

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

March 11, 2018
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Fourth 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.

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

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

All: Whose steadfast loves endures forever.

One: Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord,

All: For God's wonderful works to humankind.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story -

All: Those whom God redeemed from trouble.

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;

All: Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

† HYMN 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

NUN DANKET ALL'
UND BRINGET EHR'

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God our Redeemer, you welcome us with the unbounded love
of a parent searching for a lost child.

Help us when we turn away from your safekeeping;

watch over us when we choose the far country of doubt and fear;

guide us back with thoughts of the place you have prepared for us;

forgive us when we fail to see in Jesus your love for the whole world.

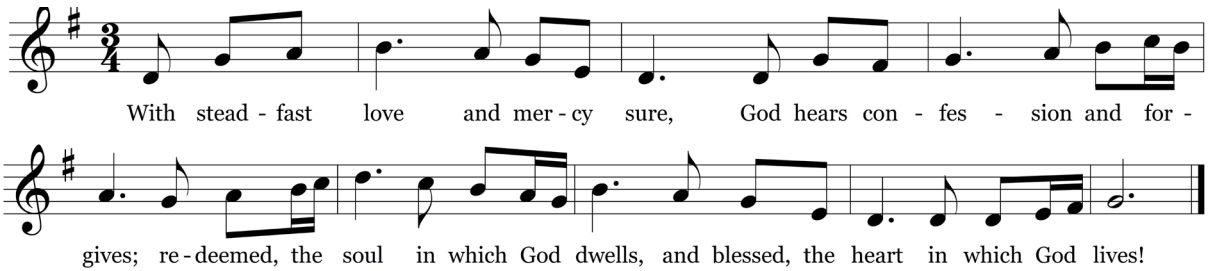
Turn our eyes toward the cross where he was lifted up for us.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

Nancy Taylor

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4-9 (*p. 139 in pew Bible*)

Nancy Taylor

SECOND LESSON John 3:11-21 (*p. 94 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Journey with Jesus: Into Sacrificial Love*
Fourth in a Lenten Sermon Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

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 265** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

† **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
Thornton G. Smith

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.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT 10:00 a.m. SERVICE

Piper McKenna Ivens, daughter of Jessica Chadwick & Frank Ivens

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Nancy Taylor

USHERING

Brian Kerr

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Elizabeth A. Parisano ~ February 12, 2018

Elizabeth "Lee" de Rham ~ March 2, 2018

George S. Young ~ March 6, 2018

Announcements

ART EXHIBIT – CREATIVITY THROUGH AUTISM: TIMOTHY SCHOOL. On view in the Ministries Center through Sun., April 1. In 1966 the Timothy School opened in BMPC's Education Building to educate children diagnosed with autism or other special needs. After decades of success and a need for more space, the school relocated to Berwyn. The artwork of children with special needs displays the creativity and accomplishments of both students and teachers. An artists' reception follows the concert by the Bach Choir of Bethlehem on Sun., March 18.

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 > Calendar > Open Registrations. Calling all volunteers! Visit our VBC webpage for more details. 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. *Early bird registration extended through March 18.* Camp Kirkwood for rising sixth to rising 12th graders, Aug. 5-11, \$399. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

BOOK CENTER. Our Book Center is open after worship on Sundays and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Now available: *When Breath Becomes Air* \$8 (April 4, Pastors Book Group); *Waking Up White* \$5 (April 8, Book Discussion, April 29 Author workshops); *Why I Left, Why I Stayed* (April 9, Community Forum).

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.

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.

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.

CARILLON TOURS. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads 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.

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

This Week

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.

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER. Fri., March 16, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. All women of the church are invited to enjoy fellowship, dinner and an opportunity to shape the next three years of women's ministry at BMPC. Event includes a panel discussion and small group conversations about meaningful ways for women to engage in fellowship, support, service and spiritual learning at BMPC. Entrée provided; please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Register by Wed., March 13 to MaryRichards@bmpc.org, with what you plan to bring.

Next Sunday

CARING CORNER. Renee Malnak-Giansiracusa and Carol Cherry, Parish Social Worker and Nurse, are looking forward to meeting families in the Education Building after 10:00 a.m. worship on March 18.

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." Reception to follow featuring the Creativity Through Autism art exhibit. Discounted concert tickets available for BMPC members; use coupon code BMPC when ordering tickets: <http://bit.ly/BachChoirofBethlehem> or 610-866-4382.

Upcoming

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., March 20, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah. Edelené Carroll, carrollvirgo@verizon.net.

THEOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., March 22, 7:00 p.m. Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this study reviewing the basics of the most essential theological topics and how and why they matter to us. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

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 to be completed by noon. Sign up at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL, EGG HUNT & CHURCH-WIDE BRUNCH. Sun., March 25, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A processional takes place during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, followed by an egg hunt in the gym and church-wide brunch (free-will offering) at 11:00 a.m. in Congregational Hall. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

BMPC COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA. Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., beginning April 7, 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.

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., April 9, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo, bestselling Christian author, activist and scholar, and his son Bart, an avowed Humanist, debate their spiritual differences and explore similarities involving faith, belief, and hope as our Community Forum speakers. This presentation offers the dual opportunities of examining one's own religious beliefs and of observing two family members' constructive disagreement. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

MURAL ARTS TROLLEY TOUR. Tues., May 15, 8:45 a.m., back parking lot. Tour the World's Largest Outdoor Art Gallery and look into the heart and soul of the City of Brotherly Love. Cost: \$35. Register online by May 1 at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or mail check to BMPC, attention Amy Bauer, to secure your reservation.

Caring & Sharing

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. Received during Lent, this special offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People programs that are part of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Envelopes are in the pew holders or note OGHS on the memo line of your check.

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 11

- 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
Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:25 a.m. Lectio Divina, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and 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
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft
11:15 a.m. Study of Handel's *Messiah*, Congregational Hall
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center
1:00 p.m. New Officer Training, Ministries Center

Monday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, March 13

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
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
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. Main Line Gun Violence Awareness Day Event Planning, Conference Room
Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, March 14

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
3:00 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
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
Property Committee Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Lenten Vesper Services, Chapel
Student Serve, Loft
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
Mission Council Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, March 15

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
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Evangelism Team Gathering, Fullerton Room
Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room
9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, March 16

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.
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner for Presbyterian Women, Congregational Hall

Saturday, March 17

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, March 18

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 12.
4:00 p.m. Bach Choir of Bethlehem, Sanctuary
Reception to follow, Ministries Center

Worship Staff

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