

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2020
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.

Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Digging Deeper

8:45 a.m., Main Line

Adult Day Center

Filling the Well

8:45 a.m., Converse House
Parlor

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall

Art @ 9

Ages 3 - Grade 5

8:45 a.m., Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School

Lenten Concert

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

*See calendar at back of bulletin 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 coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gymnasium after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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

Leigh DeVries

† 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 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

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.

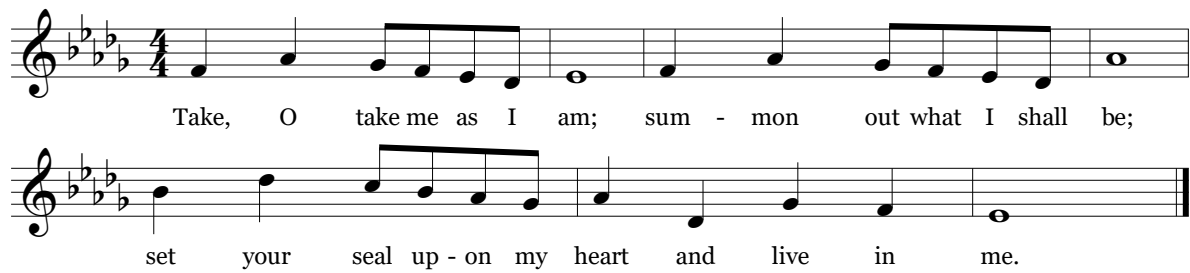
Turn our eyes toward the cross where he was lifted up for us.

In Christ's name we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(sung twice)*



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rob Mygatt

FIRST LESSON Psalm 121 *(p. 571 in pew Bible)* Rob Mygatt

SECOND LESSON John 3:1-17 *(p. 93 in pew Bible)* Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Nicodemus Agnes W. Norfleet
Second in Lenten Series: Heart to Heart Talks with Jesus

† **HYMN 377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leigh DeVries

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 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

† 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
Mr. and Mrs. Thornton G. Smith

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Rob Mygatt

USHERING

Michelle LaFarge

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Dana Thompson Lerch ~ February 18, 2020

Kathleen Moyer ~ February 28, 2020

Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? A “Discover BMPC” orientation class is being offered on Mon., March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center. This class provides an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome, and childcare available with three days’ notice. Register online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS DUE MARCH 22. Contributions may be given in three category listings in the Easter Sunday bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of the... (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism, etc.)” Donation 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 in BMPC and materials for the Deacons’ flower ministry. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

Today

DIGGING DEEPER. Today and March 15, 22, 29; 8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult Day Center Living Room. Eugene H. Peterson’s book, *Eat This Book: A Conversation on the Art of Spiritual Reading*, guides our conversations as we consider that our approach to reading the Bible is just as important as what we encounter within it. The Rev. Franklyn Pottorff leads this class; book is available directly from him. [Barbie Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com](mailto:barbhheaton@gmail.com).

THE REV. DEANNA HOLLAS, GUN VIOLENCE MINISTRY COORDINATOR. 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Rev. Hollas is the first pastor in the United States to be ordained specifically for the work of gun violence prevention. She shares the work that Presbyterians are doing around the country concerning this issue and helps us consider the work our congregation may be called to do in the future to prevent gun violence.

LENTEN CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT. 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. The BMPC Sanctuary Choir, Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, soloists, and The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia present works of French composers Francis Poulenc, Maurice Duruflé, Arthur Honegger and Lili Boulanger. Fifty percent of the free-will offering collected supports 12Plus, an organization that empowers students in underserved communities to progress and succeed in education beyond 12th grade.

This Week

Y-GROUP CASSEROLE BLITZ. Tues., March 10, 9:15 - 11:00 a.m., BMPC Kitchen. Join us for a morning of fellowship and service as we cook casseroles for the Hunger Committee to distribute to homeless shelters and meal programs in Philadelphia. Request for childcare: childcare@bmpc.org. Contact: [Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com](mailto:AbbyPottorff@ygroupbmpc@gmail.com).

LENTEN EVENING PRAYERS. Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1. Gather in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. for a simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence led by the pastors.

GETTING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER. Sat., March 14, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join a panel of professionals to discuss end-of-life decision-making. Notary and other resources are available. It is not too early to begin this process, and all are welcome to attend this free event. Reservations requested. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE GOSPELS. Sun., March 15, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Joshua Yoder guides us through the itinerant ministry of Jesus Christ as described in the four Gospels. Learn more about the religious and political significance of the places Jesus visited, with a special focus on locations that our choir will explore on their Middle East tour this summer.

Upcoming

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., March 17, 2:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Discuss *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II* by Sonia Purnell; a breathtaking story of how one woman's fierce persistence helped win the war. EricThorJohnson@gmail.com.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., March 17, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *The Song Poet* by Kao Kalia Yang. Joannehanna3@comcast.net.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING INSTRUCTION. Sun., March 22, following 10:00 a.m. worship. Interested in crafting items for the prayer shawl ministry? Meet in Caring Ministries office (next to Library) for instructions. CarolCherry@bmpe.org.

HISTORY OF MODERN ISRAEL. Sun., March 22, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Ofer Ashkenazi, faculty member at Hebrew University, provides a basic introduction to the history of modern Israel. This class is a part of a spring series in preparation for the 2020 Choir Tour to the Middle East this summer.

ORGAN RECITAL: VINCENT DUBOIS, ORGANIST OF NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL. Sun., March 22, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. 38-year-old Dubois' is the newest of the three Notre Dame organists, whose playing has been described as "technically and structurally brilliant... an astonishing tour de force" by the Nashville Scene. Fifty percent of the free-will offering collected during this recital supports the 70 employees of Notre Dame Cathedral who have been without work since last April's catastrophic fire.

MIDDLE EAST CHOIR TOUR – LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION. The deadline to register for travel with the BMPC Sanctuary Choir (June 28-July 11) is Sun., March 22. Most of our travelers are singers, but non-singing friends are welcome as well! StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org.

BIBLE FROM SCRATCH. Thurs., March 26, 7:00 p.m., Loft. If you are ready to think about scripture in new and creative ways, this class is for you. Join the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick to explore both the basic content and interpretative practices of reading and following scripture.

WALTZ INTO SPRING! Sat., March 28, 10:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., Gymnasium. Grab a partner and experience the fun of ballroom dancing while supporting the Choir Tour to the Middle East. Need to impress at an upcoming wedding, or just want to contribute to building bridges through music and our mission partner Rabbis for Human Rights? Come join us! Ballroom dance lessons led by veteran instructors Janet and Bob Martin. \$75 per couple. Lunch included. Register or donate: StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org.

Y-GROUP BOOK GROUP. Mon., March 30, 7:00 p.m., Loft. *Everything Happens for a Reason, and Other Lies I Have Loved*. Join us for a conversation on Kate Bowler's compelling exploration of how we respond to the blessings and challenges in our lives, and how our faith is impacted by both. Books available in the church office. Women of all ages are welcome. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

Save the Date

PENN MUSEUM: TOUR THE MIDDLE EAST GALLERIES WITH A GLOBAL GUIDE. Thurs., April 23, 10:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Trip departs from back parking lot. Our Global Guide grew up in the Middle East, and in addition to sharing historical information about the artifacts on display, he or she will combine personal experiences and stories to interpret objects from their countries of origin. Cost: \$35; includes Global Guide, boxed lunch and bus driver gratuity. Register with your check payable to BMPC or online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

COMMUNITY FORUM DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES. Mon., April 27, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Our Community Forum presenter is Yossi Klein Halevi, a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. His presentation focuses on his latest book, *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor*, a New York Times bestseller. Together with Imam Abdullah Antepli of Duke University, he co-directs the Institute's Muslim Leadership Initiative, which teaches emerging young Muslim American leaders about Judaism, Jewish Identity and Israel.

Summer Programming

KIRKWOOD PLUNGE. June 12-14. This summer we are offering, for the first time, a Kirkwood Plunge event where rising fifth to rising seventh graders, along with their parents, can experience a weekend of worship, play and service at Camp Kirkwood! Pricing: \$150 per participant; \$250 maximum per family. Scholarships available. Register online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Mon., June 22 - Fri., June 26, BMPC Campus. VBC begins with a kickoff on Sun., June 21. This year we focus on how we live out God's commandment to "Love our Neighbors as Ourselves." Registration is open now through June 1. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Calling all volunteers! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

YOUTH IMMERSION TRIP TO MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. July 12-18. Open to ninth to 12th graders. This immersion trip is a weeklong experience of engaging in the life of another, so that one may be transformed to better understand and love self, creation (including humans), and God. Tiered pricing: \$999; \$1,250; \$1,500 with scholarships available. Registration deadline: April 6. Sign up online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., March 21, 8:30 a.m. A short two-hour service project that provides 1,300 meals to those in need! A great way to encourage service with your children (ages 4 and over). RSVP: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

UPCOMING SERVICE DAY. Sat., March 28, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Habitat at Oxford Green in Philadelphia. Register online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER MEAL-PACKING EVENT. Sat., April 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Register: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/BMPC2020>.

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 8

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Main Line Adult Day Care
Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall
Art @ 9, Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2, Gloucester Room
Sunday School for age 3, Witherspoon Parlor
Sunday School for Pre-K, Middleton Center, Rm. 200
Grades K - 5 Begin Worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Gymnasium
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grade K, Middleton Center, Rm. 202
Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Congregational Hall
Sunday School for Grade 3, Middleton Center, Rm. 301
Sunday School for Grades 4-5, Converse House Parlor
- 10:30 a.m. Grades 6 & 7 Connection Group, Main Line Adult Day Center
Grade 8 Confirmation, Loft
Grades 9 & 10 Connection Group, Gymnasium Stage
Grades 11 & 12 Connection Group, Ministries Center
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gymnasium
- 11:15 a.m. Children and Family Council Meeting, Converse House Parlor
The Rev. Deanna Hollas, Anti-Gun Violence Ministries, Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
- 4:00 p.m. Lenten Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, March 9

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, March 10

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
- 9:15 a.m. Y-Group Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Congregational Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Wednesday, March 11

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Grades K-5), Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale (Grades 6-12), Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. **Lenten Evening Prayers, Chapel**
Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, March 12

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Book Study: *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Converse House Parlor
Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Congregational Hall
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, March 13

- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

Saturday, March 14

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Caring Ministries Wellness Symposium: Getting Your Affairs in Order,
Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Fullerton Room

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.

Renovations Update

Daytime Traffic Patterns: Each weekday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the driveway between the Chapel and the Sanctuary will be *one way*, with cars exiting onto Montgomery Avenue.

For more renovation updates, please visit us at:
www.bmpc.org/welcome/renovation-updates

This box will be updated regularly to keep you informed about how the renovation process is impacting our ministries and programs.



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