



*Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church*

February 21, 2016
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to BMPC

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

NEW HERE? We invite you to visit the information alcove near the main Sanctuary entrance to learn more about us, and join us for refreshments in the Ministries Center Court following worship. Our programs are open to all and you are welcome to participate according to your interests. Questions? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809,

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 near the main entrance.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare: infants - age 2; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.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, Ed. Bldg.

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

If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ed. Bldg.

Grades 6 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym;

10:30 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

GETTING CONNECTED. Please fill out the Fellowship Register as indicated during worship to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you may greet each other after worship.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for 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 Ed. Bldg. Lobby after Sunday School.

*As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone
and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.*



"I am the resurrection and the life."

J. Curtis Lamp ~ December 12, 2015



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Prelude in e-minor

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The God of love is with us.

All: The Lord of grace is beside us.

One: The Spirit of love is in us.

All: Let the wind and all that stirs life praise our Triune God!

† **HYMN 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we confess

that we have not followed your ways
or trusted your promises.

You have made us citizens of heaven,

but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.

We have not always loved you and our neighbors

as fully as you call us to love.

We have failed to be good stewards

of the creation and all its splendor.

We have turned away from you

and toward our own self-interest.

We have been shortsighted and we are sorry.

Help us, O Lord, to reach toward you

as a tree sends its roots down toward water,
and lifts its branches in ceaseless praise.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

(*Hymnal 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*.)

† Please stand, if able. * Ushers may seat latecomers.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT AND

Rachel Pedersen

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elder Bill Black and Ella Vartanian

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

All: We do.

SENDING HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

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

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:31-39 (*p. 158 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

“Laudate Dominum”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

from *Solemn Vespers*

Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people. For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 27 (*p. 503 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

A Psalm for Thin Places

Agnes W. Norfleet

Second in Lenten series on the Psalms

† **HYMN 702**

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Richard Wohlschlaeger

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God’s commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
 chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
 from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
 God is faithful still.

~ from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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 O Come, Every One that Thirsteth Felix Mendelssohn
O come, every one that thirsteth, o come to the waters, o come unto Him. O come, every one that thirsteth, come ye unto Him. O hear, and your souls shall live forever! O come to the waters, o come unto Him. O come, every one that thirsteth, o come to Him.

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

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 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 840** When Peace Like a River VILLE DU HAVRE

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE "Kyrie Eleison" from *Clavierübung Part III* J.S. Bach

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Dr. Henry and Eleanore Rohrer
Misty Dailey
Patricia Lowman Dailey

RECEIVING HOLY BAPTISM

Amelia Grace Reiner, daughter of Sarah and David Reiner
and
Lily Reese Kennan, daughter of Lindsay and Warren Kennan

Elder Bill Black
and Ella Vartanian, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of the Weekday School and Children & Family Ministries

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

A pen and ink vignette by Larry Arney of one of the stained glass windows in the east transept which depicts Psalm 23.

“LAUDATE DOMINUM” FROM SOLEMN VESPERS

This morning's first anthem, “Laudate Dominum”, comes from Mozart's magnificent *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore (Solemn Vespers)*. Mozart composed the work in 1780, when he was only 24 years old. Written in Salzburg for his employer, Archbishop Colloredo, the Vespers is comprised of five psalms and a Magnificat. “Laudate Dominum” is a setting of Psalm 117, the shortest of the 150 psalms at only 2 verses and 16 Hebrew words. In this movement, Mozart creates one of the most lyrical and beautiful soprano solos in all of his compositions. It is a gentle hymn of praise, with soaring, expressive melody for the soloist, accompanied by liquid, flowing instrumental lines. The chorus enters quietly at the *Gloria Patri*, expressing the emotion of the section both softly and with fervor. The entire *Solemn Vespers* will be sung at the Psalms concert on Sunday, March 13, 3:00 p.m.

Announcements

NOT A BMPC MEMBER? We invite you to learn more about us at our membership orientation, a “Gathering with the Pastors,” next Sun., Feb. 28 before and after 10:00 a.m. worship and to be warmly welcomed with other new members on Sun., Mar. 13. Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

CHOIR TOUR TO SOUTH KOREA. Our Sanctuary Choir will tour South Korea in June/July 2017. You are invited to participate in the tour as a “Friend of the Choir.” Tour registration is going on now. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

VISUAL ART EXHIBIT. “BMPC’s Stained Glass and Works of Nature seen through Photographs by Bill Kemmerer” is on view in the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor through Feb. 28. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

YOUTH CHORALE CAMP REGISTRATION. Spend the last days of summer making and strengthening friendships through music at Fellowship Farm in Pottstown, PA; August 28-31; \$50. We will prepare an anthem to present in Worship on Rally Day in September. To participate, notify Edward Landin by Fri., Apr. 1. EdwardLandin@bmpc.org, ext. 8837.

BOOKS WRITTEN BY BMPC MEMBERS AVAILABLE. Visit the Ministries Center Court following worship or on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; the key to the bookcase is available at the Reception Desk. A wide variety of books is available for sale or you may check out a book from our Converse House Library. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

Today

EXPLORING CHRISTIAN PRACTICES. Sundays through Mar. 20, 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads a discussion about how the ways in which we practice our faith can strengthen it. A DVD series of leading voices in the church will assist us as we share our experiences. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CAN WE TALK ABOUT SIN? Sundays through Mar. 20 (exc. Mar. 6), 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Paul Burgmayer leads this class about a word we don’t hear much, “sin.” We’ll explore the history and what it means today. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

This Week

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS, Thurs., Feb. 25, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Focus on the prophets Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, Jeremiah. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

Y-GROUP COUPLES SOIREE. Sat., Feb. 27, 7:00 p.m. An evening of fellowship at the home of Sam and Ali Hinkie in Bryn Mawr. hinkie.ali@gmail.com.

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 on our website; search “Devotional” at www.bmpc.org.

EASTER LILIES DONATIONS. Due Mar. 6. Contribute in three categories for listings in the Sunday Easter bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of.” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or on our website homepage under “announcements.” SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

LENTEN SATURDAY VESPERS. Saturdays through Mar. 12, 4:00 p.m., Chapel. Led by the Revs. Rachel Pedersen and Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Center yourself in scripture, pray together through the Psalms, feed your soul through music, and enact the Gospel through interactive prayer stations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

ORGAN RECITALS. Tuesdays in March, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary, sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. Spend your lunch hour listening to local organists play BMPC’s magnificent Rieger organ. Mar. 1 - Andrew Senn; Mar. 8 - Zach Hemenway; Mar. 15 - Jeffrey Brillhart; Mar. 22 - Edward Landin; Mar. 29 - Kathleen Scheide. No charge. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

ECOLOGY OF WONDER: LENTEN RETREAT. Sat., March 5, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Sponsored by our Environmental Justice Committee. Guest speaker Dr. William Brown presents two lectures: “Dominion in the Cosmic Temple: Genesis and Creation” and “Joy to the World: Proverbs and Play.” Also, a time for worship and prayer and silk painting for all ages. Register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

PSALMS IN CONCERT. Sun., Mar. 13, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and musicians from The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia performing Mozart’s *Vespera Solennis de Confessore*, Handel’s *Dixit Dominus*, and the world premiere of *Out of the Depths* by Kile Smith. Jeffrey Brillhart, conductor. Tickets: \$10/adults; \$5/students. Search “Psalms in Concert” at www.bmpc.org to view an analysis of *Dixit Dominus* and learn more about the work. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Upcoming

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Mar. 1, 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. Info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. Friday, Mar. 4; Fellowship at 10:00 a.m., Service at 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join in the prayer service written by Cuban women calling us to receive the kingdom of God as little children. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

JOB AND THE WOUND OF WONDER. Sun., Mar. 6, 11:15 a.m. Congregational Hall. Sponsored by our Environmental Justice Committee; includes light lunch. Dr. William Brown discusses his groundbreaking work, *The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible Science and the Ecology of Wonder*. Register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Y-GROUP. Tues., Mar. 8, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Mothers/caregivers of younger children are invited to hear the Rev. Rachel Pederson speak about spirituality in our families. JeannieBickhart@gmail.com.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Mar. 9, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger leads our study of *Come to the Waters* by Judy Record Fletcher, Chapter 7. Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com.

Caring & Sharing

COMMON GROUND GARDENING GROUP. Mon., Mar. 7, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room. Kick-off meeting for anyone interested in garden planning and maintenance on our church campus. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

THE MICAH PROJECT BEGINS. A new mission group, The Micah Project, will gather one Saturday a month from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for service projects and meet one evening a month to discuss the previous work session, pray for the local mission, read the book, *The Peaceful Neighbor*, and get to know one another. David Heaton, davidheaton2@gmail.com, or 610-667-2197.

WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES GRANT. Applications for BMPC's worldwide ministries grant are available at www.bmpc.org, search "grants." Deadline, March 1, 2016. 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 prayer, or visits to the homebound. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org or ext. 8833.

SHARE HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Current privacy laws make it more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Please call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or anyone you know is hospitalized.

SUPPORT 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.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, February 21, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 5, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 12:30 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
Filling the Well Women's Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Youth Grade Groups and Confirmation, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Youth Ministry Transition Meeting, Gloucester Room
Class: Can We Talk About Sin?, Witherspoon Parlor
Class: Exploring Christian Practices, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
4:00 p.m. Gene Bay Fund Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room

Monday, February 22, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
4:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Awards Celebration, Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
6:45 p.m. Communications Committee, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!; meet in main parking lot
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor

- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" Program for grades K - 5, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
Property Vision Team, Pastors' Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Outreach Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, February 25, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Bible for Beginners, Gloucester Room
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, February 26, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
- 5:00 p.m. Young Children and Worship Training, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Saturday, February 27, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Young Children and Worship Training, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters: Bereavement Group, Middleton Center
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Saturday Vespers, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Y-Group Couples Soiree, home of Sam and Ali Hinkie

Sunday, February 28, 2016

- 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

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

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