



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

March 26, 2017
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

By the Waters of Babylon

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God does not see as mortals see.
We look on the outward appearance;
God looks on the heart.

**All: Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!**

One: Once we lived in darkness, but now — as children of light,
we are called to what is good and right and true.

**All: Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!**

† **HYMN 806**

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, whose Spirit is present with us,
and whose love empowers and comforts us,
grant us sensitive spirits and open hearts
that we may receive your presence.

Forgive us for the sins we have committed against you,
our neighbors, and those in far off places.

Forgive us for failing to see you as the Lord of our lives.

Grant us courage and wisdom to see the Light
that leads us out of the darkness of conflict, despair,
and coldness of heart into a peace that heals and quiets.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI**

Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,
laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one:
one in might and one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

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

Go now, children, with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God Bless you, may God guard you, may the light of God shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past; I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a world that is free, for that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned, precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41 (*p. 102 in pew Bible*)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Agnes W. Norfleet

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

The Lord is My Shepherd
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and lead me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake. Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me: Thou hast annointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*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** Rebecca Kirkpatrick
- † **HYMN 649** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound AMAZING GRACE
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet
- POSTLUDE** Toccata in b minor Eugene Gigout

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Otto Finkbeiner
David Stewart Hanna
Edward Bingham Miller

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Outreach Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Dianne Heard

BULLETIN COVER

First Sight by Larry Arney

“The Lord is My Shepherd” is sung in loving memory of Gail D. Bentley

Announcements

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session for Sun., April 23 at 11:00 a.m. to call an Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults and an Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship. Information about the candidates will be mailed during Holy Week.

ONE BOOK-ONE CHURCH. Copies of Eboo Patel's book, *Acts of Faith*, are available in the Book Center for the reduced price of \$5.00. An all-church discussion of the book is scheduled for Sun., April 2, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

STAINED GLASS ART EXHIBIT. On view through Sun., April 23. The glorious colors of the early Tiffany windows in the Chapel sparkle anew after old protective glazing was removed. This Ministries Center exhibit of new photographs as well as many photos of the traditional Willet designs helps tell the history and story of these windows. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

REGISTER NOW FOR YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS. For more information about the High School Mission Trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico, the Middle School Mission Trip to Broad Street Ministry, 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.

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

RECEPTION HONORING DICK WOHLSCHLAEGER. A reception to honor Dick's two years of service as our interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults follows 10:00 a.m. worship today, Ministries Center Court.

LEBANON/SYRIA TRIP PRESENTATION. 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join members of our team who traveled to Lebanon and Syria in February, to learn about the work of our partners there who help both refugee families as well as internally-displaced Syrians.

FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY. 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Seminary Intern David Smith leads "Encounters with Jesus," a study of the stories from the Gospel of John that have shaped our Lenten Devotional. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

This Week

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., March 27, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Michael Hogue, BMPC's new tenor soloist, shares his knowledge of translation in vocal music while offering examples. DeAnn Clancy, 610-525-8347, deannclancy@hotmail.com.

RESCHEDULED MINISTRY ARCHITECTS PRESENTATION. Tues., March 28, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. The Youth Ministry Assessment Consultants present results. Desserts and snacks provided. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

STOP HUNGER NOW. Sat., April 1, 8:30 a.m. - noon. Our annual family-friendly meal-packing event prepares 20,000 nutritious meals for people in need. Sponsored by our Hunger Committee and Senior Adult Council. Sign up: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

The Season of Lent

MIDDAY LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS. Tuesdays through April 11, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Spend your lunch hour listening to talented organists play BMPC's magnificent Rieger organ. March 28 – Andrew Senn; April 4 – Edward Landin; April 11 – Kathleen Scheide. No charge. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

WEDNESDAY VESPER SERVICES. Wednesdays through March 29, Chapel, 7:00 p.m. A simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence, led by the pastors.

Upcoming

COMMUNITY FORUM DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER. Wed., April 5, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Jennifer Finney Boylan, nationally-known advocate for transgender and other civil rights, author, professor and 1976 Haverford School alumnus speaks about her life experiences as a trans woman and her activism. Free and open to the public. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org, ext. 8849.

Y-GROUP “PRANAYAMA FOR PRAYER.” Thurs., April 6, 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. For mothers of young children. Learn about the power of breath and explore its relationship to meaningful prayer through yoga. Bring yoga mat or beach towel and journal for notes. Wear comfortable clothes for this all-level yoga practice. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER STATIONS FOR FAMILIES. Tues., April 11 - Fri., April 14, Witherspoon Parlor. From Tuesday through Friday Lenten self-led prayer stations are available for the whole family. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Y-GROUP “PRACTICING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES.” Tues., April 11, 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads us through a variety of spiritual disciplines to practice on your own or with children including meditation, prayer stations, and reflection. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

GREEN-ON-SCREEN MOVIE SERIES. Wednesdays, April 12 - 26, 7:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Film Institute. Our Environmental Justice Committee has selected the following earth-conscious documentaries for viewing, to be followed by thought-provoking discussions.

- *Seed: The Untold Story*, April 12: 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared in the last century! A group of heroes defend the future of our food from chemical companies.
- *Seasons*, April 19: Breathtaking imagery will show the cycle of seasons that was established when the ice retreated, forever binding humankind with nature.
- *This Changes Everything*, April 26: Naomi Klein poses the idea that we can seize the crisis of climate change to transform the economic system into something better.

Save the Date

ADOLESCENTS, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL: WHAT PARENTS AND TEENS NEED TO KNOW. Sun., April 23, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join Pastor Kellen and a panel of experts for a conversation about understanding teenage drug and alcohol abuse. Learn how to manage difficult conversations, watch for warning signs, and encourage healthy friendships. KellenSmith@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM TRAINING. Thurs., April 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. It is recommended you read *Ten Million to 1: Refugee Resettlement – A How-to Guide* by Jeffrey Kirk; a limited number of copies are available to borrow from the church office. Light dinner provided. florence.zeller@gmail.com.

DONATE ITEMS FOR HYGIENE KITS. Sunday School students are assembling needed items for hygiene kits for their Mission Palooza event on April 23. Help by donating entire kit or single items in the collection bins in the Ministries Center or Education Building. Kit includes hand towel (approx. 16x28), wash cloth, wide-tooth comb, nail clippers, new bath-size soap bar, new toothbrush and 10 Band-Aids or other adhesive strips. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. The PC(USA) makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Envelopes are in the pew holders beginning April 9 or note One Great Hour of Sharing on the memo line of your check. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER. Provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations by putting cash in the white Hunger envelopes in the pew holders or write “hunger” on the memo line of your check.

Holy Week Events

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Children's Palm Procession, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. All-Church Brunch, Congregational Hall; Family Egg Hunt

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk, Gymnasium
5:30 p.m. Family Service with Communion, Chapel
6:00 p.m. Simple Supper, Congregational Hall. Free will offering.
7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 a.m. - noon. Labyrinth Walk, Gymnasium
Noon. Worship led by BMPC Youth, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Jeffrey Brillhart performs Marcel Dupré's "The Stations of the Cross"
with the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet reading poetry by Paul Claudel.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service on the Front Lawn
7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Choir and Easter Brass in the Sanctuary.
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet preaching.

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 26

7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
Church School Casseroles, Main Kitchen
8:45 a.m. 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 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

- 11:15 a.m. Fullerton Bible Study, Fullerton Room
 Lebanon/Syria Trip Presentation, Congregational Hall
 Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
- 2:00 p.m. New Officer Training, Gloucester Room
- 4:00 p.m. Communion Training, Gloucester Room

Monday, March 27

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 1:30 p.m. Perspectives in Music, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
 Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Organ Recital, Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Architects Meeting: Report Presentation, Congregational Hall

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" 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. **Wednesday Vesper Service, Chapel**
 Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, March 30

- 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
- 2:30 p.m. Main Line Adult Day Center Board Meeting, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Wheelchair Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
 Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, March 31

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Saturday, April 1

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Stop Hunger Now, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Paul Christian Tucker Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel

Sunday, April 2

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 3.

Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 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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