

*Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church*

March 6, 2016
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to BMPC

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

NEW HERE? Welcome! Please introduce yourself to a pastor after the service. Our programs are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests. Questions? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

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 - 3: 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 4 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Worship Together Sunday, Sanctuary

GETTING CONNECTED. Please fill out the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew 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.*



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come in and worship God from places of loneliness,

All: For the welcome is genuine.

One: Come in and worship God from states of confusion,

All: For the Word is alive.

One: Come in and worship God from the fear that surrounds us,

**All: For the Spirit of the Living God
has breathed hope into our souls.**

† HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

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CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways.

You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources
and hoard its bounty.

You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.

You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,
but we break your law and forsake your love.

Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.

Draw our wandering hearts back to you

that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.

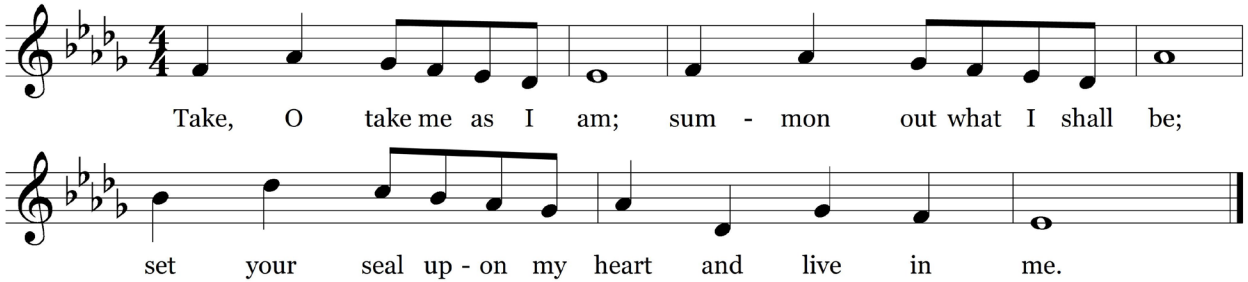
Through Christ our Lord we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† *Please stand, if able.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sing twice)*



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Udicious

FIRST LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 *(p. 181 in pew Bible)*

Steve Udicious

SECOND LESSON Psalm 32 *(p. 506 in pew Bible)*

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Psalm of Forgiveness
Fourth in Lenten series on the Psalms

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 444

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

DETROIT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 offering plates 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 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Sally Skillman Odiorne

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of Saturday Morning Men's Group

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Steve Udicious

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.

Announcements

EASTER LILY DONATIONS. Due today, 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 home page under “announcements.” SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

APNC WELCOMES INPUT. The Associate Pastors’ Nominating Committee will host conversations in Witherspoon Parlor on Wed., Mar. 16, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:00 p.m. and Sun., Apr. 3, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. to hear your input as they begin their search for Associates for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults and Congregational Life and Stewardship. PamLloyd@bmpc.org, ext. 8806.

SOUTH KOREA CHOIR TOUR UPDATE. 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.

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

NEPAL VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT. Following Nepal’s 2015 earthquake, BMPC’s Worldwide Ministries Council supported a grant request from the Nepal Foundation to help poor, isolated mountain minorities of the Tamang and Rai ethnic cultures. Their handmade material goods, religious artifacts, and musical instruments will be on display in our Ministries Center through Apr. 6. The Honorable Mary C. Carroll, Consul of Nepal, will discuss the exhibit on Sun., Mar. 13 at 11:15 a.m.; a reception follows at 4:30 p.m. after the choir concert. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

ONE BOOK, ONE CHURCH. *Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers* is available at our Book Center in the Ministries Center Court for \$5. Author Michael G. Long will be joining us in April to lead a discussion. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Today

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY: NEW TOPIC. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205 (no class Mar. 20 or 27). Discussion of *Invitations from God: Accepting God’s Offer to Rest, Weep, Forgive, Wait, Remember and More* by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun. BarbHHeaton@gmail.com.

JOB AND THE WOUND OF WONDER. Today, 11:15 a.m. Congregational Hall. Sponsored by our Environmental Justice Committee; includes light lunch. Dr. William Brown discusses his ground-breaking work, *The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible, Science, and the Ecology of Wonder*. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

This Week

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.

The Season of Lent

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET. Copies are available in church information racks or on our website; search “Devotional” at www.bmpc.org.

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 8 - Zach Fritsch-Hemenway; March 15 - Jeffrey Brillhart; March 22 - Edward Landin; March 29 - Kathleen Scheide. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

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. 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, Ed. Bldg. Playground. Bring your own baskets – eggs will be provided. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

WALK THE LABYRINTH DURING HOLY WEEK. Thurs., Mar. 24, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Fri., Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m. - noon, 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. info@middletoncenter.org.

Upcoming

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP MEETING. Sun., Mar. 13, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. For those signed up to go on the mission trip to Peru. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Mar. 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Retired Rosemont College Professor Erlis Wickersham leads our discussion of the best-seller *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough. Erichorjohnson@gmail.com.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Mar. 15, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Pres. Church. Discuss *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner. Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.

Save the Date

WALKING TOUR OF FOUR OF PHILADELPHIA'S SACRED PLACES. Thurs., Apr. 14, bus departs from back parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and returns no later than 3:00 p.m. Space limited to 20 participants. Free of charge. Bring bag lunch to eat along the way. Check payable to BMPC Register at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT. Apr. 22-24, Jersey Shore. Cost: \$25. A weekend of fellowship, Bible study, and relaxation for those in their 20s and 30s. Register at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext.

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC. Wed., May 11, 6:30 a.m. departure from back parking lot. Guided tour of the National Cathedral followed by time on your own at the National Gallery of Art. Cost: \$45 per person includes transportation and admission to the Cathedral; lunch not included. Register by check payable to BMPC or at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Mar. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A family friendly event to prepare nutritious casseroles for delivery to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Sandie Nicolson, sandiekev@verizon.net

THE MICAH PROJECT BEGINS. A new mission group 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, and read *The Peaceful Neighbor*. David Heaton, heatondavid2@gmail.com, or 610-667-2197.

PROVIDE A RIDE. Drivers needed to transport members to medical appointments. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

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 6, 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 Children and Youth Choirs, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for ages 2 - Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Worship Together Sunday for Grades 4 - 12, Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Art @ 11, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
11:15 a.m. Job and the Wound of Wonder, Congregational Hall
Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Loft
7:00 p.m. New Officer Training, Gloucester Room

Monday, March 7, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Common Ground, Conference Room
Associate Pastors' Nominating Committee, Fullerton Room

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Y-Group Brunch with Speaker, Witherspoon Parlor
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Organ Recital, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Session, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, March 9, 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
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, March 10, 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 Extended Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, March 11, 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.

Saturday, March 12, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- Second Saturday Divorce Support, Witherspoon Parlor
- Cub Pack 110 Pinewood Derby, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Middleton Center
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Saturday Vespers, Chapel

Sunday, March 13, 2016

- 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.
- 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

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