



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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May 13, 2018  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
7th Sunday of Easter

# WELCOME TO BMPC

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Childcare (infant - age 5)**

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

### **10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary**

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

10:00 a.m., Education Building

#### **Grades K - 4 Classes**

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m., Education Building

#### **Grades 5 -12**

Youth Gathering  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Gym

#### **Confirmation Expo**

11:00 a.m., Gymnasium  
Java in the Gym

**NEW HERE?** We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello to one of the pastors following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

**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 in the gymnasium 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, back pillows and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed in this bulletin. **Grades K-4** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to Sunday School. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Education Building.

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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE**

The God of Love

John Corigliano

**WELCOME**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: With the eyes of our hearts enlightened,

**All: We see the greatness of Christ's power  
at work in us who believe.**

One: God put this power to work in Christ  
when God raised him from the dead —

**All: And seated him at God's right hand  
in the glory of the heavenly places!**

† **HYMN 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rachel Pedersen

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

God, who loves us beyond measure,  
you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people,  
and to further your good work in the world.

We confess that we have held back  
from testifying to your goodness,  
and from fulfilling your commandment  
to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray, and  
empower us anew in Jesus' name.

*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

Psalms 47 (p. 518 in pew Bible)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM

Bless Ye the Lord  
Sanctuary Choir

M. Ippolitof-Ivanof

Bless ye the Lord, O bless ye the Lord our God, All ye His angels, bless the Lord.  
Bless the Lord all His angels fair that so rejoice in His strength. He is gracious, kind  
and full of compassion, ever just, But He doth not always chide, nor keepeth His  
wrath. As the heaven is high above the earth, so great His mercy, His mercy to all  
that trust in His word. All ye angels that do His will, Bless ye the Lord, mighty God, O  
blessed art Thou, eternal One.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:6-14 (p. 118 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Living with an Absent Presence*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

# 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

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord  
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all who is in you all. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God.

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

†	<b>DOXOLOGY</b>		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.		
†	<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION</b>		Franklyn C. Pottorff
†	<b>HYMN 270</b>	O Lord, You Are My God and King	JERUSALEM
†	<b>BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE</b>		Agnes W. Norfleet
	<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Exultate	Bryan Kelly

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Kristiana and Ingolfur Bergsteinsson

### **CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS**

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

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Board of Trustees

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Peter McConnell, Paul McConnell, Rob Mygatt & Owen Yoder

### **BULLETIN COVER**

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## **Announcements**

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” class on Sat., June 2 at 10:00 a.m. or Mon., June 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Building. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Contact the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff, [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL.** Help is needed for our summer Sunday School (ages 4 through Grade 3) beginning on June 10 through Aug. 19. Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) to sign up for one week or more!

**ART EXHIBIT: VALERIE CRAIG.** On view in the Ministries Center through today. Valerie Craig of St. Davids is a church member and also a captivating painter of color and light whose impressionistic works have won awards both locally and abroad.

**SOULS SHOT EXHIBIT.** Wyndmoor artist Laura Madeleine has co-curated this art exhibit that tells the stories of gun violence victims. You may view it along the ramp leading to the second floor and balcony of the Ministries Center.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP.** Mon., June 18 - Fri., June 22, BMPC campus. VBC begins with a kick-off on Sun., June 17. This year we explore creation: “In the Beginning...” Registration is open now through June 1. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Calling all volunteers! [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS.** High School Mission Trip to Mexico: July 22-28, for rising ninth graders to graduated seniors, \$1,300. Middle School Mission Trip to New York City: July 8-12, for rising sixth to rising eighth graders, \$299. Camp Kirkwood: Aug. 5-11, for rising sixth to rising 12th graders, \$499. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarships available. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org).

**BOOK CENTER.** Check out our sales section! Open Sundays following worship and weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kat MacMurray, [Katmac2@icloud.com](mailto:Katmac2@icloud.com).

## **This Sunday**

**CONFIRMATION EXPO.** 11:00 a.m., Gymnasium. All are invited to view projects presented by the Confirmands.

**CARILLON TOUR.** 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

## **This Week**

**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Tues., May 15, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Norma Winther leads our discussion of *The Age of Innocence*, Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about changes in New York's upper class morals during the Gilded Age. Ericthorjohnson@gmail.com.

**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tues., May 15, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. Edelene Carroll, carrollvirgo@verizon.net.

**Y-GROUP YEAR-END FIESTA.** Sat., May 19, 4:30-7:00 p.m., home of Lainey McMahon. Join us for a relaxed cocktail hour as we celebrate the end of our 2017-2018 program year. Partners are welcome! AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

## **Next Sunday**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY.** Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Following an 8:30 a.m. breakfast in Congregational Hall with their families, Confirmands are recognized during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Register for breakfast online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Cost \$5 per person; Confirmands free. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PICNIC.** Sun., May 20, 11:30 a.m., Front Lawn. Children and youth and their families are invited to an end-of-year picnic with food prepared by Chef Ruth. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**CARING CORNER.** Social Worker Renee Malnak-Giansiracusa and Parish Nurse Carol Cherry will be on hand to meet children, youth and families at the end-of-year picnic on May 20.

## **Upcoming**

**HEALTHY STEPS FOR OLDER ADULTS.** Mon., May 21 & Wed., May 23, 1:00-4:30 p.m., Gloucester Room. Do you have concerns about falling? Healthy Steps for Older Adults is a fall risk-awareness program for individuals 50 years of age or older. Participants must attend both workshops. Free. Call Main Line Health at 1-866-CALL-MLH (225-5654) to register. CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

**THEOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS.** Thurs., May 24, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this discussion using the book *More Theology for Beginners*. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.



## **Caring & Sharing**

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., May 19, 8:30 a.m., Kitchen. Adults and children over four years old are invited to make casseroles for University City Hospitality Coalition, Bethesda Project, Our Brothers' Place, Fresh Start Community Resource Services and Broad Street Ministry. Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

**INFANT FORMULA AND BABY FOOD COLLECTION.** Through May 20. Collection to be distributed to area food shelters. Donations may be placed in bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building.

**PENTECOST OFFERING.** Today and Sunday, May 20. Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering remains with our congregation to directly fund the BMPC tutoring program. The remainder supports PC (USA) Youth Ministries and Child Advocacy. Envelopes are in the pew holders or write Pentecost Offering on the memo line of your check.

**SUMMER CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** This summer BMPC joins 16 other local congregations to pilot a small lunch program in Lower Merion Township to feed children and youth experiencing food scarcity. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org. More details will be provided as the program is solidified.

**BATTERY RECYCLING.** Our Environmental Justice Committee offers battery recycling to BMPC members. The container is behind the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. All household batteries accepted. Courtenay Willcox, mcwillcox@gmail.com.

**FOOD DONATIONS.** Due to the limited amount of non-perishable food donations we receive, we are only able deliver food to local pantries a few times a year. The next time you are grocery shopping, please consider buying items for our food pantry located in the Ministries Center. You also may donate monetarily using the white envelopes in the pew holders or noting "hunger" on the memo line of your check. Dave Hastings, Dhastings99@yahoo.com.

# *This Week's Calendar*

*For more information, visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## Today, May 13

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201  
9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.  
Grades K - 4 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Gathering (Grades 5 - 12), Gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 4, Ed. Bldg.  
11:00 a.m. Confirmation Expo, Gymnasium  
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Java in the Gym, Ministries Center  
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tour, Sanctuary Choir Loft  
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center

## Monday, May 14

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room  
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

## Tuesday, May 15

- 7:00 a.m. Primary Election Voting, Ed. Bldg.  
8:30 a.m. Special Gifts Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room  
8:45 a.m. Senior Adults Mural Arts Tour, meet at back parking lot  
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
1:30 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room  
7:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Overbrook Presbyterian Church

### **Wednesday, May 16**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft  
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

### **Thursday, May 17**

- 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  
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

### **Friday, May 18**

- 10:00 a.m. A Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

### **Saturday, May 19**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 11:00 a.m. Margaret Fanok Memorial Service, Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Y-Group Year-End Fiesta, Home of Lainey McMahan

### **Pentecost Sunday, May 20**

- 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.  
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 5 - 12.

## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

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