



Fifth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:00 a.m., Chapel



Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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

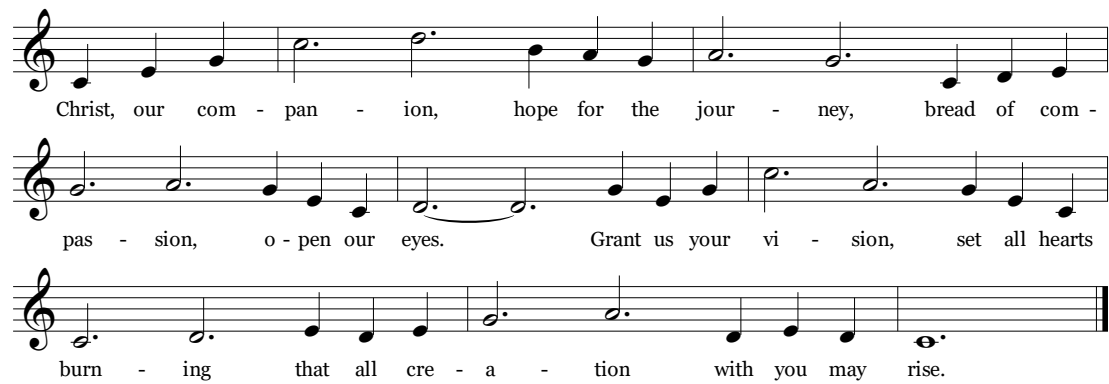
All **God, you have given us the power of imagination, through which the future grasps our lives today. You have sent your prophets and set them afire with visions of human life as you have intended it. Yet we confess that we have chosen other stories, replacing hope with despair, substituting comfort 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

SUNG RESPONSE

BUNESSA



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

Dottie Bowen

FIRST LESSON Psalm 24:1-6
(pg. 502 in pew Bible)

SECOND LESSON Acts 11:1-18
(pg. 130 in pew Bible)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Living the Questions*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Response to the Word

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 754 Help Us Accept Each Other

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SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One

The peace of Christ be with you.

All

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

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

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Dottie Bowen, Elder

USHER

Dave Bravo

WE WILL CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING YOUTH AT THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

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

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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