

# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, May 12, 2024 | 8:00 a.m., Chapel

Ascension Sunday



# WELCOME

## NEW HERE?

We are pleased that 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. All of our programs, ministries and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

## LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday worship services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our livestreaming page: [www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream). For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

## CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

## Today's Schedule

### Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

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### Worship with Communion

8:00 a.m., Chapel

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### “Seeking Freedom” Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Gallery

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### Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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### Sunday School Classes

#### Age 2 - Pre-K

10:00 a.m., Education Building

#### Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ed. Building

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### Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

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### Family Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Hall

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### Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

**All: The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.**

One: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;

**All: You are from everlasting.**

One: Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea

**All: mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

One: The Lord is robed in majesty

**All: and armed with strength.**

† HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God,

day by day we have failed to believe

in your presence and your promised forgiveness.

We have not trusted in your power

to give the riches we cannot see.

We have not honored our neighbors near and far

as heirs of your desired peace.

We have not forgiven others or ourselves.

Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,

that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty,

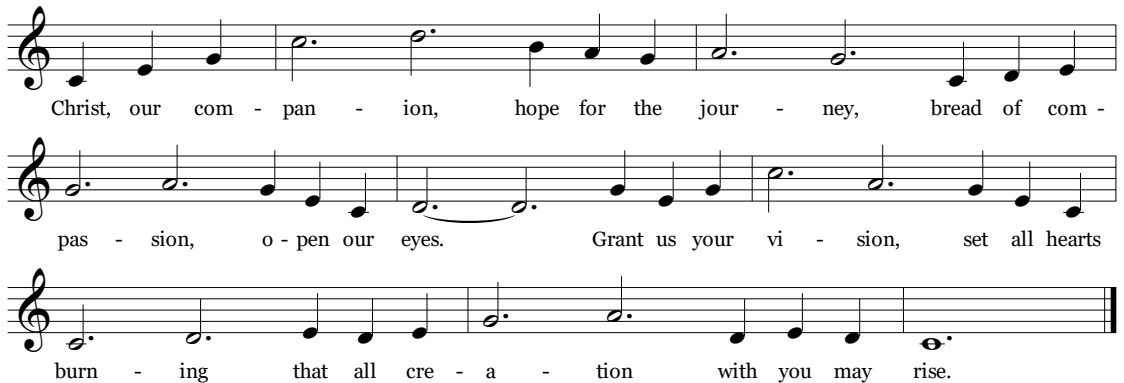
to the glory of your ascended Son.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SUNG RESPONSE

BUNESSAN



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.

## HEARING OF THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Swanson

**FIRST LESSON** Ephesians 1:15-23 (pg. 241 in pew Bible)

**SECOND LESSON** Acts 1:1-11 (pg. 109 in pew Bible)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Heaven and Earth*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

*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

### 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 761                      Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One:    The peace of Christ be with you.

All:     **And also with you.**

### POSTLUDE

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Dolores Andrews ~ May 3, 2024

Sam McKeel ~ May 7, 2024

## WORSHIP NOTES

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of James R. and Anna H. Affleck, Walter B. and Roberta Bastow, W. Barton Bastow, and Lois Affleck King.

### BULLETIN COVER IMAGE

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### ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Susan Swanson, Elder

### USHER

Brian Kerr

## **New Announcements**

**BLACK HISTORY IN THE PHILADELPHIA LANDSCAPE.** Jun. 12, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Historian, educator, and author Amy Jane Cohen has studied the history of Black Americans in Philadelphia for more than 20 years. In *Black History in the Philadelphia Landscape: Deep Roots, Continuing Legacy*, Ms. Cohen highlights the contributions of slaves, laborers, entrepreneurs, abolitionists, clergy, educators, historians, and civil rights leaders who influenced the formation of Philadelphia from the 18th to the 21st centuries. The program is free, but please register and order a discounted copy of the book (\$10) by Jun. 7, <https://bit.ly/BMPCBookTalk>. For more info., [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org).

## **In the Gallery**

**SEEKING FREEDOM: PORTRAITS OF MASS INCARCERATION.** May 5 through Sept. 1, Gallery. Several large portraits, created in batik, quilting, and embroidery by textile artist Carolyn Harper, form a dramatic exhibition that combines the portraits with texts written by the artist in collaboration with the sitters, telling the stories of these currently and formerly incarcerated people.

## **Upcoming**

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., May 17, 6:00 p.m., home of Janet Haas, Radnor. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion led by Dr. Mary Ann Meyers, Senior Fellow of the John Templeton Foundation and author. Topic: "Religious Riffs & Contemporary Culture." RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/holyleisuremay2024>. For more info., contact Janet White, [janetw298@verizon.net](mailto:janetw298@verizon.net).

**SPRING POTLUCK.** Sat., May 18, 5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Congregational Life and Stewardship are co-sponsoring this event and will provide the main dishes (meat and vegetarian lasagnas). We invite participants to bring their favorite spring dish to share with the community. The Stewardship Committee will provide the desserts. Register to attend, <https://bit.ly/BMPCSpringPotluck2024>.

**HERSHEYPARK FUN DAY.** Sun., Jun. 2, 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sign-ups are officially open for Youth Ministry's annual Hersheypark Fun Day! You won't want to miss out on this awesome day of snacks, rides, and time spent with friends around the park. The cost is \$40, which covers transportation to and from the church, lunch with a drink, and entry into the park. Lots of scholarships are available; email [ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org](mailto:ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org) to apply! Spots are very limited and fill up fast, so sign up soon on Realm or our social media.



## **Caring & Sharing**

**SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS.** Openings are available on Sun., May 26, Jun. 23, and Jun. 30 for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact [SusanThorkelson@mac.com](mailto:SusanThorkelson@mac.com).

**SOUP MINISTRY.** Delivering soup to members experiencing health issues or other challenging circumstances has been a practice of the Care Team and Deacons. We invite you to be a part of this Ministry! The next time you make soup, make some extra to share. We have containers with lids and labels you can pick up from the church. For more info., [KathrynWest@bmpc.org](mailto:KathrynWest@bmpc.org) or 610-520-8833.

**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS.** The BMPC Refugee Support Committee continues in its work to support local families and individuals making a new home in our community and greater Philadelphia. Supporting refugees and asylum seekers means walking with them as they navigate legal, governmental, educational, and community resources. The Committee's work also includes providing financial resources to supplement the limited government assistance they receive. If you would like to contribute financially to the work of the BMPC Refugee Support Committee, please donate by writing "Refugee Support" on the memo line of a check, or give a one-time or recurring gift online at <https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/refugee>.

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED.** During the summer months, our local food pantries need extra support through the donations of non-perishable items. You can bring items for donation - soup, canned chicken, fruit cups/canned fruit, oatmeal, box cereal, pasta, paper goods, juice, and brown rice - during the week to the Church Office reception desk or leave them in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or Chapel on Sunday mornings. Thank you in advance for your support of the fight against hunger.

# **Calendar**

## **Sunday, May 12**

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Communion, Chapel</b>
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
		Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
9:00	a.m.	"Seeking Freedom", Gallery
9:55	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
10:00	a.m.	<b>Worship with Sanctuary Choir,</b> <b>Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on <a href="http://www.bmpc.org">www.bmpc.org</a></b>
		Youth Gathering, Gymnasium Classroom
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K-5 Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
		Atrium Cafe, Atrium

## **Monday, May 13**

6:00	p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting, Cannon Room
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## **Tuesday, May 14**

9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease (PD) Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

## **Wednesday, May 15**

9:30	a.m.	Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
		Senior Adults Nemours Estate Tour, off campus
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
		Trustees' Meeting, Fullerton Room



**Thursday, May 16**

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

**Friday, May 17**

6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure Potluck, off campus

**Saturday, May 18**

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group,  
Converse House Parlor

5:00 p.m. Church Spring Potluck, Congregational Hall

**Sunday, May 19**

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir,  
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.**





## **Worship Staff**

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Leigh DeVries**, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

**Kirby Lawrence Hill**, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

**Franklyn C. Pottorff**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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