

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

February 18, 2018
8:00 a.m., Chapel
First 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

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

David B. Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

All: The journey begins in the wilderness.

One: We follow the way of Jesus
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

**All: Like Jesus, we are not alone.
The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

One: Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.

**All: For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

† HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, our refuge and our fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.

We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.

We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.

In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.

Forgive us, we pray.

Do not let us be put to shame, O God.

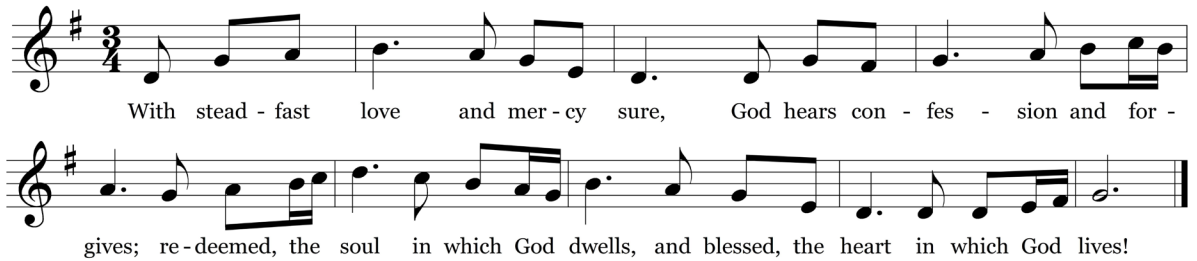
Hear us as we call to you, and show us your salvation.

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

Patricia Danzon

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 25:1-10 (*p. 502 in pew Bible*)

Patricia Danzon

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:9-15 (*p. 34 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Journey with Jesus: Into the Wilderness
First in a Lenten Sermon Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

David B. Smith

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** 498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken BEACH SPRING

† **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 honor and celebration of our mother,
Frances Etherington, for her upcoming 100th birthday

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

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

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Patricia Danzon

USHERING

Michelle LaFarge

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Arlene Baggaley ~ February 8, 2018

Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our 'Discover BMPC' class on Sat., March 10. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Contact the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff, 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. Monies received are used to provide floral decoration of BMPC and materials for the Deacons' flower ministry. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

ART EXHIBITS. On view through Sun., Feb. 25, 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.

BOOK CENTER. Debby Irving's *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* is our One Book, One Church selection this year. Available for \$5. A presentation and workshop with the author scheduled for Sun., April 29. The Book Center is open after worship and on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Katrmac2@icloud.com.

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 website 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. Camp Kirkwood for rising sixth to rising 12th graders, \$399 before March 1; \$499 after. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays through Feb. 25, 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.

CARING CORNER. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center. Have you met the church Social Worker Renee Malnak-Giansiracusa and Parish Nurse Carol Cherry? Please stop by to meet them following worship.

THREE WEEKS WITH REINHOLD NIEBUHR. 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. David Smith leads our final session with an exploration of the impact and legacy of Niebuhr in our current social and political climate.

This Week

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Feb. 20, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. John Wickersham, retired professor of classics, leads the discussion of Lew Wallace’s book, *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*, an influential Christian book of the 19th century. A PDF of the book is available. EricThorJohnson@gmail.com.

THEOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Feb. 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.

The Season of Lent

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET. Guide and enrich your journey through the 40 days of Lent using a devotional written by BMPC members, staff and ministry partners. Copies are available in church information racks or you may access the devotions on our website; search “Devotional” at www.bmpc.org.

WEDNESDAY VESPER SERVICES. Wednesdays, February 21 and 28, March 7, 14 and 21. Gather in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. for a simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence led by the pastors.

SUNDAY LENTEN STUDY: HANDEL’S MESSIAH. Sun., Feb. 25-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 a reflection on Handel’s musical interpretation of the biblical text.

Next Sunday

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY. 8:45 a.m., Feb. 25, March 4, 11 & 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.

PARENT EDUCATION EVENT. Sun., Feb. 25, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Parents join a panel of experts for a discussion on high school students transitioning to college. DavidSmith@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

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: 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.

Save the Date

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, Q&A session, and community resource information. This program is free and open to the community. Childcare provided. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

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." Two festive tours-de-force for choir and brass by William Walton and John Rutter are combined with J.S. Bach's Cantata 118 *O Jesu Christ, meins Lebens Licht* (O Jesus Christ, light of my life), and Morten Lauridsen's earliest choral cycle, the *Mid-Winter Songs* on poetry by Robert Graves. Details and 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 > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

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 during the month of February.

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,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, February 18

- 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
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Caring Corner, Ministries Center Court
9:25 a.m. Lectio Divina, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion 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
11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Three Weeks with Reinhold Niebuhr, Witherspoon Parlor
Child & Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

- 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
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
1:30 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, February 21

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester 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
- 6:30 p.m. Gentle Prayer, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, February 22

- 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
Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Theology for Beginners, Gloucester Room
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Youth Ministry Architects Meeting, Loft

Friday, February 23

- 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, February 24

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room & Middleton Center

Sunday, February 25

- 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.

Worship Staff

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

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