



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

February 12, 2017
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to BMPC

We are pleased that you have joined us as we gather to worship God. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate according to your interests. Questions? Stop at our information alcove to the left of the main exit.

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: 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;

10:15 a.m., Grade Groups and Confirmation 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. To keep informed about our activities, subscribe to BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. Visit our homepage, www.bmpc.org, for links to ministry-specific newsletters and our Facebook and Instagram pages.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of 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 Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Adagio

Frank Bridge

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather as God's people of life and blessing,

All: Welcoming each other, both stranger and friend.

One: Together we seek to walk in God's way

All: As we serve others in God's holy name.

One: May our worship equip us to carry God's hope into the world,

All: Enhancing the lives of those around us with joy in Christ.

† **HYMN 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods
and have turned our hearts away from you.

We have worshiped you with our lips and have dishonored you with our actions.

Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,
so that our praise is lived out in the choices we make.

May each day awaken us to your goodness so that the living of our days
is evidence of the faith we profess.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

(Hymn 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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rachel Pedersen
Youth Elder David Niedzwicki
with Georgia Jane Whamond

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 Psalm 119:1-16 (*p. 566 in pew Bible*) Richard Wohlschlaeger

ANTHEM O Sing Joyfully Unto God Our Strength Adrian Batten
Sanctuary Choir

O Sing we joyfully, unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise, unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon; even in the time appointed and upon our solemn feast day. For this was made a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob.

SECOND LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (*p. 186 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON *Choose Life!* Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 61 Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Richard Wohlschlaeger

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

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

Sing We Merrily
Sanctuary Choir

Richard Proulx

Sing we merrily unto God our strength! Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret; the merry harp with the lute. Blow the trumpet in the new moon: e'en in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feastday. For this was made a statute for Israel; and a law of the God of Jacob. Sing we merrily unto God our strength! Alleluia!

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

† DOXOLOGY

(Hymn 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 307** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA

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

POSTLUDE Festival Piece Craig Phillips

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Ralph F. Moriarty

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Evelyn Christine Gunther, daughter of Julia and Paul Gunther
Ivy Belle Gillette, daughter of Elisha and Brian Gillette

GREETING AND HOSTING

Sanctuary Choir

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

BULLETIN COVER

Moses Stained Glass, Moses Memorial Church, Mount Nebo, Jordan
Photo by Bill Perry

Announcements

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, MARCH 5. We look forward to welcoming new members to our community of faith. Our orientation, “Gathering with the Pastors” on Sun., Feb. 26, acquaints you with this church, our ministries, and our Reformed tradition and is an opportunity to ask questions (childcare available). On Sun., March 5, we receive new members at a breakfast meeting of Session and welcome them during 10:00 a.m. worship. Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

ONE BOOK ONE CHURCH. Copies of Eboo Patel’s book, *Acts of Faith*, are now available in the Book Center for the reduced price of \$5.00. We welcome interfaith leader Eboo Patel to speak on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. An all-church discussion of the book is scheduled for April. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING. Training is required for those who volunteer with children through grade 12 at BMPC; dates are available in February. If you have not completed training in the last year, you must register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATION. For more information about the High School Mission Trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico; the Middle School Mission Trip to Broad Street Ministries; or Camp Kirkwood, search “Summer Camps and Mission Trips” at www.bmpc.org. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

PASTORAL COUNSELING & VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION. Former BMPC Associate Pastor Pattie Kitchen meets with individuals to explore the question, “What have I been placed upon this earth to do: to love, to lead, to create, to heal?” To schedule an appointment: info@middletoncenter.org or 610-525-0766. No charge.

ART EXHIBIT. Through Feb. 26 in our Ministries Center, the Studio at Beacon presents “Art Created for Community and Personal Transformation.” Beacon, a mission partner of BMPC, identifies itself as a neighborhood faith community serving a portion of Kensington. Presbyterian pastors lead the flock and have established an art studio to inspire creativity and expression for all who attend. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Mon., June 19 - Fri., June 23, BMPC Campus (kick-off on Sun., June 18). This year we *Explore the Parables through Art*. For more details or to sign up, search “Vacation Bible Camp” at www.bmpc.org. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Today

MISSION TRIP TO LEBANON. Five members of BMPC depart today to travel with the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick to visit with congregations of the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, our Presbyterian partners in the region. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel until their return on Feb. 22. You may contact ElenaPerri@bmpc.org if you would like to receive daily email reflections from the group on their trip. On Sun., March 22, at 11:15 a.m., they will share their experiences.

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY. Sundays through Sun., March 19 (excluding Feb. 19), 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. Study of the Gospel of John. Barbara Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

CARILLON TOUR. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and sends you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. Rob Mygatt, Rob.Mygatt@gmail.com.

FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOKS OF 1 & 2 SAMUEL. Today and Sun., Feb. 19, 11:15 a.m. “Walk” through 1 and 2 Samuel with Courtenay Willcox and revisit Saul, David, Jesus and many more. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

ARTS AND SPIRITUALITY. Today and Sun., Feb. 19, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Patricia Danzon, Spiritual Director at Middleton Center, explores the influences of religion/spirituality on the visual arts from the Middle Ages to the present. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

FAITH IN BETWEEN. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. Parents of children in grades 3 - 7 share dinner while the Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads a discussion of “Forgiveness—How Forgiveness, Empathy, and Middle School Fit Together.” Pizza and a homework room available for children. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

This Week

Y-GROUP (MOTHERS OF YOUNGER CHILDREN). Tues., Feb. 14, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads a discussion about nurturing children’s faith based on books by the Rev. Ivy Beckwith. Bring a breakfast item to share; childcare available with advance notice to childcare@bmpc.org. Amy Barrickman, amybarrickman@gmail.com.

FAITH UNDER THREE. Sat., Feb. 18, 10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Lobby. A morning play session with the Rev. Rachel Pedersen. Each month we play using different Bible stories, spiritual practices and fun designed for children under three. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Upcoming

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. All are welcome to this class led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Anita Iyengar aciyengar@gmail.com.

WEEKEND WITH IVY BECKWITH. Fri., Feb. 24, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Sat., Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and Sun. Feb. 26, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. One of the leading voices in children's faith formation, the Rev. Ivy Beckwith explores ways to best support our children and grandchildren as they grow in faith. Register: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

DEADLINE FOR BMPC WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES GRANTS. Tues., Feb. 28 is the deadline for applications for Worldwide Ministries grants. Check the criteria at www.bmpc.org > Outreach > Grants to see if an organization you support might be encouraged to apply. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION PROGRAM. Sat., March 4, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Gloucester Room. March is National Kidney Month! This presentation by the National Kidney Foundation discusses how kidneys function and keep you alive; individual risk of kidney disease and screening tests; and how people can improve their lifestyles to prevent kidney disease. Register: JenniferRocheleau@bmpc.org, ext. 8832.

NATHAN LAUBE ORGAN RECITAL. Sun., March 5, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. A former Organ Scholar at BMPC, Nathan Laube has established an impressive performance career. We are thrilled to welcome him back to Bryn Mawr. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

MINI SERIES ON CORRECTIONS ISSUES. Sun., March 5 & 12, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Our Peacemaking Committee addresses problems within the American Justice System with speakers Ann Schwartzman of the PA Prison Society (March 5) and Kate Germond of Centurion Ministries (March 12). Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@gmail.com.

Save the Date

YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT. Sunday, March 12, 8:45 a.m. - 6:45 p.m., Gloucester Room. Our Youth Ministry Council invites church members to participate in a listening session with Ministry Architects, consultants who have been enlisted to conduct an assessment of our youth ministry which includes getting input from a variety of church members. To register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY. Mon., March 13 & 20, 6:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join Rabbi David Strauss of Main Line Reform Temple and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick for two evenings of study as we explore significant biblical texts that we, as both Christians and Jews, share. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION. Tuesday, March 14, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Congregational Hall. Ministry Architects consultants present a report following the assessment of our youth ministry. All church members are invited to hear the results. A free dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation runs from 5:45-7:00 p.m. To register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

IS GARDENING YOUR PASSION? Volunteer with our Common Ground Committee that works to bring an environmentally friendly (as well as beautiful) use of the grounds that surround our campus. Mickey Cooper, RRRailer@aol.com.

VOLUNTEER FOR A REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM. Sign up today to support a local refugee family. Teams include housing, furnishings, food/shopping, medical, transportation, employment, education, finance, clothing, and friendship. florence.zeller@gmail.com.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER. Food baskets are located in the Narthex and Chapel entrance. Bring a non-perishable food item to worship on Sundays to help stock the local emergency food cupboards. Dave Hastings, dhast99@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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 12

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
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.
Youth Grade Groups and Confirmation, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center

- Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Choir Loft
- 11:15 a.m. Fullerton Bible Study, Fullerton Room
- Arts and Spirituality, Witherspoon Parlor
- Child & Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room
- 6:30 p.m. Faith inbeTWEEN, Ed. Bldg. Rms. 202 & 205

Monday, February 13

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, February 14

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
- Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:15 a.m. Y-Group, Congregational Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, February 15

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- Staff CPR and AED Training, Congregational Hall
- 3:30 p.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 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
- Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, February 16

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 5:00 p.m. Wheelchair Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, February 17

- 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. Spanish School Puppet Show, Gymnasium

Saturday, February 18

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. Faith Under Three Playdate, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
11:00 a.m. Nancy B. Rainey Memorial Service, Chapel

Sunday, February 19

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 5
Holiday Worship Together for grades 6 - 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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