



Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 27, 2025

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

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

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Passacaglia in D minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One There are varieties of gifts,
All but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
One There are different ways of serving God,
All but it is the same Lord who is served.
One To each is given a gift of the Spirit
All to be used for the common good.

HYMN 233 The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the dead and appeared to your disciples, filling our hearts with hope. You show us the way to share the good news of the gospel in word and deed, and yet we have strayed in our following. We have depended upon the ways of the world to lead and guide us. Forgive us when we fail to stay near to you. Embolden us to live and serve with you, through Jesus Christ.

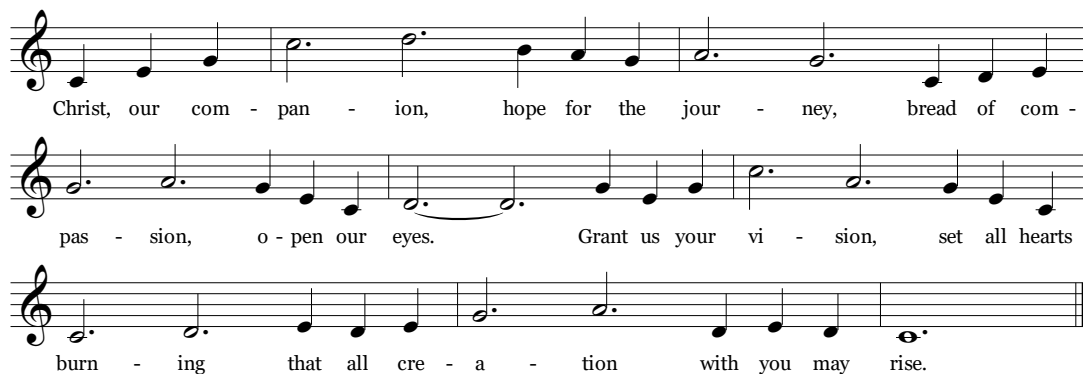
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

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.

Proclamation of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 118:15-17

(pg. 565 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Canticle of Praise

Thomas Pasatieri

Listen sweet dove unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me; Hatching thy tender heart so long, til it get wing and fly away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow the earth did like a heaven appear. The stars were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night, when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going and giving light. Lord, though we change thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light: Restore this day for Thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right. Let the peoples praise Thee, O God, let all the peoples praise Thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing. God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. God be merciful unto us and bless us and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving help among all nations. Alleluia. Praise Thee O God!

SECOND LESSON John 20:19-31

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 115 in pew Bible)

One

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *On Second Thought*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 231 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF OUR CHURCH

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Dottie Bowen

One Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as Deacons and Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All We do.

One Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

All We do.

LAYING ON OF HANDS, CHARGE AND DECLARATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kirby Lawrence Hill

All 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 Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come by his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

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

Please stand, if able.

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 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Praeludium in C major

Dieterich Buxtehude

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

Carolyn C. Hall - April 11, 2025

Jo Ann (Jody) Shotwell - April 12, 2025

Patricia Cosgrave - April 22, 2025

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Francis Betkowski

BULLETIN COVER

Easter Flowers. Photograph by Dave Tavani.

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in this joyful season of Eastertide! As we celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection, we are reminded that hope, renewal, and new life are at the heart of our faith. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we're glad you're here. Through worship, fellowship, and service, we seek to live as resurrection people—grounded in love, growing in faith, and reaching out to the world. May this season draw us closer to God and to one another as we rejoice in the promise of Easter.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet
Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased 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. Our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org.

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is

livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/livestream or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

Announcements

TODAY

All Church Read: *How the Word is Passed*. Sun., Apr. 27, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. In *How the Word Is Passed*, Clint Smith examines the legacy of slavery in America through a journey across landmarks and monuments. Blending history, personal narrative, and interviews, Smith reveals how different places confront or obscure the truths of slavery's impact. The entire congregation is encouraged to purchase a copy of *How the Word Is Passed* and gather together on April 27 for a conversation about Smith's reflections on the power of place when it comes to issues of race and transformation. Purchase the book for \$10 at bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup Contact, JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

Looking For A Church Home? Sun., Apr. 27, 11:15 a.m. or Mon., Apr. 28, 6:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join Agnes Norfleet for a Discover BMPC Spring orientation class. Learn about the Presbyterian tradition, our church's mission and ministries, and take a guided tour of our beautiful campus. All inquirers are welcome! Visit bit.ly/DiscoverBMPC to register. Contact, LizEllis@bmpc.org

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Leisure Potluck. Fri., May 2, 6:00 p.m., Home of Janet Haas, Radnor. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion. The Rev. Dr. Karen Rohrer will lead the topic: Toward Ministry: What Makes Life in Community Plausible in 2025? Karen is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Princeton Theological Seminary, and spouse of Andy Greenhow, our Interim Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families. RSVP online with a shared food item at bit.ly/HolyLeisureMay2025 Contact, bmpc.holy.leisure@gmail.com

Hymn Festival. Sun., May 4, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Join the BMPC Sanctuary Choir for a special Hymn Festival during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, celebrating the core principles from BMPC's 150th Anniversary Vision Report: Loving God in the Gathered Community, Welcoming God in Friend and Stranger, and Partnering with God and Neighbor in Service. Through music and hymns, we will reflect on these guiding values as we continue our mission together.

Y Group Reunion Brunch. Sun., May 4, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Whether you attended Y Group recently or long ago,

or thought of participating but never got there, please join us for a reunion! Quiche will be provided, but bring a dish to share if you're able. It's a great opportunity to connect with women of all generations. Childcare will be provided for children and grandchildren! RSVP to Sheila Rohrer at srohrer60@gmail.com

Piano Recital & Gallery Opening. Sun., May 4, 2:00 p.m., Gallery. In her new exhibition *COLOR! Where Music & Art Meet*, Barbara Lister-Sink combines her love of art and music in a piano performance that corresponds with an exhibition of her works. This exhibit and recital are a celebration of color—in the glorious rich, velvety, pastel, shimmering, or iridescent colors of both the piano and the paintings.

Outdoor Labyrinth Walk. Tues., May 6, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Education Lawn. You are invited to walk the rope labyrinth outside for the final monthly walk of the program year. Contact, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Spiritual Practice Listening Circle. Tues., May 13, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Wither-spoon Parlor. Please come and explore how spiritual practices and spiritual formation can be nurtured at BMPC. We will listen to what has been successful and what we would like to add to enhance our faith journey. All are welcome. If you can-

not attend, please email kikimckendrick@bmpc.org for questions and prompts to contribute to the discussion.

Handbell Ensemble Interest Meeting.

Thurs., May 15, 6:00 p.m., Fine Arts Kitchen. Calling all ringers! The BMPC Handbell Choir is making a joyful comeback, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Whether you're an experienced ringer or simply curious, come hear the vision, learn about rehearsal plans, and discover how you can join us in making beautiful music together. No handbell experience is necessary, just a willing spirit! (Music reading is a plus.) RSVP to ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Hersheypark Youth Trip. Sun., June 1, 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Current 5th-12th Graders are invited to our Annual Hersheypark Trip! Registration Cost: \$40 (includes admission to the park and one meal.) Scholarships are available. Register at bit.ly/Hersheypark2025 Registration deadline is Fri., May 23, but limited spots will fill up fast.

Thank You to the Soup Ministers! The Soup freezer has been well stocked this winter and spring thanks to members who have made delicious soups and donated some to the church for distributing to those who need some comfort and care from the congregation. The expressions

of gratitude for these gifts are numerous. In the early fall we will restock containers and labels and put out another request for soup donations. Many thanks and blessings!

UPCOMING

Playing Through Movie Night. Wed. April 30, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton. *Playing Through* is a powerful historical drama that tells the story of Ann Gregory, the first Black woman to compete in a national USGA golf championship, as she challenges racism and breaks barriers in the world of sports. This 2022 film was produced by our own BMPC member, Peter Odiorne.

Our Fragile Moment: Lunch and Learn. Sun., May 4, 11:30 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor. Join members of the Environmental Justice Committee for a discussion of *Our Fragile Moment*, the book by Community Forum speaker Michael Mann. Purchase a copy of the book from the church for \$10 at bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup and join fellow church members on May 4 to discuss the political barriers to addressing climate change. A light lunch will be provided.

James A. Michener & Mercer Museums Visit. Thurs., May 8, 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Join us for a day trip to Doylestown to explore two remarkable museums - The James A. Michener Museum and the Mercer Museum. Tickets: \$18/seniors, \$20/adults

(Michener); \$17/seniors, \$20/adults (Mercer). Meet at BMPC's back sanctuary parking lot at 9:15 a.m. for bus transportation. Bring a brown bag lunch for a picnic between visits. To reserve a spot, contact Pam Haynes Walsh at haynes-walsh@comcast.net

CARING AND SHARING

Texting Scam Alert. A texting scam has resurfaced and is currently targeting members of the BMPC community. Posing as Pastor Agnes Norfleet, the scammer asks for financial help, typically in the form of purchasing gift cards. Please be assured that no member of the BMPC staff will ever contact you with an urgent financial request, and they will never ask you to buy gift cards. If you receive such a message: Do not respond. Block the sender's number. When in doubt, always check with us before replying to any suspicious communication. Contact the church office directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in May and June for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- 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, Room 102, Ed. Bldg.
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:00 a.m. Rhythm and Light Exhibit, Gallery
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering Grades 6-12, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:15 a.m. All Church Read: *How the Word is Passed*, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Discover BMPC (New Member Class), Fullerton Room
- 2:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Liaison Gathering, Congregational Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 28

- 6:30 p.m. Discover BMPC (New Member Class), Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Anti-Racism Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium

Calendar

1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium

6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room

4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

7:00 p.m. *Playing Through* Movie Night, Fullerton Room

7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge

THURSDAY, MAY 1

10:00 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, The Mansion at Rosemont

6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, MAY 2

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, virtual

SATURDAY, MAY 3

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**

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

Giving

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