April 30

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
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.
		<b>The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b>
		Worship Together Sunday for Grades 3 - 5, Sanctuary
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 2nd Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Café, Atrium
		Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

## Monday, May 1

10:00	a.m.	Great Decisions, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Delivered Out of Empire Class, Witherspoon Parlor

## Tuesday, May 2

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
7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

### **Wednesday, May 3**

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.	Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Student Serve, Gymnasium

### **Thursday, May 4**

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
6:00	p.m.	Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
7:00	p.m.	Sacred Threads: <i>Learning to Walk in the Dark</i> , Virtual Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, May 5**

10:00	a.m.	Senior Adult Council, Virtual
4:00	p.m.	Eastern University Baccalaureate Ceremony, Sanctuary

### **Saturday, May 6**

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
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### **Sunday, May 7**

8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b> 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

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