

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 12, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Ascension 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. – 12:30 p.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

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., Ed. Building

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Family Fellowship

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

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Please note that online worshipers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

“Aria” from Symphony VI

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

All: The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

One: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;

All: You are from everlasting.

One: Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea

All: mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

One: The Lord is robed in majesty

All: and armed with strength.

† **HYMN 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God,

day by day we have failed to believe

in your presence and your promised forgiveness.

We have not trusted in your power

to give the riches we cannot see.

We have not honored our neighbors near and far
as heirs of your desired peace.

We have not forgiven others or ourselves.

Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,

that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty,

to the glory of your ascended Son.

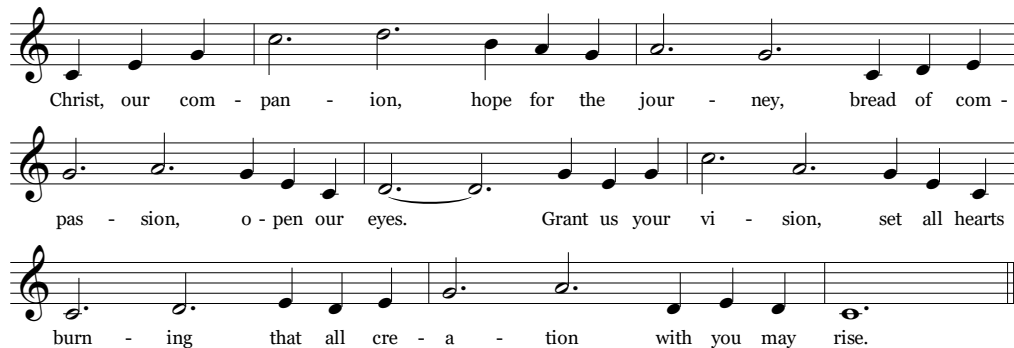
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

BUNESSAN



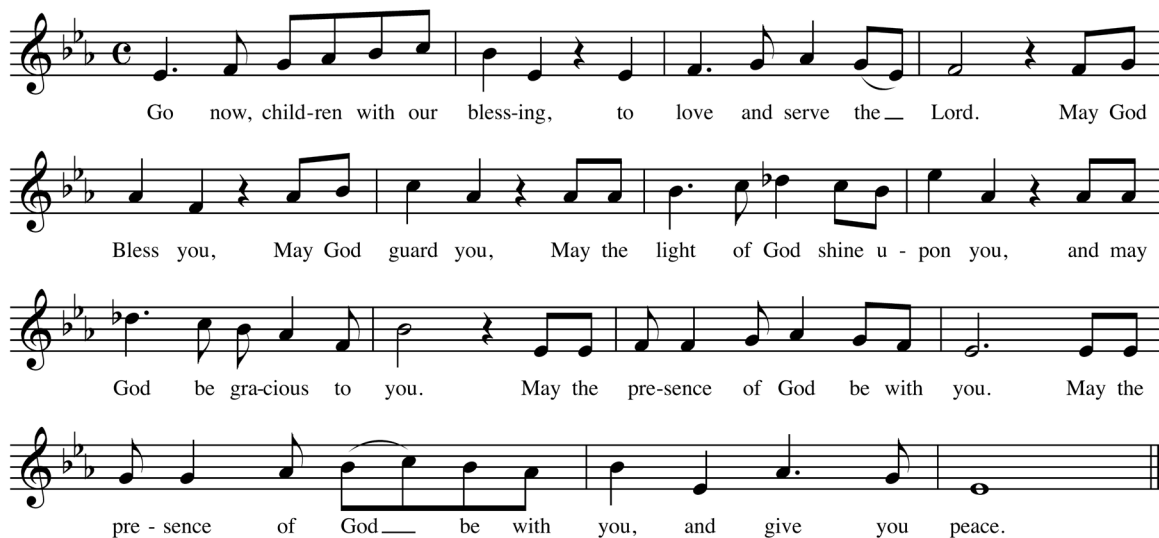
Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -
pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts
burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the — Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre - sence of God — be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 (*pg. 192 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child. Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

SECOND LESSON Acts 1:1-11 (*pg. 118 in pew Bible*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Heaven and Earth* Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN** 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Agnes W. Norfleet

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

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

O Clap your Hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

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

† **DOXOLOGY** 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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** Kirby Lawrence Hill

† **HYMN** 733 We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE

"Final" from Symphony VI

Louis Vierne

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Dolores Andrews ~ May 3, 2024

Sam McKeel ~ May 7, 2024

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of James R. and Anna H. Affleck, Walter B. and Roberta Bastow, W. Barton Bastow, and Lois Affleck King.

BULLETIN COVER IMAGE

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MUSIC NOTES

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

New Announcements

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.

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

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., May 17, 6:00 p.m., home of Janet Haas, Radnor. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion led by Dr. Mary Ann Meyers, Senior Fellow of the John Templeton Foundation and author. Topic: "Religious Riffs & Contemporary Culture." RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/holyleisuremay2024>. For more info., contact Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

SPRING POTLUCK. Sat., May 18, 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Congregational Life and Stewardship are co-sponsoring this event and will provide the main dishes (meat and vegetarian lasagnas). We invite participants to bring their favorite spring dish to share with the community. The Stewardship Committee will provide the desserts. Register to attend, <https://bit.ly/BMPCSpringPotluck2024>.

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.

Caring & Sharing

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available on Sun., May 26, Jun. 23, and Jun. 30 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.

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>.

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.

Calendar

Sunday, May 12

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.
9:00	a.m.	"Seeking Freedom", Gallery
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
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium Classroom
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5 Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
		Atrium Cafe, Atrium

Monday, May 13

6:00	p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting, Cannon Room
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Tuesday, May 14

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
7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, May 15

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
Senior Adults Nemours Estate Tour, off campus
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, May 16

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, May 17

6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure Potluck, off campus

Saturday, May 18

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group,
Converse House Parlor
5:00 p.m. Church Spring Potluck, Congregational Hall

Sunday, May 19

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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