



Fifth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 18, 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 Selections from "Suite sur le Magnificat"

Jean-Adam Guilain

WELCOME

Andy Greenhow

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One What is this company?

All This is the company of the children of God, gathered in God's holy name.

One Where do you come from?

All We come from all places, that we may become siblings in Christ in one place.

One What is your purpose?

All To worship God, to love one another, and to respect all that God has created.

HYMN 321 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All God, you have given us the power of imagination, through which the future grasps our lives today. You have sent your prophets and set them afire with visions of human life as you have intended it. Yet we confess that we have chosen other stories, replacing hope with despair, substituting comfort for holy restlessness, masking the truth rather than facing reality. Forgive us, and give us courage, that we may draw into the future toward the new world you are creating.

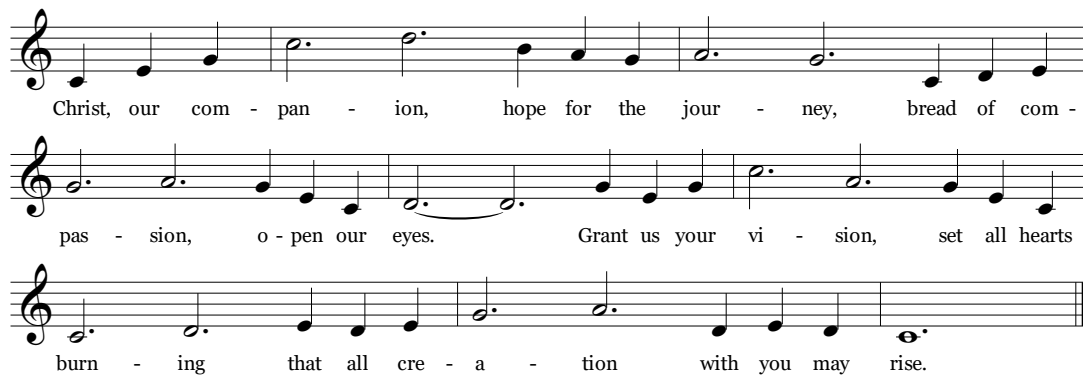
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

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

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Andy Greenhow

FIRST LESSON Psalm 24:1-6

(pg. 502 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Tota Pulchra Est

Maurice Duruflé

You are all beautiful, Mary, and the original stain [of sin] is not in you.

You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you give honour to our people. You are an advocate of sinners. O Mary, Virgin most intelligent, Mother most merciful. Pray for us, plead for us, to the Lord Jesus Christ.

SECOND LESSON Acts 11:1-18

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

(pg. 130 in pew Bible)

One

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Living the Questions*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

CONVENANTS AND PROMISES

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these young people, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

All **We do.**

Please stand, if able.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Agnes W. Norfleet

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 Psalm 150

César Franck

Hallelujah. O praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary; praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power; praise ye Him for His mighty acts; praise ye Him according to His majesty. Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet, with the psaltery and harp, with the timbrel, with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye Him with the loud cymbals, upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

HYMN 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE Toccata

Eugène Gigout

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Anna and Benjamin Walsh.

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stuart Gord.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025

Liam Theodore Anaokar

Albert James Bees

Jane Alexandra Cantrell

Sarah Elizabeth Edmonds

Sam Henry Giampetroni

William A. Giampetroni

Caroline Brant Jarman

Jackson Thomas Knox

Claire Laurel Liggett

Blake Mallory Nemo

Claire Hetherington Pidot

Graydon Alexander Press

Owen Bruce Quigley

Benjamin Oliver Schrieber

Sebastian Medina Snyder

William Francis Thorkelson

Seamus Patrick Tucker

David Nelson Tyre

Kyle Heckscher Vengels

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

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

TODAY

Caring Corner. Sun., May 18, 11:15 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.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Adult Spring Social. Sun., Jun. 8, 4:00 p.m., Merion Tribute House. The Senior Adult Council invites members 55 and older to join them for their annual spring social. Tickets are \$20 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and dessert. RSVP by June 2 at bit.ly/SeniorSpringSocial2025 or contact, TiaraHarris@bmpc.org

UPCOMING

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

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

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.

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.

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.

CARING AND SHARING

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in July and August 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

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!

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 ask volunteers to arrive by 8:30 a.m. each day. Register as a volunteer at bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2025 Please note that camper registration is closed.

Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast, Congregational Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Room 102, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth in Worship Grades 6-12, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:15 a.m. Teacher Thank You & End of Year Celebration, Front Lawn
- 11:15 a.m. Atrium Cafe and Caring Corner, Atrium
- 3:00 p.m. Lower Merion Symphony Spring Concert

MONDAY, MAY 19

- 7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Healthy Steps for Older Adults, Witherspoon Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Hearing Voices Support Group, Middleton Center

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- 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. Children & Youth Ministries Volunteer Thank You, Pastor Rachel's Manse
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fullerton Room

THURSDAY, MAY 22

- 10:00 a.m. All About Orchids, Fullerton Room
- 11:00 a.m. **Carol Dahl Memorial Service, Chapel**
- 11:00 a.m. Healthy Steps for Older Adults, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir & Touring Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

FRIDAY, MAY 23

- 1:00 p.m. **Patricia Murphy Memorial Service, Chapel**

SATURDAY, MAY 24

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

SUNDAY, MAY 25

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Andy Greenhow will preach.

Giving

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