

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2015 8:00 a.m., Chapel Fifth Sunday in Lent

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:

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

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: 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym; 10:30 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING DEVICES

are available near the church entrance; ask an usher.

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jean L. Young.

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY: representatives of our Membership Council and the congregation. Join them at Café in the Court to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

PLAYING THE CARILLON: Alan Willoughby.

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Elder David Heaton.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come, seeking Jesus, who is for us the way, the truth, the life.

All: We come, seeking Jesus, whose way leads to the cross,

whose truth leads to suffering love, and whose life was poured out for us all.

One: We come, seeking Jesus, who calls us

to follow in this way, this truth, and this life.

All: We come, seeking Jesus,

whose love alone can empower us to follow him.

† **HYMN** 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God our Good Shepherd, you welcome us with the unbounded love of a parent who loves a child. Forgive us when we lose our way. Help us when we turn away from your safekeeping. Watch over us when we choose the paths of doubt and fear. Guide us back to your embrace and write your law upon our hearts that we may know and trust you. In these last days of Lent, turn our eyes toward the cross where Christ was lifted up for us and for the world you so love.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nicole Duran

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (please remain seated)



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-



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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Heaton

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p. 735 in pew Bible)

David Heaton

SECOND LESSON John 12:20-33 (p. 106 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

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

SERMON

For Our Sake

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*† **HYMN** 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

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** 360 Hope of the World donne secours

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

The Season of Lent

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 at www.bmpc.org under "announcements."

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 experiences. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

• MAR. 25: Witherspoon Parlor. "Restorative Justice," Part II. Dr. Tim Horner, Assistant Professor at Villanova and director of the Center for Peace and Justice, shares his research about the Gacaca Court System that was used after the Rwandan genocide.

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT: "Passages from Dark to Light: Images of My Mother's Journey Through the Holocaust." This exhibit of 26 mixed-media works by artist Reena Milner Brooks runs through April 19 in the Ministries Center.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. Your contribution to this ecumenical offering supports programs that supply food, clean water, disaster relief, and self improvement tools to those who need it most. Envelopes are found in pews or designate on memo line of your check.

LENT ON THE GO. Check out our online resource for inspiration as you and your family observe Lent together: BMPClentonthego.blogspot.com. MaryRichards@bmpc. org, ext. 8811.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with communion by intinction in the Chapel
- 8:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Breakfast in Congregational Hall. Suggested donation: \$5/ person, \$20 cap per family. RSVP to MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and children's palm procession in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 1

• No Wednesday Night Dinner (Simple Supper on Thurs., April 2, instead)

Maundy Thursday, April 2

- 6:00 p.m. Simple Supper in Congregational Hall. Free-will offering
- 7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary, led by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet

Good Friday, April 3

- 12:00 noon. Service commemorating Good Friday in the Sanctuary, led by BMPC Youth
- 7:30 p.m. Service with the Presbybop Jazz Quartet in Sanctuary, featuring Psalms of Lament and congregational singing. Free-will offering.

Easter Sunday, April 5

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service on the front lawn, led by the Rev. Rachel Pedersen. Continental breakfast follows.
- 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Choir and Easter Brass in the Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH. Gymnasium. This ancient form of meditation provides opportunities to focus on the life, the death and the resurrection of Christ and his ongoing gifts of mercy, grace and peace for those who seek him. The Labyrinth will be available for prayer and meditation during the following hours:

- Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2: 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
- Good Friday, Apr. 3: 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Announcements

VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION. Mon., Jun. 22 to Fri., Jun. 26, BMPC Campus. Join us for a week where students age 3- rising 6th graders grow in God's love, serve neighbors, and build a community together. For more details and to register, search "Vacation Bible Camp" at bmpc.org. 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. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER. Our Book Center, located in the Ministries Center, is open after worship and on weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lent is a great time for meditating on the word and we have just the books to assist you. We also have children's Easter books. Contact: Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

Today

TO BE CERTAIN OF THE DAWN: A HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL ORATORIO.

Today, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Under the direction of Jeffrey Brillhart, this concert will feature full orchestra and the choirs of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, BMPC, and singers from area synagogues, performing the Philadelphia premiere of this work by acclaimed composer Stephen Paulus. Tickets: \$25 for adults; \$10 for students. Purchase in the Court this morning or at the door.

This Week

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Mar. 23, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Soprano Carol Latimer will perform and discuss her Metropolitan Opera chorus performance in Wagner's *Die Meistersinger*. DeAnn Clancy, deannclancy@hotmail.com, 610-525-8347.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Mar. 24, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion of "Sectarianism in the Middle East." What is the role of sectarianism in the struggle among Islamic groups for dominance in the Middle East? Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION. Tues., Mar. 24, 7:30 p.m., Home of Laurie Koziol. For mothers and caregivers for children of all ages. Join us for discussion of *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. RSVP: LaurieKoziol@verizon.net, 610-658-2496.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Mar. 27, 6:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb. Spend the evening with BMPC women for a pot-luck dinner, fellowship, and discussion of "Love Languages" led by Courtenay Willcox. RSVP: Janet White, JanetW298@verizon.net, 610-254-0231.

Save the Date

ANNUAL Y-GROUP EASTER EGG HUNT. Sun., Mar. 29, 11:15 a.m., BMPC Playground. Bring your own baskets; eggs will be provided. Lainey McMahon, laineymcmahon@hotmail.com.

HANDS-ON SERVICE DAY. Sat., April 11, 8:30 a.m., Gymnasium. Join the Hunger and Outreach Committee for our 2nd special hunger project with Stop Hunger Now, where we will package 20,000 meals in about 2 ½ hours. Sign up at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Children of 5 years and older are welcome to participate. Bring the family and have fun! CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PROGRESSIVE WORSHIP WALK. Sat., Apr. 18, 8:30 a.m. Begin with a call to worship at BMPC, proceed to Ardmore Presbyterian for a prayer of confession, and walk to Overbrook, First African, Calvin, and Lombard Central Presbyterian Churches, finally to arrive at Arch Street Presbyterian Church for a musical benediction. Build new relationships, renew old friendships. Register at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m. Author and activist, Tim Wise speaks about "Moving Beyond Racism." Wise is the author of six books, including a memoir, *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*. He has appeared on CNN, MSNBC and 20/20 and has spoken on hundreds of college campuses. Free and open to the public; no reservations needed. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

MISSION SUMMIT 2015. Sat., May 9, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Anyone who has participated in mission opportunities in which our church is engaged is invited for conversation with some key mission partners with ample time for dreaming and envisioning together. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Care & Concern:

NEED A RIDE? We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments call Lorie Benovic, ext. 8833. Volunteer drivers welcome.

PRAYER MINISTRY. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray for BMPC members and friends; an email-supported prayer chain now expands this ministry. Submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit www.bmpc.org/prayer. Jeanne LeBuhn, wlebuhn200@comcast.net.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS. Please pray for all who remain in harm's way. If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces, contact Janney Ryan, JanneyRyan610@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITH THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICE. Provide rides for older adults, meals to those recuperating, prayer shawls for those in need of prayer, visits to the home bound. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org.

BMPC Online

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This Week's Calendar

For more information visit our website at www.bmpc.org, call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org

Today, March 22, 2015

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

10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism 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 Gathering, Gymnasium

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

10:30 a.m. Confirmation, Witherspoon Parlor

Youth Grade Groups

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

Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

11:15 a.m. The Joseph Saga (adult class), Witherspoon Parlor Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center

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

4:00 p.m. Choir Concert: To Be Certain of the Dawn, Sanctuary

Monday, March 23, 2015

9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium

1:30 p.m. Perspectives in Music, Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

12:00 p.m. Main Line Ministerium (pastors' gathering), Conference Room

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

2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Pres. Village

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet in Main Parking Lot
- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Fine Arts Center Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, Fine Arts Center St. Andrew Boy Choir, Fine Arts Center St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Series: Restorative Justice Program Part II, Witherspoon Parlor

Thursday, March 26, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 10:00 a.m. Memoir Writing Group, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, March 27, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium
 - Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, home of Barbara Cobb

Saturday, March 28, 2015

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

Sunday, March 29, 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 Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts Edward Landin, Assistant Organist

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