



Day of Pentecost
Sunday, June 8, 2025
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



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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 Meditation

Ken Yukl

WELCOME

Andy Greenhow

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One The Spirit will be poured out upon all the people.

All **Come, Holy Spirit, be our guest.**

One Our children will prophesy. Our young will see visions; our elders dream dreams.

All **Come, Holy Spirit, be our guide.**

One All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

All **Come, Holy Spirit, and make a new way.**

HYMN 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All **Abiding God, you have poured out your Spirit upon us, yet we shy away from being empowered by you. We keep our hearts guarded, and accept what is rather than what might be. Free us from our fear; help us live into being the church you call us to be among the great diversity of the whole human family. Open our eyes to see where your Spirit guides us, open our minds to marvel, and our hearts to hope that we may be the church you are calling us to be.**

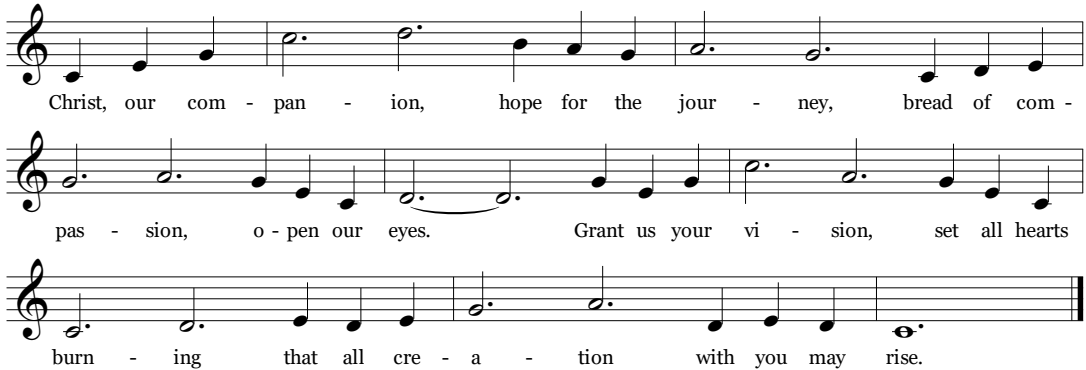
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE

BUNESSAN



Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 3 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

All We do.

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes,
Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Andy Greenhow

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:1-13

(pg. 119 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM Tu es Petrus

Maurice Duruflé

You are Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My Church.

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:14-21

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 119 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Gift of Diversity*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

All We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily

tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

~ from a Brief Statement of Faith

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Glistening Spirit

Jessica French

World Premiere

A glistening, shimmer, surface of fiery water tenderness and wild of light; you, glistening Spirit, flowing anew in me like a renewing river and our song fierce wingbeats hovers, until She hears our quiet whispers, our long, unfolding 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

HYMN 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Variations on "Veni Creator"

Maurice Duruflé

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in honor of the 63rd anniversary of John and Sandi Stouffer; and in honor of 10 years of faithful ministry by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Quinn Flannery Henry, daughter of Christopher Henry & Dustin Flannery
Cooper Thomas Kiefer, son of Rachel & Jesse Kiefer
Hadley Jean McDaniel, daughter of Kacey & Charlie McDaniel
John Davis Roberts, son of Michelle Davis & Steve Roberts
Asher Christopher Eddie Sesack, son of Jessica Chadwick & Anthony Sesack

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I was absolutely honored to compose Glistening Spirit for today's celebration of Edward Landin Senn's Ministry of Music—commissioned by the Sanctuary Choir of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and marking his final Sunday as Assistant Director of Music. Given that Pentecost is also celebrated this Sunday, I chose to collaborate with librettist Euan Tait, whose vivid poetry evokes the Holy Spirit through imagery of light, water, and fire. Drawing melodic inspiration from the ancient Pentecost introit chant Spiritus Domini, the piece moves through three sections: the first portrays the Spirit in motion through vibrant imagery—"a glistening shimmer," "surface of fiery water," and "wild of light." The second turns inward, expressing our collective response as joyful song, building toward "fierce wingbeats." The final section, beautifully described by Euan as "our long, unfolding Amen," becomes a collective prayer of yearning that echoes the depth of our human experience. It gradually layers the chant's opening motive, rising to a luminous chord that symbolizes the joyful vitality brought by the Holy Spirit. As the texture recedes, three quiet iterations of the chant's Alleluia motive are shared among the voices before the piece closes in stillness, peace, and renewal.

~ Jessica French

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

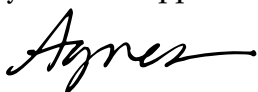
BMPC Sanctuary. Photograph by Dave Tavani.

WELCOME TO

BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church during this season of Pentecost—a time of growth, learning, and deepening discipleship. Just as the Spirit empowered the early church, we trust that same Spirit is moving among us now, calling us to live out our faith with courage and compassion.

Whether you've been part of this community for years or are worshiping with us for the first time, we're grateful for your presence. Through worship, fellowship, and service, may we be renewed and inspired to follow Christ more faithfully. Inside this bulletin, you'll find opportunities to grow in faith and engage more fully in the life of the church.



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

Celebrating the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick & Sundae Sunday. Sun., Jun. 8, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a special celebration as we mark two joyful occasions: Rebecca's ten years of faithful service as our Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission, and the start of summer Sunday School! Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and ice cream (including non-dairy options) as we express our gratitude for Rebecca's decade of ministry and celebrate the end of the school year.

Extending Thanks and Best Wishes. We thank the Sanctuary Choir for their inspiring leadership throughout the year. As they conclude their season, we wish them well on their tour to France (Jun. 13–24) and look forward to their return in the fall. Summer Choir begins next Sunday - all are welcome to join! We also bid a fond farewell to Edward Landin Senn on his final Sunday at BMPC. For 12 years, Edward has shared his gifts with grace and dedication. We are deeply grateful and send him off with heartfelt thanks and best wishes for the journey ahead.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music With a Mission: HIAS Benefit Concert. Wed., Jun. 11, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Please join us for a joyous celebration of music to benefit and support the work of HIAS Pennsylvania and their commitment to today's refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants seeking safety and security for themselves and their families. This is a free concert featuring members of The Philadelphia Orchestra, Philly Pops, Philadelphia Ballet, Opera Philadelphia, and Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia.

Food Collection for VBC. During Vacation Bible Camp, our fourth and fifth graders will meet with and learn from our Hunger Partners. This will include bringing non-perishable donations to the food pantries. You can support our students and our partners by bringing in food donations by Sun., Jun. 22. Suggested donations include: cold cereals, spaghetti sauce, canned meals and soups, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruit or vegetables, canned beans, applesauce, dry pasta or macaroni and cheese, crackers, instant oatmeal (packets), and granola bars. Donations can be left in the Narthex.

Hunger Doesn't Take a Break in the

Summer! While donations to the BMPC Hunger Fund drop off in the summer months, the needs remain steady for our partners throughout the year. A larger donation of \$500 to the Hunger Fund this summer can provide a freezer full of BMPC casseroles. Make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift to the Hunger Fund online: onrealm.org/bmpc/give/hunger

UPCOMING

First Sunday Summer Choir. Sun., Jun. 15, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary. All singers ages 12+ are invited to join our informal Summer Choir! Come any Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for a short rehearsal, then sing in the 10:00 a.m. service. We sing one anthem, hymns, and a closing response - no robes, sign-up, or long-term commitment. On Jun. 15, we'll sing from the front of the church, a great option for anyone who finds the choir loft stairs challenging. The front is fully accessible. Come lend your voice and help lead worship!

Playground Playdates. Tues., Jun. 17, 11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Playground. Children of Kindergarten age and under, along with their families, are invited to play every other Tuesday throughout the summer. Stay tuned for July and August dates and times. Popsicles will be provided! Contact, MaryRichards@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Casserole Blitz. Sat., Jun. 14, 8:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the last Casserole Blitz of the season! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP

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 VBC and could use your help! 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!

Calendar

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. Summer Sunday School 3s and 4s, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 206
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Together Sunday Rising Grades 4-12, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School Rising K- 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
- 11:15 a.m. Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick's 10th Anniversary & Sundae Sunday,
Congregational Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Senior Adult Spring Social, Merion Tribute House

MONDAY, JUNE 9

- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Touring Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday's Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Music With a Mission: HIAS Benefit Concert., Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Ed. Bldg. Back Porch

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

No events scheduled

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- 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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. Kirby Lawrence Hill 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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