

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

February 28, 2016 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Third 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:

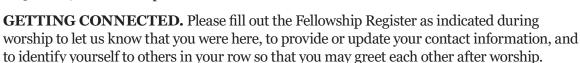
Childcare: infants - age 2; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 **Children age 2 to PreK**: 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

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



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.

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

May Gillman Toren ~ February 19, 2016 Kathleen H. Decker ~ February 23, 2016

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Major Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With faithful trust, we have come,

All: For the call of God has claimed us.
One: With burning questions, we have come,
All: For the mystery of God has drawn us.

One: With whispered hopes, we have come,

All: For the love of God knows us by name.

† **HYMN** 407

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.

You see us and know that we are like sheep without a shepherd, travelers without a destination, strangers in an alien land even as we seek your kingdom.

Forgive us, we pray, for attempting to chart our own lives while neglecting the presence of your guiding hand.

Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice, so that we may be filled with the abundant love of Christ until all things are made new.

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.)

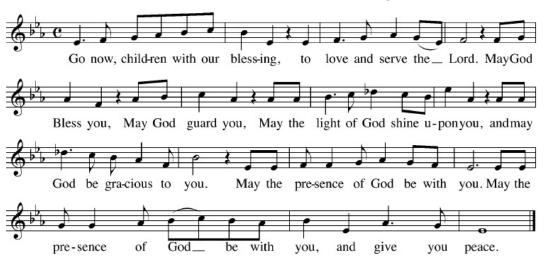
[†] Please stand, if able. * Ushers may seat latecomers.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing



During the Sending Hymn, children grades K - 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:9-21 (p. 162 in pew Bible)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who-so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved.

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 126 (p. 572 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

A Psalm of Restoration
Third in Lenten series on the Psalms

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 74

When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ from A Brief Statement of Faith

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 Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace Samuel Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all; O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee! Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

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** 821 My Life Flows On HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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

POSTLUDE Festival Piece Craig Phillips

† Please stand, if able. Page 4

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. Agnes W. Barksdale

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of the Environmental Justice Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

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.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

Jeffrey Brillhart is away this weekend, performing works by Poulenc and Saint-Saëns with the Des Moines Symphony.

Announcements

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Tues., June 21 to Fri., June 24, BMPC Campus. A week where students age 3- rising 5th graders grow in God's love, serve neighbors, and build a community together. Planning is underway for an exciting week. Registration begins March 1. Interested in participating or helping? MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

SOUTH KOREA CHOIR TOUR UPDATE. Due to a lack of sufficient interest at this time, the Choir Tour Committee has voted to cancel the proposed tour to South Korea in 2017. The committee is re-evaluating the options for other possible tour destinations. Stay tuned for new plans. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT. "BMPC's Stained Glass and Works of Nature Seen Through Photographs by Bill Kemmerer." On view in the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor through Feb. 28. See a close up image of the Way of Salvation window on the visual arts page of the website. 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 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.

<u>Today</u>

YOUNG ADULT OSCAR PARTY. Sun., Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m., the Rev. Kellen Smith's Manse. Join BMPC young adults (20s & 30s) for a time of fellowship and chance to vote for who will win Best Picture.

This Week

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.

ORGAN RECITALS. Tuesdays in March, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary, sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. Spend your lunch hour listening to local talented organists play BMPC's magnificent Rieger organ. March 1 - Andrew Senn; March 8 - Zach Fritsch-Hemenway; March 15 - Jeffrey Brillhart; March 22 - Edward Landin; March 29 - Kathleen Scheide. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

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.

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.

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.

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 to learn more about the work. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND PROCESSIONAL. Sun., Mar. 20, 8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for a congregation-wide breakfast and fellowship opportunity. Suggested donation: \$5/person, \$20 cap per family. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

ANNUAL Y-GROUP EASTER EGG HUNT. Sun., Mar.20, 11:15 a.m. following worship, BMPC. Bring your own baskets – eggs will be provided. MaryRichards@bmpc. org, ext. 8811.

Upcoming

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 28, 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. Gathering with the Pastors Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206

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 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

Art @ 11, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201

11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Can We Talk About Sin? led by Paul Burgmayer, Witherspoon Parlor Exploring Christian Practices led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205

- 11:30 a.m. Syrian Refugee Information, Fullerton Room
- 3:30 p.m. Associate Pastors' Nominating Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Oscar Party, Smith Manse

Monday, February 29, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Foundation Development Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Organ Recital, Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, March 2, 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
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" Program for grades K 5, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
 - Worldwide Ministries Council Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, March 3, 2016

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

Friday, March 4, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. World Day of Prayer, Congregational Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
- 5:00 p.m. Young Children and Worship Training, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Saturday, March 5, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Ecology of Wonder: Lenten Retreat, Congregational Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Saturday Vespers, Chapel

Sunday, March 6, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Children and Youth Choirs, Sanctuary

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Sunday School for age 2 - grade 4.

Worship Together Sunday for grade 5 - 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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