



Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Sing to our God a new song.

All **God has done marvelous things!**

One Let the world and its people sing together for joy.

All **Break forth into joyous songs of praise!**

HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

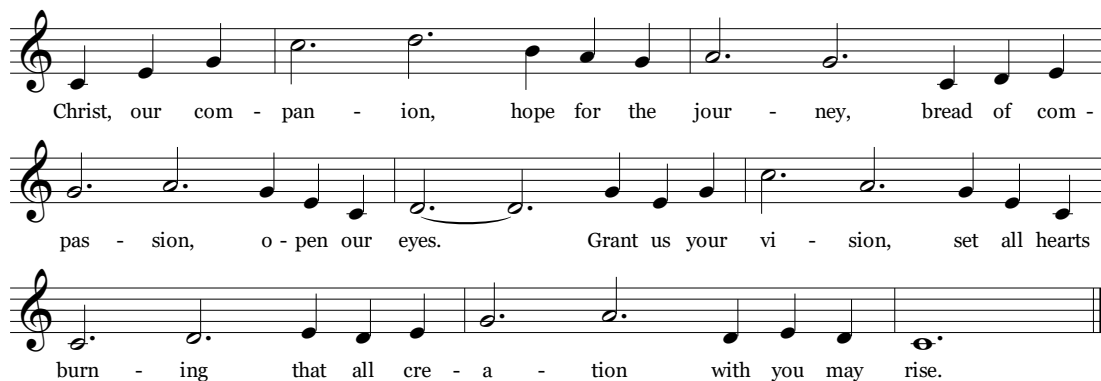
All **Holy God, creator of all that make music and all creatures who sing, we confess that sometimes we let our praises be silenced by the fears, anxieties and worries of our lives. Forgive our preoccupations with worldly concerns that diminish our trust and stifle our joy in you. Restore us to our highest calling of glorifying you and enjoying life in the light of the resurrection.**

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

Nancy Taylor

FIRST LESSON Psalm 95:1-7

(pg. 550 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 201 in pew Bible)

One

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *With Gratitude We Sing*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 610 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

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

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 548 May God Support You All Your Days

DICKINSON COLLEGE

SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Agnes W. Norfleet

One

The peace of Christ be with you.

All

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Nancy Taylor, Elder

USHER

Dave Bravo

BULLETIN COVER

Easter Flowers. Photograph by Dave Tavani.

5TH GRADERS RECEIVING HYMNALS AT THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

Carter Matthew Abrams, Michael James Bollinger, Jackson Robert England, Ryder Thomas Noone, Finley Jacqueline Pollock, Patrick William Quigley, Grayson William Stoltz, Robert Carter Stoy, Abigail Anna Thorkelson, Emily Susan Tyre, August Carl Vengels, and Jake Williams

12TH GRADERS RECOGNIZED AND BEING PRAYED FOR AT THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

Andrew Bachman, Nina Bertrand, Andrew Beyer, David Blusiewicz, Jasper Conway, Maeve Daley-Gibson, Corinne Davis, Addison DelOrefice, Chet Ebert, Eli Engelman, Theodore Engelman, Zach Friedant, Kellen Gardner, Samantha Gasink, Georgia Gatta, Audrey Gelinias, Charles Gord, Maya Greger, Sophia Hall, Read Kitchel, Henry Koban Payne, Ashley Kuntz, Brody Ladda, Kylie Liggett, Charles Linz, Campbell McCormack, Maddie Meiler, Jane Newlin, Helen Potts, Marlowe Ritchie, Sophie Schrad, Emma Scutt, Liam Sheward, Andrew Simpson, Jordan Smith, Rafa Snyder, Georgia Jane Whamond, and Alexander Williams

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

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.

Confirmation Expo. Sun., May 4, 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. The 2024-2025 Confirmation class will be set up in the gym after the 10:00 a.m. worship service to share about their discipleship projects. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to stop by the gym to hear about their journey and see their hard work.

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.

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.

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.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caring Corner. Sun., May 18, 11:00 a.m., Atrium. Please join the caring ministries team as we celebrate Carol Cherry's retirement as Parish Nurse and thank her for her work with the BMPC congregation.

All About Orchids with Frank Bowen.

Thurs., May 22, 10:00 a.m., Fullerton Room. Learn how to grow them, be kind to them, create a good environment for them, and, hopefully, keep them blooming! BMPC member Frank Bowen will share his expertise and years of experience cultivating his own orchids as well as his work at the Longwood Gardens Orchid House. Feel free to bring a favorite or troubled specimen for a consultation. Registration is recommended but not required. Contact: Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net

UPCOMING

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

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

Spiritual Practice Listening Circle. Tues., May 13, 2:00–3:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Come take part in a thoughtful conversation about how spiritual practices and formation can be nurtured at BMPC. We'll reflect on what's been meaningful, share ideas for future offerings, and explore how we can grow together in faith. All are welcome to join the circle. If you're interested but unable to attend, please reach out to KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

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.) Schol-

arships are available. Register at bit.ly/Hersheypark2025 Registration deadline is Fri., May 23, but limited spots will fill up fast.

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.

Casserole Blitz. Sat., May 10, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family-friendly activity (children over age 5) working with fellow BMPC folks to support a good cause while preparing casseroles for area shelters. Last casserole blitz of the program year is June 14. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP. The Hunger Committee is also in

need of volunteers who are available to deliver casseroles to our partners on a regular basis. Please contact Nancy Taylor at ntaylor2948@gmail.com for more information.

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, MAY 4

- 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.
- 9:00 a.m. 5th Grade Hymnal Breakfast, Congregational Hall
- 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, Hymn Festival with Sanctuary Choir and 5th Grade Hymnal Presentation, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Expo, Gymnasium
- 11:15 a.m. Y-Group Alumni Brunch, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 11:30 a.m. *Our Fragile Moment* Lunch and Learn, Witherspoon Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Barbara Lister-Sink Gallery Opening Piano Recital, Gallery
- 3:00 p.m. Amy Ferguson Memorial Service, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, virtual

MONDAY, MAY 5

- 10:00 a.m. Great Decisions, virtual
- 12:00 p.m. Prayer Partner First Monday Prayer, Cannon Room
- 1:00 p.m. Congregational Life Council Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

Calendar

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Front Lawn
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- 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. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Council Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Adult Museum Trip, off campus
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

FRIDAY, MAY 9

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Carr/Boylan Wedding, Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- 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

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



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