



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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April 30, 2017  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Third Sunday of Easter

# WELCOME TO BMPC

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Childcare**

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Education Building, Rm. 102

### **Art @ 9**

age 3 - Grade 5  
9:00 a.m., Education Building, Rm. 201

### **Morning Discussion Group**

Adult Bible Study  
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

### **Filling the Well**

Women's Bible Study  
8:45 a.m., Education Building, Rm. 104

### **10:00 a.m. Worship & Programs**

Sunday School, Adult Education  
*See page 9 for a complete schedule.*

Today we welcome the Rev. Alonzo Johnson to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services. Rev. Johnson is the Coordinator of the Office of the Self-Development of People for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). SDOP works both internationally and nationally on behalf of the PC (USA) to promote justice, build stronger communities, and seek economic equity.

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available in the Narthex. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP.** Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP.** Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For additional information about today's schedule please see page 9 in this bulletin.

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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to God, you faithful;  
Give thanks to God's holy name.

**All: Weeping may linger for a night,  
But joy comes in the morning.**

One: You turn our weeping to dancing.  
You remove the garments of mourning  
And clothe us in gladness.

**All: May we praise you and not be silent!  
We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!**

## † HYMN 246

Christ is Alive!

TRURO

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty and Eternal God,  
we thank you that you have not left us alone in our sin and despair.  
Loving us, you have brought us good news and set before us the way of life.  
Yet we confess that we have failed to see the way.  
In stubborn pride we have spurned your mercy and your help.  
In selfishness we have turned away from those who need us.  
We have allowed ourselves to be crushed by troubles,  
as though Christ had not been raised at all.  
Forgive our faithlessness and grant that we may know new life and hope,  
in the spirit of the resurrection.  
In Christ's name we pray.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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## HEARING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holly Stafford

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 82 (*p. 542 in pew Bible*)

Holly Stafford

**SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 9:35-10:4 (*p. 9 in pew Bible*)

Alonzo Johnson

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*The Compassion of the Christ*

Alonzo Johnson

† **HYMN 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

*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 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

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

† HYMN 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Alonzo Johnson

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

## **Worship Notes**

### **LEADING WORSHIP**

The Rev. Alonzo Johnson  
Coordinator, the Office of Self-Development of People  
in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
David Watermulder

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Holly Stafford

### **USHERING**

Elder Skip Dittmann

### **BULLETIN COVER**

*Journey with Jesus* by He Qi

## **Announcements**

**2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN.** Today is the final day to submit your pledge for our Stewardship Campaign before we finish calculating the total of our 2017 pledges. Thanks for helping us grow in generosity! To pledge online, go to [www.bmpc.org/giving/annual-stewardship](http://www.bmpc.org/giving/annual-stewardship).

**UPWARD BASKETBALL.** Our successful K-12 special needs basketball ministry is back for another session! Volunteers are needed to be practice buddies on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. during our May mini-season. All are welcome (ages 12+); no basketball or special needs experience required. Don't miss out on this opportunity to serve our church and community. Sarah Smith, [upward@bmpc.org](mailto:upward@bmpc.org).

**NEW ART EXHIBIT: AFRICAN ART AND VOICES IN QUILTS.** Today - May 28. The George Purvis collection from Harcum College highlights African sculpture in different materials: masks, fabrics, textiles and household items. The quilts of Ghana were achieved as the expressions of the women who crafted them under the direction of Christina Johnson, a fellowship recipient sent to teach and learn. Johnson speaks about the quilts on Sun., May 21 at 11:15 a.m. in Witherspoon Parlor. A reception for the exhibit follows the choir concert that afternoon.

**CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP?** For information about our spring orientation or to join our church on our next New Member Sunday, June 11, contact [DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org](mailto:DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENING.** We have an opening on Sun., May 28 for a shared flower dedication of our Sanctuary Flowers. If you would like to participate in dedicating flowers to a loved one, contact Doreen Petrovitch, 484-645-1661.

## **Today**

**50-YEAR MEMBER BRUNCH.** 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. If you joined BMPC in or before 1967, our Senior Adult Council invites you to a brunch in your honor. All are welcome to celebrate and share memories.

**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE.** 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Staff from the Office of Self-Development of People in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) help us think critically about how we engage as a congregation in mission.

**GET AIR (FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH).** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Middle and high school youth are invited for an afternoon of trampoline fun at Get Air in King of Prussia. Friends are welcome. \$15 per person includes pizza dinner.



## **This Week**

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., May 3, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. Courtenay Willcox leads our study of *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, chapter 8. Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com.

**PASTORS BOOK DISCUSSION.** Wed., May 3, 6:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join the Rev. Dr. Gene Bay, Pastor Emeritus of BMPC, in a discussion of *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance, about the Appalachian values of his upbringing and their relevance to the social problems of his hometown. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

## **Upcoming**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** is scheduled for Sun., May 7 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** May 10 & 16, Fullerton Room. Our two-part series incorporates film and literature. On Wed., May 10 at 3:00 p.m., view David Lean's 1946 version of *Great Expectations*. On Tues., May 16 at 1:30 p.m., former Conestoga High School educator and book lover Norma Winther leads a discussion of Charles Dickens' classic *Great Expectations* and Lean's film. Ericthorjohnson@gmail.com.

**REDUCING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.** Wed., May 10, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Susan O'Donnell presents suggestions for reducing waste and your carbon footprint. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, 8819.

**Y-GROUP ANNUAL YEAR-END BRUNCH.** Thurs., May 11, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Y-Group is for mothers of younger children. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

**HABITAT HOUSE BLESSING.** Sat., May 13, 3:00 p.m., 1601 Page Street, Philadelphia, 19121. Join us as we gather to bless the completed Habitat home that was framed this past fall on the BMPC Front Lawn.

**FIFTH GRADE STEP-UP DAY & HYMNAL PRESENTATION.** Sun., May 14, 9:15 a.m. Fifth grade students, their families and those who have helped with their Sunday school are invited for donuts and light snacks before the 10:00 a.m. service. During the Children's Moment, we hand out hymnals to our fifth graders as they bridge from the children's program to the youth program. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org if your child will participate.

**LAST YOUTH GATHERING AND 5TH GRADE STEP-UP DAY.** Sun., May 14. Youth meet in the gym after hymnal presentation.

**CONFIRMATION EXPO.** Sun., May 14, 11:00 a.m., Gym. All are invited to view projects presented by the Confirmands. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.



**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tues., May 16, noon, Converse House Library. Join members of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian and Overbrook Presbyterian Churches to discuss *Acts of Faith* by Eboo Patel. Alyce Marsh, 215 472-7886.

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., May 19, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Winifred Cutler. The Rev. Barbara Chaapel leads a discussion of *Our Journey Godward: An Opportunity to Explore Ancient and Contemporary Spiritual Practices*. Carpooling is suggested. Register with your potluck dinner donation. Janet White, Janetw298@verizon.net.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY.** Sun., May 21. following an 8:30 a.m. breakfast in Congregational Hall with their families, Confirmands are recognized during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8822.

**YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PARTY.** Sun., May 21, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. Youth and their families are invited to celebrate the end of year with a backyard cookout. RSVP: AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821.

**CHOIR CONCERT WITH ANTON ARMSTRONG AND ANDRÉ THOMAS.** Sun., May 21, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the BMPC Sanctuary Choir and Children and Youth Choirs, Singing City and the Singing City Children's Choir, with the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. Tickets: \$20 for preferred seating; \$15 for general admission; \$5 for students. Available for purchase from singingcity.org, 267-519-5321.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**MOTHER'S DAY INFANT FORMULA AND BABY FOOD COLLECTION.** May 7 - 21. Help homeless women and children at Episcopal Community Services St. Barnabas Mission. Similac Advanced or other formula may be dropped off in collection bins around the church and education building. CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org, ext. 8819.

**BREAKING BREAD AT BROAD STREET MINISTRY.** Sat., May 13, 10:15 a.m. Meet in Ministries Center at BMPC Reception Desk and travel to Philadelphia to serve lunch to the homeless and hungry. Return at 2:00 p.m. Register by May 6 to Pam Haynes Walsh, Haynes-walsh@comcast.net, 610-667-0972.

**OUR BROTHERS' PLACE.** Sat., May 20, 10:15 a.m. Meet at Reception Desk in the Ministries Center to carpool. Help prepare and serve lunch at Our Brothers' Place, a homeless shelter for men. Return at 2:00 p.m. Register: Pam Haynes Walsh, haynes-walsh@comcast.net, 610-667-0972.

**SERVE WITH OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM.** Provide rides for older adults, meals to those recuperating, prayer shawls for those in need of solace, or visits to the homebound. LorieBenovic@bmpe.org or ext. 8833.

# ***This Week's Calendar***

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call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, April 30**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104  
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 - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.  
Youth Grade Groups and Confirmation, Ministries Center  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center  
50-Year Member Brunch, Congregational Hall  
11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
Self-Development of People, Witherspoon Parlor  
4:00 p.m. Get Air for Middle School and High School Students, King of Prussia

## **Monday, May 1**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
12:00 p.m. Spiritual Directors Circle, Congregational Hall

## **Tuesday, May 2**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102  
10:00 a.m. William T. August Interment, Chapel Garden  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball, Gymnasium  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

### **Wednesday, May 3**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Ballroom
- 4:45 p.m. Choir Concert Rehearsal for Grades 3 and up, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Pastors Book Discussion, Witherspoon Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Worldwide Ministries Meeting, Gloucester Room
- Music and Fine Arts Council, Conference Room

### **Thursday, May 4**

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 12:30 p.m. Meals on Wheels Volunteer Luncheon, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, May 5**

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
- 4:30 p.m. Haldy/McWilliams Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Eastern University Baccalaureate Service, Sanctuary

### **Saturday, May 6**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Organ Improvisation Class, Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Haldy/McWilliams Wedding, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, May 7**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir and Ordination of Church Officers, Sanctuary**
  - The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
  - Sunday School for age 2 - grade 3
  - Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 12
- 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Sanctuary

## ***Worship Staff***

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**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

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