

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Fifth 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 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. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

“Natural Mothers” Exhibit

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

Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - Pre-K

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Family Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Hall

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

PC(USA) Co-moderator

Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God alone is our rock and our salvation,
our stronghold in whom we dwell secure.

**All: In God alone is our safety and our honor;
God is our strong defense and our refuge.**

One: Put your trust in God always,
and pour out your hearts before God in prayer.

**All: Power belongs to the Lord alone,
and steadfast love is God's promise to us.**

† HYMN 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Resurrecting God, we sometimes grow comfortable with the way things are
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.

We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ.

Sure of our own righteousness, we can be critical of others.

Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us.

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.

Help us live connected to your own life of self-giving and sacrifice,
and thereby more deeply connected to one another.

Fill us with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.

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

Judy Frazier

FIRST LESSON 1 John 4:7-13 (pg. 241 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON John 15:1-8 (pg. 109 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Branches of the True Vine*

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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 285** Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

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"I am the resurrection and the life."
Emily Parkin ~ April 19, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Gorrell Moser, Arthur D. Moser, William McAfee Hanna, Jr. and David Stewart Hanna.

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Judy Frazier, Deacon

USHER

Skip Dittman

New Announcements

SURREY BRYN MAWR CELEBRATION. Thurs., May 2, at 1 p.m., Foerderer House. Members of the BMPC community are invited to the Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony celebrating the senior adult enrichment programming offered by our partner, Surrey Services for Seniors. Come learn more about what is offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and explore volunteer opportunities. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to Kathy at KDeSantis@surreyservices.org.

SEEKING FREEDOM: PORTRAITS OF MASS INCARCERATION. May 5 through Sept. 1, Ministries Center Art 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. Carolyn Harper will be present in the Gallery following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on May 5 to speak about the exhibit and answer any questions.

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! Spots are very limited and fill up fast, so sign up soon on Realm or our social media.

Today

PC(USA) CO-MODERATOR, THE REV. RUTH SANTANA-GRACE. Sun., Apr. 28, 11:15, Congregational Hall. Join us as we welcome the Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace, who is not only the Executive Presbyter of Philadelphia Presbytery but also the Co-Moderator of the 225th General Assembly, the highest non-staff elected office in our denomination. She will bring greetings from the national church as well as share her hopes for the Presbyterian Church in this next generation.

A GERMAN REQUIEM BY JOHANNES BRAHMS. Sun., Apr. 28, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The 2023-24 concert season will end with a performance of Johannes Brahms' monumental German Requiem, though in a more intimate arrangement for two pianos by the composer himself. Featuring Laura Ward and Susan Ricci Rogel, pianos; Kara Goodrich, soprano; and Nicholas Provenzale, baritone. A free-will offering will be taken, fifty percent of which will go to support the Homeless Advocacy Project —www.haplegal.org.

NATURAL MOTHERS. Ministries Center Art Gallery. Inspired by her early experiences as a caseworker, Lisa Hancock's photographs explore the foster care system through the stories of three biological mothers and reconnect the photographer with the Cruz siblings—foster children from her caseload who are now grown with their own children. Today is the last day to see this exhibit.

Caring & Sharing

END GUN VIOLENCE ADVOCACY DAY. Tues., May 7, 8:00 a.m. departure from the offices of the Presbytery of Philadelphia. In partnership with Cease Fire PA and other local congregations, join us for a day in Harrisburg to participate in advocacy meetings and drop-bys in our local legislative offices, as well as a rally to end gun violence on the steps of the Capitol building. We will travel via motor coach. Return to the Presbytery Offices by 5:00 p.m. Sign up or for more info., RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY - CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL. Thurs. May 9, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 36 Ardmore Ave. This winter and spring, guests of the Ardmore Food Pantry have engaged in creative arts expressions as a means of creating a sense of welcome, community, and self-expression for those experiencing food insecurity in our own community. All are invited to join in this culminating event to celebrate this pilot program funded in partnership with BMPC. For more info., foodpantry@stmarysardmore.org.

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>.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUR HUNGER PARTNERS. BMPC supports 18 different pantries and feeding programs in Greater Philadelphia. Some of those partners have reached out to us asking to connect with new volunteers willing to come and help serve meals and staff pantries. If you are interested in being connected as a new volunteer with one of our hunger partners, please reach out to JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall Atrium Cafe, Atrium
11:15	a.m.	PC(USA) Co-moderator the Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace, Congregational Hall
4:00	p.m.	Johannes Brahms' "Requiem" Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, April 29

No events scheduled

Tuesday, April 30

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Class, Gymnasium

Wednesday, May 1

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00	p.m.	High School Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Thursday, May 2

11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
1:00	p.m.	Surrey Services Ribbon Cutting, Foerderer House
5:30	p.m.	MFAC Meeting, Gloucester Room
6:30	p.m.	Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Off campus
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center Sacred Threads (<i>The Other Wes Moore</i>), Virtual

Friday, May 3

10:00	a.m.	Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual
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Saturday, May 4

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Witherspoon Parlor

Sunday, May 5

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.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Kirby Lawrence Hill, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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