



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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February 25, 2018  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Second Sunday in Lent

# WELCOME TO BMPC

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Childcare (infant - age 5)**

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Education Building, Rm. 102

### **8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel**

#### **Art @ 9**

Age 3 - Grade 5  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

#### **Digging Deeper**

Bible Study  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205

#### **Filling the Well**

Women's Study  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

#### **Sunday Morning Discussion Group**

Adult Study  
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

#### **Morning Prayer**

Lectio Divina  
9:25 a.m., Middleton Center

### **10:00 Worship, Sanctuary**

Sunday School, Adult Education  
*See calendar for a complete schedule.*

### **Parent Education Event**

4:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

**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.

**TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP.** Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Mary Steege

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

**All: To live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,**

One: To behold the beauty of the Lord,

**All: and to inquire in God's temple.**

One: Sisters and brothers, God is good,

**All: And God greets us here in love and mercy.**

## † HYMN 818

By Gracious Powers

INTERCESSOR

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God,

you have made us citizens of heaven,

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

We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation

to love the least and the lost.

We have let our love of things dull our compassion

for the suffering of others.

We have let our need to appear all together

prevent honesty about our own suffering.

Yet you know the desires of our heart

and nothing is hidden from you.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

conform our weaknesses to the glory of Christ,

that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



With stead - fast love and mer - cy sure, God hears con - fes - sion and for -  
gives; re - deemed, the soul in which God dwells, and blessed, the heart in which God lives!

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## HEARING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Steve McConnell

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 22:23-31 (*p. 501 in pew Bible*)

Steve McConnell

**SECOND LESSON**

Mark 8:31-38 (*p. 9 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Journey with Jesus: Into Suffering*  
Second in a Lenten Sermon Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 28**

You Are Before Me, Lord

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# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Mary Steege

*You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into 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 offering 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

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.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Dr. Agnes W. Barksdale

### **LENTEN SERMON SERIES**

The journey of Lent is a walk with Jesus toward the cross. Following the gospel readings appointed by the lectionary we journey with Jesus into the wilderness, into suffering, anger, sacrificial love, death and holiness as we prepare ourselves for the unutterable joy of Easter's dawn.

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Steve McConnell

### **USHERING**

Elder Courtenay Willcox

### **BULLETIN COVER**

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## Announcements

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our 'Discover BMPC' class on Sat., March 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Education Building. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Contact the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff, [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**EASTER LILY DONATIONS (DUE MARCH 4).** Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Easter Sunday bulletin: "In memory of," "In honor of," or "In celebration of the... (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism, etc.) of." Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org). Monies received are used to provide floral decoration of BMPC and materials for the Deacons' flower ministry. [SarahMiciek@bmpc.org](mailto:SarahMiciek@bmpc.org).

**ART EXHIBITS.** On view in the Ministries Center. Along the ramp to Congregational Hall, we have an exhibit in honor of Black History Month which tells the story of African American churches in Lower Merion. In the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor, you can view the art of Ray Sternbergh, successful New York artist, illustrator and sculptor, and father of church member Jennifer Huth.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP.** Mon., June 18 - Fri., June 22, BMPC Campus. VBC begins with a kickoff on Sun., June 17. This year we explore creation: In the Beginning... Registration is open now through June 1. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Calling all volunteers! Visit our VBC webpage for more details. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS 2018.** High School Mission Trip to Mexico for rising ninth graders to graduated seniors, July 22-28, \$1,300. Space is limited; register now. Middle School Mission Trip to New York City for rising sixth to rising eighth graders, July 8-12, \$299. Camp Kirkwood for rising sixth to rising 12th graders, *early bird registration deadline, \$399 before March 1; \$499 after.* Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org).

## Today

**FILLING THE WELL.** 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Education Building. This weekly class gives women an opportunity for fellowship, study and conversation on issues of faith and life. The group's conversations are guided by a short video featuring contemporary Christian leaders and scholars. [PeggyHermann@hotmail.com](mailto:PeggyHermann@hotmail.com).

**SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP.** 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. Discussion of *Soul Survivor* by Philip Yancey. Popular author Yancey writes about how his faith journey was aided by 13 "unlikely" well-known people. Discussion led by Paul MacMurray. Beginning April 8, a discussion of Debby Irving's *Waking Up White*. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).

**DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY.** 8:45 a.m., Sundays through March 18, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. A six-week class using Rob Bell's book *What is the Bible?* guided by the Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff. Combines the study of scripture and our own personal experiences of faith and the Bible. BarbhHeaton@gmail.com.

**SUNDAY LENTEN STUDY: HANDEL'S MESSIAH.** Today through March 18, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts, lead a study of the scripture and Handel's musical interpretation of the biblical text.

**PARENT EDUCATION EVENT.** 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Parents join a panel of experts for a discussion of high school students' transition to college. DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

## ***This Week***

**WEDNESDAY VESPER WORSHIP.** Wednesdays, Feb. 28 - March 21, 7:00 p.m., Chapel. A simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence led by the pastors.

**HOPE AMIDST GRIEF.** Sat., March 3, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Congregational Hall. A grief workshop featuring the award-winning brief documentary, *Voices of Grief*, followed by a discussion, question and answer session, and community resource information. This program is free and open to the community. Childcare provided; please email childcare@bmpc.org with requests. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN.** Sat., March 3, 6:00 p.m., Gymnasium. \$15 per person. Join Pastor David for an overnight event with games, fellowship and fun. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT.** Sat., March 3, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join Pastor David for a night of movies, fellowship and fun. Register: DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

## ***Next Sunday***

**WHAT TO DO ABOUT #ME TOO.** Sun., March 4, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. As people of faith, how do we respond to the #me too movement and sexual harassment and abuse issues? Dr. Debra Sutton facilitates a respectful conversation in which we can ask questions, share concerns and discuss possible personal and corporate responses. We promote a safe space for both women and men discuss these troubling issues and those impacted by sexual harassment or abuse. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

## ***Upcoming***

**Y-GROUP COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP.** Tues., March 6, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. Enjoy a morning of casual fellowship, light snacks, and a surprise guest and activity. Sisters, aunts and grandmothers with children in their care also are welcome. Childcare is available with reservation to childcare@bmpc.org. Reiner.Sarah@gmail.com.



**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., March 7, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Mary Steege leads our study of *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, Chapter 6. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@gmail.com.

**FAMILY CAREGIVER DEMENTIA WORKSHOP.** Sat., March 10, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Main Line Adult Day Center, 119 Radnor St. This workshop provides a forum for individuals to learn new strategies for helping relatives with memory loss, such as making the home safer, resources for acquiring adaptive equipment and strategies to promote participation in activities. Pam Barton, bartonp@mladc.com.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., March 13, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village, Auditorium. Discuss “The Waning of Pax Americana,” which promised peaceful international relations and an open economy, and how “America First” isolationism and protectionism affect relations with other nations. Marilyn Irwin, 484-380-3685.

**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Wed., March 14, 3:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. View David Lean’s 1984 film, *A Passage to India*. Ericthorjohnson@gmail.com.

## *Save the Date*

**BACH CHOIR OF BETHLEHEM.** Sun., March 18, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. BMPC is pleased to host the Bach Choir of Bethlehem for its spring concert, “A Celebration of the Choral Art.” Ticket information: <http://bit.ly/BachChoirofBethlehem> or call 610-866-4382.

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER.** Sat., March 24, 8:30 a.m., Gymnasium. During this family-friendly event, sponsored by the Hunger Committee and Outreach Council, we pack over 20,000 nutritious meals for people in need. Activities will be completed by noon. Sign up at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

**BMPC COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA.** Sat., April 7, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Fine Arts Center. Calling musicians of all ages, levels, and musical persuasions! This new ensemble is open to beginners through professionals, ages 3 to 93. Dust off that instrument and join us for weekly rehearsals. Register: Annie Barley Givler, director, [annie.barley.givler@gmail.com](mailto:annie.barley.givler@gmail.com).

## *Caring & Sharing*

**IT’S COLD OUTSIDE.** Broad Street Ministry needs men’s coats (no women’s coats needed) for its guests. Place in collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building by Wed., Feb. 28.

**1,719 CASSEROLES.** Your contributions enabled the Casserole Blitz group to prepare 1,719 casseroles during 2017. By using the white Hunger envelopes in the pews or noting “Hunger” on the memo line of your check, you are helping to make a difference. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

# *This Week's Calendar*

*For more information, visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## Today, February 25

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104  
Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201  
9:25 a.m. Lectio Divina, Middleton Center  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, 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. Middle School Connections Group (Grades 6 - 7), Loft  
Confirmation (Grade 8) Connections Group, Gloucester Room  
Grades 9 - 10 Connections Groups, Converse House Parlor  
Grades 11 - 12 Connections Groups, Fullerton Room  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Café in the Court, Ministries Center  
Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel  
11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
Study of Handel's *Messiah*, Congregational Hall  
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center  
4:00 p.m. Parent Discussion Group, Witherspoon Parlor

## Monday, February 26

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel

## Tuesday, February 27

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel  
RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102  
9:45 a.m. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Small Group, Fullerton Room  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor  
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Awards Night, Gymnasium  
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.  
6:45 p.m. Communications Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

### **Wednesday, February 28**

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor  
4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall  
6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center  
**7:00 p.m. Wednesday Vesper Worship, Chapel**  
Student Serve, Loft  
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Thursday, March 1**

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel  
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  
6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center  
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium  
9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, March 2**

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel  
Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102  
4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

### **Saturday, March 3**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor  
9:00 a.m. Hope Amidst Grief Workshop, Congregational Hall  
6:00 p.m. High School Movie Night, Witherspoon Parlor  
Middle School Lock-In, Gymnasium

### **Sunday, March 4**

- 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 Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.

## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

**Franklyn C. Pottorff**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

**David B. Smith**, Interim Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

**Mary Steege**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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