

# Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

February 15, 2015 8:00 a.m., Chapel Transfiguration of the Lord

## Welcome to BMPC

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

**VISITING TODAY?** Please sign the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew and introduce yourself to a pastor after the service. Our programs are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests.

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

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

Grades K-5: 10:15 a.m., classes in the Ed. Bldg.

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

**Grades 6-12:** in worship today

Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main doors. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Ed. Bldg. As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.



## **Worship Notes**

**THE FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen Paul McConnell.

**THE CARILLON** will be played today by Dianne Heard.

**GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY** are some of our Elders who serve on our Session. Join them at Café in the Court to enjoy refreshments and fellowship following worship.

**ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION** will be Elder Suzanne VanderVeer.

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Ian Donald Stuard ~ January 28, 2015 Peter B. Pakradooni ~ February 4, 2015 Elizabeth "Liby" Erskine ~ February 8, 2015

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### **PRELUDE**

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.)

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On mountaintops and in valleys, **All:** the glory of God surrounds us.

One: In whispers and in shouts,

All: the glory of God speaks to us,
One: In nature's variety and color.
All: the glory of God calls to us.

One: In baptism's claim and communion's welcome,

All: the glory of God comes home to us.

### † **HYMN** 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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### CALL TO CONFESSION AND

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

Lord, bless your church that it may reflect your glory, that it may guide your people into the ways of love and peace. Forgive us when we fail to uphold your law and to discover your will. Help us be faithful to you until the Morning Star, Jesus Christ, rises in our hearts. Equip and enable us to proclaim your kingdom and your glory by the service we do in your name. Amen.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (please remain seated)



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## HEARING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Suzanne VanderVeer

FIRST LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (p. 180 in pew Bible) Suzanne VanderVeer

SECOND LESSON Mark 9:2-9 (p. 44 in pew Bible) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Out of the Past, a Future Agnes W. Norfleet

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 73 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory GENEVA

Rachel Pedersen

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 baskets 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

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 417 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation REGENT SQUARE

#### † SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

#### **POSTLUDE**

## The Season of Lent

### **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- 5:30 p.m., Family Service with imposition of ashes, Chapel, led by the Rev. Rachel Pedersen; designed for children and their families to begin their Lenten Journey.
- 6:00 7:30 p.m., Dinner, Congregational Hall: \$8 adults, \$5 children/students.
- 7:30 p.m., Service with imposition of ashes, Chapel, led by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES. 7:00 p.m., following dinner in Congregational Hall. This year's theme: "Sown in Tears: Exploring Stories of Tragedy, Struggle, and Reconciliation." Consider how Lent gives us courage to face the emptiness within and around us, knowing that the coming resurrection redeems even the most hopeless of human experience. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

- **FEB. 25:** Poetry, Genocide, and Healing. Gregory Djanikian reads his poetry and discusses the Armenian Genocide.
- MAR. 4: When Changing the Subject Doesn't Work: How to Talk about Tragedy and Justice with Children. Led by the Rev. Rachel Pedersen.
- MAR. 11: Philadelphia's Mural Arts Restorative Justice Program. Jane Golden discusses "Beyond the Wall," a project that shines a light on the problem of prison population growth.

**DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET.** Guide and enrich your journey through the 40 days of Lent using a devotional written by BMPC members and staff. Copies are available in church information racks or you may access the devotions on our website: www.bmpc.org/worship/the-season-of-lent.

## **Announcements**

**NOT A BMPC MEMBER?** We will warmly welcome new members next Sun., Feb. 22. For more information or to register, indicate your interest on the fellowship register, stop at the Welcome Center, or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

**JERUSALEM AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE.** Sun., Feb. 22, meet in Congregational Hall, 11:15 a.m. to enjoy pizza, then carpool to the Franklin Institute to view the IMAX movie *Jerusalem*, which showcases this iconic city through the eyes of three teenagers – one Jewish, one Christian, and one Muslim. RSVP with a check payable to BMPC for \$10, attention Amy Bauer or register at www.bmpc.org > calendar > open registrations. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**METRONOME TICKING: A DOCUDRAMA.** Sun., Mar. 1, 2:00 p.m. This mixed-media play contrasts two men caught up in World War II: a Nazi officer and an Austrian Jew, and their wives. Free-will offering. Reception to follow featuring the art of Reena Milner Brooks, whose exhibit in our Ministries Center is based on her mother's experience as a Holocaust survivor. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**MURALS TROLLEY TOUR.** Sat., March 14, as a follow-up to the Wed., Mar. 11, Lenten Series event with Jane Golden. Bus departs BMPC at 9:00 a.m., return by 1:00 p.m. RSVP with a check payable to BMPC for \$24, attn: Amy Bauer. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821 or register at www.bmpc.org > calendar > open registrations.

**VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER.** Located in the Ministries Center and open after worship and on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Purchase *My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer* by Christian Wiman – an Agnes Norfleet recommendation. Contact: Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.

## Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER: A SERIES ABOUT HUNGER. Sundays through Feb. 22, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Today: "Growing the Food" with Skip Weiner, Exec. Dir. Of Urban Tree Connection, who describes the history and evolution of urban gardening and farming. Feb. 22 & March 1: Carmen Morrison explains the work being done in Mexico by Shaull Award recipient, Fortaleza. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

*IN VINO*, *VERITAS*: THE SPIRITUALITY AND THEOLOGY OF WINE. Sundays through March 1, 11:15 a.m., led by Jon Pahl. Today: "Christians Discover the True Vine." Feb. 22: "The Truth About Early American Wine." Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**SENIOR ADULT COUNCIL BRUNCH.** Today, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. William Lake Leonard, Esq. shares family stories and photographs from the collections of the Presbyterian Historical Society. Meals available for limited number of walk-ins (\$15). Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**CARING AND CRAFTS.** Mon., Feb. 16, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Knit scarves, prayer shawls, mittens and hats for children and teens at "theVillage." Contact: Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909.

**Y-GROUP MONTHLY MEETING: PARENTING CLASS.** Tues., Feb 17, 9:15 a.m., Congregation Hall. Y-Group, our interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages, presents an entertaining and productive parenting class filled with wisdom, humor, and practical advice, led by Certified Parent Educator Florence Sturm. RSVP to Tricia.Mackay@gmail.com. Contact ygroupbmpc@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT.** Fri., Feb. 20 - Sat., Feb. 21. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen and the Rev. Nicole Duran will lead us to Temenos Retreat Center in West Chester for mixing, kneading, and enjoying fresh baked bread while we ponder its symbolism in scripture and in our lives. Come for as much of the time as you wish; spend the night or go home in between. Glutenfree available. Register at www.bmpc.org > calendar > open registrations or by check by Feb. 16. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

THE SANDWICH GENERATION: JAMMED IN THE MIDDLE. Mon., Feb. 23, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Witherspoon. Part 3 of a series on managing care for parents, children and self, led by therapist Leah Brecher-Cohn. No charge. Contact: info@middletoncenter. org, 610-525-0766.

**Y-GROUP WINTER SOIREE.** Sat., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., home of Jennifer and James Huth, 725 N. Ithan Ave., Bryn Mawr. Don your festive attire and bring your favorite humorous wine or beer label and an appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP: Jennifer Huth, jenniferhuth@comcast.net, 610-525-7075.

**WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER.** Tues., March 3, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Experience this ancient symbol and prayer form. Last walk of the evening begins at 7:15 p.m. Contact: info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

**BMPC MEN'S GROUP.** Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Men of all ages are invited for fellowship and lively discussions. Contact: Lee Comer, 484-524-8271.

### BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**COUPLES BIBLE STUDY.** Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 206. Couples of any age are welcome to view and discuss a brief video from a series featuring Shane Claiborne, Brian McLaren, and Barbara Brown Taylor. Contact: Barbara Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

**"FILLING THE WELL" WOMEN'S GROUP.** Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Ed Bldg. Rm. 101. The Rev. Nicole Duran leads a discussion using *Practicing Our Faith* by Dorothy Bass. Woman of all ages and stages of life welcome. Contact: PeggyHerman@hotmail.com.

**THE FIVE GREAT DISCOURSES IN MATTHEW.** Sundays through June 7, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Study the "hard sayings" of Jesus and how to apply them. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Tues., Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Former Ursinus Classics Professor John Wickersham leads a discussion of *Lysistrata*, a comedy by Aristophanes. Readers of all ages and interests are welcome. Contact: Eric Johnson, johnsone@cpenow.com.

**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tues., Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 6376 Overbrook Ave., Philadelphia. Discuss *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore. Contact: Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Feb. 24, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village. Marilyn Irwin leads monthly discussions of global issues based on Foreign Policy Association briefings. This month: "Privacy in the Digital Age." Contact: Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

**Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION.** Tues., Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m., home of Kristin Chettle, 718 Larchwood Lane, Villanova. Discuss the *The Round House* by Louise Erdich. RSVP: Kristin Chettle with your appetizer or beverage donation, kjchet@verizon.net or 610-995-1399.

THE BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS - A NEW MONTHLY GATHERING. Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m., at the home of the Rev. Dr. Nicole Duran, 850 Lewis Lane, Bryn Mawr. Join us to kick off an opportunity to journey together through scripture and choose a time for monthly meetings in members' homes. Contact: Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com, 610 645-6044.

**WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study of Old Testament stories told in two different ways to enhance our understanding of the story of God. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

**MEN'S STUDY GROUP.** Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Converse House. Led by the Rev. Paul MacMurray, this group reads books dealing with biblical and theological study. Men of all ages invited. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

## Children, Youth, and their Families

**ART@9.** Sundays, 8:45-9:50 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 201. Class provides nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children age 3 to grade 5 whose parents are attending BMPC classes. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

**SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE CAMP.** Mon., June 22 to Fri., June 26, BMPC Campus. Join us for an exciting week where students age 3- rising 5th graders grow in God's love, serve neighbors, and build a community together. Interested in participating or helping? Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

**YOUTH SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION.** For details about our High School Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, Middle School Urban Plunge in NYC, or Camp Kirkwood, search "Summer Camps and Mission Trips" at bmpc.org. Register at www. bmpc.org > calendar > open registrations. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## Local and Worldwide Outreach

**ASSIST WITH THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK.** IHN guests arrive Feb. 22 and stay until Mar. 1. If you are able to assist by preparing and serving dinner or spending the night, contact Barbara Heaton at BarbHHeaton@gmail.com, 610-667-2197.

**SERVICE DAY AT COMMON PLACE.** Sat., Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. Meet in the Ministries Center Court for devotions, then car pool for a mini day of service to make up for a

snow cancellation. Register at www.bmpc.org>Calendar>open registrations. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

**NO FOOD LEFT BEHIND.** Mon., Mar. 2, 6:00 p.m. dinner in Congregational Hall, 7:00 p.m. presentation of "No Food Left Behind," Chapel. Gary Oppenheimer, Founder of AmpleHarvest.org, discusses a solution to food waste and hunger in America. BMPC is partnering with Harcum College for this event. More information: www.harcum.edu/hclecture

## Help Fight Hunger

**JOIN THE HUNGER COMMITTEE.** Next meeting Thurs., Feb. 19, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room. Join this dedicated and enthusiastic group who believes that every person has a right to adequate food obtained with dignity. David Hastings, Dhast99@ yahoo.com, 610-325-3456.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Feb., 21, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. A family-friendly event for preparing nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contact: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

**HUNGER ENVELOPES.** Your contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

## This Week's Calendar Highlights

To see a full listing of ALL upcoming activities and meetings, visit our website: www.bmpc.org

## Sunday, February 15, 2015

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

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.

8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201

Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206

"Filling the Well" Women's Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 101

The Five Great Discourses in Matthew, Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2, 3 & 4, Ed. Bldg.

Youth in Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School, K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.

11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center

Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby Senior Adult Council Brunch, Congregational Hall

11:15 a.m. Hunger Series: Growing the Food, Gloucester Room

In Vino Veritas: The Spirituality and Theology of Wine, Witherspoon Parlor

Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center

12:15 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, February 16, 2015: No special events scheduled.

### Tuesday, February 17, 2015

1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room

6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

## Wednesday, February 18, 2015

5:30 p.m. Family Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Chapel

## Thursday, February 19, 2015

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium

### Friday, February 20, 2015

9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. PW Retreat, Meet in Parking Lot to Depart

### Saturday, February 21, 2015

8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Alto Sectional Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

### Sunday, February 22, 2015

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** 

Nicole Wilkinson Duran, Supply Pastor for Adult Education, Outreach, and Worldwide Ministries

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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