



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

May 1, 2016
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to BMPC

Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

NEW HERE? We are grateful to have you join us as we gather to worship God. Our programs are open to all and you are welcome to participate according to your interests. Questions? Information is available in the alcove near the main Sanctuary entrance or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare: infants - age 5; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

Children age 2 to PreK: 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 3: 10:15 a.m., classes, Ed. Bldg.

(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ed. Bldg.

Grades 4 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Worship Together Sunday, Sanctuary

GETTING CONNECTED. Please fill out the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you may greet each other after worship.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Ed. Bldg. Lobby after Sunday School.

*As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone
and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.*



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

Please fill out the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

David Smith

One: Happy are those who inhabit the house of the Lord,
for they may ever praise you.

**All: Happy are the people whose strength is in God,
for their hearts are set on the pilgrim way.**

One: Lord God of hosts, hear our prayers as we worship,

**All: For you, O Lord, are our sun and our shield;
yours alone is the grace and the glory.**

† HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

David Smith

**Loving God, you have shown us the way of Jesus, and invite us
to be compassionate and kind, faithful and loving.**

**While you direct us to embrace the qualities that marked his life,
we confess that we have stumbled and fallen.**

Our sins are real, and they are many.

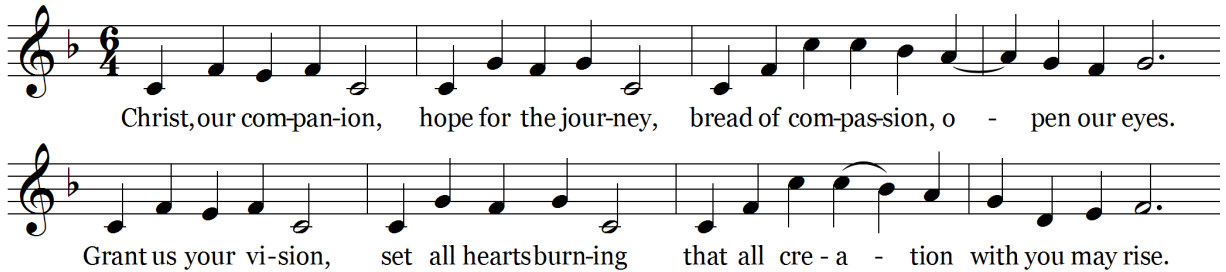
Have mercy on us and forgive our failings.

**Encourage us to trust that what we have seen in Jesus is the way,
the truth and the life.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sing twice)*



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.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marian Chitester

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 67 (*p. 529 in pew Bible*)

Marian Chitester

SECOND LESSON John 15:1-5, 12-17 (*p. 109 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Branches

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kellen A. Smith

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread in 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 morning offering to the offering plates when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND 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 *(in unison)*

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

David Smith

† HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

† *Please stand, if able.*

Worship Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Stephen R. Holstad

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Marian Chitester

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Bob Holmes

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of the Main Line Adult Day Center

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Announcements

MOTHER'S DAY INFANT FORMULA AND BABY FOOD COLLECTION.

May 1 – 15. Help homeless women and children at St. Barnabas Mission by bringing baby formula or food to the collection bins in the Ministries Center or Education Building. Pam Haynes-Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Tues., June 21 to Fri., June 24, BMPC campus. Planning is underway for an exciting week when students age 3 - rising 5th graders grow in God's love, serve neighbors, and build a community together. Registration has begun; search "VBC" at www.bmpc.org. Interested in participating or helping? MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS REGISTRATION. Get ready for summer – sign up for the Middle School Urban Plunge in NYC or Camp Kirkwood 2016 in the Poconos. Register at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

MINISTRIES CENTER ART EXHIBIT. Ending today, the Chester Charter School for the Arts (CCSA) presents "21st Century Perspectives" by students in grades K-9. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY. After coffee in the Court, take a few minutes to visit the Converse House Library on the 2nd floor. You'll find a great selection of books, CDs, and magazines. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

HUNGER ENVELOPES. Consider these sobering statistics: While nearly 1 in 8 people in Pennsylvania struggle to find the resources to put food on the table, the number in Philadelphia approaches 1 in 3. BMPC's Hunger Committee works in many hunger-relief efforts such as making more than 1,600 casseroles a year at casserole blitzes and supporting local food closets and soup kitchens. These efforts are funded almost entirely by contributions from Hunger Envelopes found in the pews.

Today

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION. The meeting, following 10:00 a.m. worship, will include reports on the life of our church. Copies of the 2015 BMPC Annual Report and other materials for the meeting are available in the Narthex and on www.bmpc.org. Sunday School and childcare will be extended during the meeting.

This Week

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., May 6, 6:00 p.m., home of Janet Haas in Radnor. Enjoy a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion. Speaker: the Rev. Cynthia Jarvis, Senior Pastor of Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church will discuss "What would you like next for the Presbyterian Church?" Register: Janet White, JanetW298@verizon.net, including potluck donation.

Upcoming

PROJECT HOME. Sun., May 8, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Larry Arney discusses the mission of the Project HOME community and its efforts to empower adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Y-GROUP END-OF-YEAR BRUNCH. Tues., May 10, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Guest speaker, Dr. Asha George-Guiser, discusses “Contentment in the Midst of Restlessness.” Bring friends and a brunch item to share. Register: Sharna Liggett, sliggett@me.com.

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC. Wed., May 11, 6:30 a.m. departure from back parking lot. Our Senior Adult Council invites you to a guided tour of the National Cathedral followed by time on your own at the National Gallery of Art. Cost: \$45 per person includes transportation and admission to the Cathedral; lunch not included. Register by check payable to BMPC or at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

LAST YOUTH GATHERING AND 5TH GRADE STEP-UP DAY. Sun., May 15, 10:00 a.m., Gym. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

CONFIRMATION EXPO. Sun., May 15, 11:00 a.m., Gym. All are invited to view projects presented by our Confirmands. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF VOLUNTEERING FOR REFUGEES. Sun., May 15, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Sturgis Poorman, founder of “Welcoming the Stranger,” walks us through the logistics of volunteering locally in support of refugee families from around the world. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

IPHONE & IPAD WORKSHOPS. Sun., May 15, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room (iPhone Workshop) and Sun., May 22, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room (iPad Workshop). Make better use of the new technology and learn the latest tips and tricks to get more out of your iPhone and/or iPad. No charge. Register: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

YOUNG ADULT PICNIC. Sun., May 15, 12:30 p.m., Chanticleer Garden. Bring a dish to share. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., May 17, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.

Save the Date

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. Sun., May 22. Following 8:30 a.m. breakfast for Confirmands and their families in Congregational Hall, Confirmands will be received during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PARTY. Sun., May 22, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. Youth and their families are invited to celebrate the end of year with a backyard cookout. (Rain location: Congregational Hall) Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

BEETHOVEN'S 9TH SYMPHONY. Sun., June 12, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring our Sanctuary Choir, the Singing City Choir, and the National Music Festival Orchestra. Tickets: \$10/adult; \$5/student. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Caring & Sharing

DAY OF DIRT III. Sat., May 7, 9:00 a.m., West Kensington Ministry. Help remove dirt from the WKM basement to provide more programmatic space. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., May 14, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., main kitchen. Prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia food cupboards and homeless shelters at this family friendly event. SandieNicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

OFFER A RIDE. Drivers are needed to transport members to medical appointments. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

PROVIDE HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

This Week's Calendar

*For more information visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, May 1, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 5, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 12:30 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
Filling the Well Women's Group, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Worship Together Sunday (Grades 4 - 12), Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary
Cafe in the Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15 a.m. Youth Ministry Council, Fullerton Room

Monday, May 2, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Adult Program, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!; meet in main parking lot
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Membership Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room
Worldwide Ministries Council Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, May 5, 2016

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fullerton Room
- 12:30 p.m. Meals on Wheels Volunteer Luncheon, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, May 6, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
- 5:00 p.m. Oldfield/Parks Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, home of Janet Haas in Radnor
Eastern University Baccalaureate Services, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 7, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Faith Under Three, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104
- 4:30 p.m. Oldfield/Parks Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 8, 2016 - Mother's Day

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

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24/7 Answering Service for Pastoral Emergencies: 610-525-2821

Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840