



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 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 "Sicilienne" from Suite

Maurice Duruflé

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.

All He lays down his life for his sheep.

One He knows us and calls us by name.

All He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

HYMN 81 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

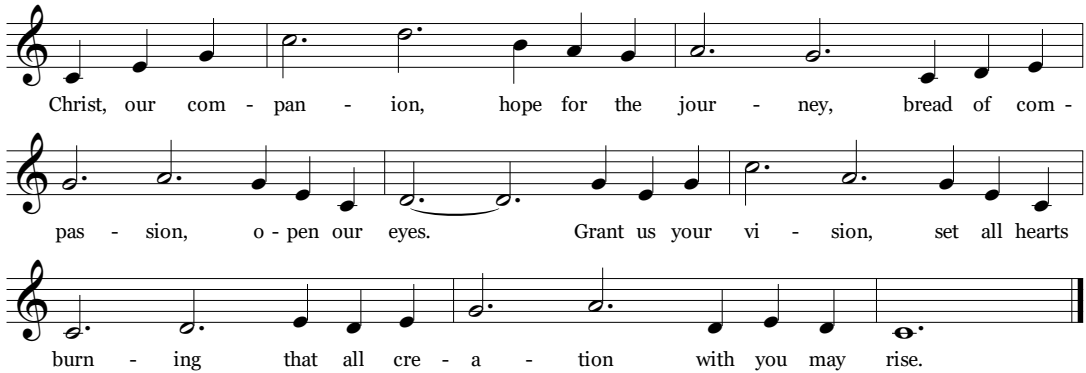
CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace. We see evil and the suffering it causes, and we are hesitant to combat it with good. Heal us of our sin and wash us in your mercy. Feed us with your grace so that we may follow in the way of 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.



Proclamation of the Word

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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 23

(pg. 501 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 John 10:11-18

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 103 in pew Bible)

One

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Take Care*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

**All We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to
life eternal.**

-from a Brief Statement of Faith

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Agnes W. Norfleet

SUNG RESPONSE Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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 The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and lead me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake. Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE "Toccata" from Suite

Maurice Duruflé

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Flower Janney Brown.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Nate and Sarah Bulthuis

Joshua Choi and Brooke Luo

Michelle Davis

Jim and Joan Durham

Dustin Flannery and Christopher Henry

Julie Golderer

Deacon Golderer

Amanda Hauns

Kirstyn and Ross Kelly

John and Rebecca Lindeman

Tara and Trey Runkle

Rosemarie Trainer

Andrew and Gabby Wasmuth

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

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.

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are 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 in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

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.

Announcements

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Email Scam Alert. We have become aware of a new email scam targeting members of the BMPC community. The scammer is sending emails claiming to be from “Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,” asking recipients to review and sign their financial statement. Please note: BMPC mailed financial statements to members, which include pledge and giving history. No emails were sent regarding these statements. A signature is not required for this information. If you receive such an email, do not respond. We recommend blocking the sender’s email address. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office directly. When in doubt, reach out to us before engaging with any suspicious message.

James Kealey Named Co-Director of Music and Fine Arts. It is with great joy that we announce that James Kealey will join the music and fine arts staff as Co-Director of Music and Fine Arts, starting July 15. James will serve alongside Jeffrey Brillhart, working with the Sanctuary Choir, Singing for Life, and the Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers. He will be especially engaged with the work of revitalizing

the children and youth music program. A full story about James will appear in the Summer Messenger, due out at the beginning of June.

VBC Supplies Needed. We’re getting ready for this year’s Vacation Bible Camp and could use your help gathering supplies! We’re collecting clean cardboard egg cartons, bright magazines (like travel or animal-themed ones) for collage projects, clean jars with lids (plastic or glass), silk flowers or greenery, and paper towel rolls. Collection points are located in the Ed. Bldg. and by the Church Offices. We’d also love to borrow a few items, including a small camping tent, fish bowls or terrariums, and wildlife or plant guides. If you’re able to donate or lend any of these items, please contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org Thank you for supporting VBC!

Healthy Steps for Older Adults Workshop. Tues., May 20 and Thurs., May 22, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Adults age 60 and older are invited to attend this free two-part falls risk awareness workshop. This program is designed to raise awareness of falls, improve overall health, and connect participants with helpful resources. The workshop includes two sessions—Part

1: Preventing Falls and Part 2: Staying Active—and combines classroom education with physical assessments to evaluate fall risk. Participants are asked to commit to attending both sessions. To register, email kanem@mlhs.org

BMPC Hike/Work Day. Sat., May 31, 9:00 a.m., beginning at Haverford College Campus. The Environmental Justice Committee invites all to join together for a hike/work day. We will enjoy an easy hike around the Haverford College Campus, followed by a work session at Sharpe Bird Sanctuary. To sign up, contact David Heaton, heatondavid2@gmail.com by May 27.

Anti-Racism Walking Tour of Philly. Sat., Jun. 7, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The BMPC Anti-Racism Committee is hosting a guided walking tour of significant sites in Philadelphia related to the Anti-Slavery movement and local Black History. Participants will meet at BMPC and travel together via bus with a tour guide. Space is limited. Sign up with JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org by May 31.

UPCOMING

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

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

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.

CARING AND SHARING

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

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible Camp! Mon., June 23 - Fri., June 27, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. In June we will welcome over 150 children to 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.” Camp is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and we’ll ask volunteers to arrive by 8:30 a.m. each day. Register as a volunteer: bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2025 Please note camper registration is closed.

Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 11

- 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. New Member Breakfast, Fullerton Room
- 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. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium

MONDAY, MAY 12

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Practice Listening Circle, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Ensemble Interest Meeting, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 3:30 p.m. Willig/Walsh Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. **Willig/Walsh Wedding, Sanctuary**

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick 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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