



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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May 7, 2017  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

# WELCOME TO BMPC

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Childcare**

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

### **Age 2 - PreK Classes**

10:00 a.m., Education Building

### **Grades K - 3 Classes**

10:15 a.m., Education Building

### **Grades 4 - 5**

Worship Together Sunday  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

### **Grades 6 - 12**

Youth Gathering  
10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

### **Annual Meeting**

Congregational Meeting  
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Please stop at our information alcove to the left of the main entrance. 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. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

**TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP.** Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found in the Narthex.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed on the left. **Grades K-5** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to classes. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Education Building.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For more information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**

Joyful Celebration  
Tintinnabulators

Rob Mygatt

**WELCOME**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**All: The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: The Lord is our strength and our might;

**All: The Lord has become our salvation.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made;

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

† **HYMN 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

O God, you tend us gently and care for us completely,  
while we wander and stray, still wanting,  
in spite of what you have provided for us.

Take away our sin, still our hearts, and restore our souls.

Lead us in the paths of righteousness.

With goodness and mercy, fill us.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.*

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

## SENDING HYMN      Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

*During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes*

Go now, children, with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God Bless you, may God guard you, may the light of God shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

## FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23 (in unison)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
    for Thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
    and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## ANTHEM

Love is Come Again  
Sanctuary Choir

Robert Shaw  
and Alice Parker

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain, love lives again, that with the dead has been. Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain; He that for three days in the grave had lain. Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen. Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

## SECOND LESSON

John 10:1-11 (*p. 103 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

## SERMON

*Knowing the Voice*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Mary Steege

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

## **OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

We are One  
Sanctuary Choir

Brian Tate

When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one. When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are one. And we shall love one another with all our hearts. And we shall care for each other with all our soul and our might. When we stand, when we fall, when we rise, we are one. In the cold, in the heat, in the dark, in the sun, we are one. And we shall love one another with all our hearts. And we shall care for each other with all our soul and our might. When we're hurting one another, that's the way we hurt ourselves. With our sisters and our brothers we will rise. And we do, and we try, and we must live or we die; we will reach, we will climb, we will rise, we will fly, we are one. And these words shall be forever within our hearts, and we shall teach them to our children and remember them in our lives; when we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one, when we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are strong, we belong, we are one!

*Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew;  
pass it down your row and back again.*

† **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 606

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**

† **HYMN 803** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need RESIGNATION

† **BENEDICTION** Agnes W. Norfleet

**ANNUAL MEETING**

## *Worship Notes*

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Edward S. and Ann H. Madara  
Algernon and Elizabeth K. Roberts  
Isaac W. Roberts III

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of the Middleton Center Council

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Bob Holmes

### **BULLETIN COVER**

*Journey with Jesus* by He Qi

## Announcements

**REFLECTION GROUPS FOR MINISTRY CURRICULUM.** Help us identify the most important stories, skills, and experiences children have in each grade. Your feedback will help shape education for the whole church. There are two sessions per age group. For dates, contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**ART EXHIBIT: AFRICAN ART AND VOICES IN QUILTS.** On display through 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 conceived 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 our Conference Room. 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

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

## This Week

**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. [Erichthorjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:Erichthorjohnson@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](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 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](mailto:AmyBarrickman@gmail.com).

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

## Upcoming

**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](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) if your child will participate.

**LAST YOUTH GATHERING AND 5TH GRADE STEP-UP DAY.** Sun., May 14. Fifth graders meet in the gym after hymnal presentation at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**CONFIRMATION EXPO.** Sun., May 14, 11:00 a.m., Gym. All are invited to view projects presented by the Confirmands. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto: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, Director of Communications at Princeton Theological Seminary, 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](mailto: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@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8822.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC & TEACHER CELEBRATION.** Sun., May 21, 11:15 a.m., BMPC Lawn. As we wrap up a year of Sunday school, come enjoy fellowship together and help make cards to thank your teachers. Thank-you cards can be made in the Ed. Bldg. Children's Library, or worked on at home. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**HUNGER COMMITTEE LIAISON BRUNCH.** Sun., May 21, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. All are welcome to join this informative event featuring leaders from hunger organizations in the greater Philadelphia area. This is your opportunity to find out why the white hunger envelopes are in the pews every week. Free of charge, but registration is requested: [BMPC.org](http://BMPC.org) > Open Registrations. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**CHRISTINA JOHNSON PRESENTATION.** Sun., May 21, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Christina Johnson traveled to Ghana to teach women to express themselves through quilting. Her work has been used to promote healing and offer comfort. [Carolschmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:Carolschmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**ZA CHIJERE PRESENTATION.** Sun., May 21, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Malawian Za Chijere presents information on his school in Madisi, Malawi. Mary Bond, [bondongrouce@gmail.com](mailto:bondongrouce@gmail.com).



**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. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.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.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., May 23, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. A discussion on the "Conflict in the South China Sea" examines China's growing influence and American diplomatic efforts in this volatile region. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

**PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC.** Tues., May 23, 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Featured guest Carole Latimer, soprano, serenades us in Perspective's "Year of the Singer" Season Finale. Luncheon includes appetizer, entree, dessert and beverages. A registration form is needed with a \$20.00 check payable to BMPC Presbyterian Women by Fri., May 19. Mail checks to: DeAnn P. Clancy, 1956 Montgomery Ave., Villanova, PA 19085 or contact deannclancy@hotmail.com.

**BRUCE FEILER LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING.** Tues., May 23, 7:30 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood. Author of *First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us*, Feiler redeems history's first couple, explains the many ways we've scapegoated Eve, and elevates these founding figures to their rightful place as role models for unity and forgiveness.

**BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS.** Thurs., May 25, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. All are welcome to attend this class led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

## **Caring & Sharing**

**MOTHER'S DAY INFANT FORMULA AND BABY FOOD COLLECTION.** Today through May 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@bmpc.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: 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.

**HELP FIGHT HUNGER.** Contribute to emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations by using the white Hunger envelopes in the pews or noting “Hunger” on the memo line of your check. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**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@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

## ***This Week’s Calendar***

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### **Today, May 7**

- 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 - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Worship Together Sunday for Grades 4 - 5, Sanctuary  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.  
Youth Grade Groups and Confirmation, Ministries Center  
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary  
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center  
6:00 p.m. Reflection Groups for Ministry Curriculum: Grades 3 - 7, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205

### **Monday, May 8**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
11:00 a.m. Betty S. Light Memorial Service, Chapel  
4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee, Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Tuesday, May 9**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
11:00 a.m. Reflection Groups for Ministry Curriculum: Ages 2 - 4, Gloucester Room

- 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. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Wednesday, May 10**

- 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Celebration/Art Show, Ministries Center Court
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
- 4:45 p.m. Choir Concert Rehearsal for Grades 3 and up, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Reflection Groups for Ministry Curriculum: Ages 2 - 4, Gloucester Room
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Reducing Your Carbon Footprint, Witherspoon Parlor

### **Thursday, May 11**

- 9:15 a.m. Y-Group End-of-Year Brunch, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, May 12**

- 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.

### **Saturday, May 13**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room
- 10:15 a.m. Breaking Bread, Broad Street Ministry
- 3:00 p.m. Habitat House Blessing, 1601 Page St., Philadelphia, PA 19121

### **Sunday, May 14**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.  
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12

## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

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