

Sunday, January 31, 2021

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian K. Ballard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Holy and all-powerful God,
who commands all spirits,
comforts those in distress,
and casts out destructive forces,
we confess that we are unable to do your will.
By your powerful word
make whole what is broken;
be our force of good, and the food of peace.
Teach us now as you taught your first disciples.
Heal us now so that in all that we say and do,
the freedom we have in you may be for others, too;
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Where All Are Worthy

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

Just As I Am
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Bob Chilcott

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings within and fears without. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come. Thy love unknown has broken every barrier down. Just as I am, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God I come. Just as I am, of that free love, the breadth, length, depth and height to prove, here for a season, then above; O Lamb of God, I come.

CALL TO OFFERING

Franklyn C. Pottorff

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Sun., Jan. 31, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom conference call. To join the call click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83914119865?pwd=WWc5Q0pUbzl6VXBIOGw2bkpBcUNCdz09> or call in: +1 646 558 8656 US Meeting ID: 839 1411 9865 Passcode: 067410.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing church officers (Elders, Deacons and Trustees) and members of the 2021 Nominating Committee, and for approving 2021 Pastoral Terms of Call. MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

Read the 2021 Officer Candidate Biographies [here](#).

Announcement

COVID-19 RESOURCES. The Caring Ministries team has compiled various resources to help you continue navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources include vaccination and testing information by county, crisis and peer-support lines, support group information, and ways to receive food, financial, legal and healthcare assistance. All this information can be found on a new [COVID-19 Resource page](#) under the Caring Ministries section of the BMPC website.

This Week

GREAT DECISIONS. First Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m., starting Feb. 1. Via Zoom conference call. Led by Bob Martin. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD, and meeting to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Topics include: Global Supply Chains and National Security, Persian Gulf Security Issues, Brexit and the European Union, Struggles Over the Melting Arctic, China's Role in Africa, The Korean Peninsula, Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic, and The End of Globalization? This program is free, but registration is required. Contact [Monica Devane](mailto:MonicaDevane) to register and receive your Briefing Book and the Zoom link.

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years, at rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon beginning Feb. 2. The first concert will feature Ron Kerber, saxophone, and Edward Landin Senn, organ. [Stephanie Speakman](#).

Next Sunday

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays, starting Feb. 7, 9:00 a.m., Via Zoom conference call. *When in Romans: An Invitation to Linger with the Gospel according to Paul* by Beverly Roberts Gaventa. When reading the book of Romans, we often focus on the quotable passages, making brief stopovers and not staying long enough to grasp some of the big ideas it contains. Instead of reading Paul's most famous letter for a passage here or a theme there, leading New Testament scholar Beverly Roberts Gaventa invites us to linger in Romans. She asks that we stay with the letter long enough to see how Romans reframes our tidy categories and dramatically enlarges our sense of the gospel. This group is facilitated by the Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff; for information about joining the class, including the Zoom link, contact [Frank](#).

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: DRIVE THRU DROP-OFF. Sun., Feb. 7, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. We are collecting non-perishable items and financial donations again this year in support of the national Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. Donations should be brought to the main entrance of the Chapel where children, youth and members of our Hunger Committee will be receiving items. Suggested donations: spaghetti sauce, soups (particularly hearty ones), peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, canned beans, mac & cheese, instant oatmeal (packets), granola bars. Contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#) with questions.

NINE EXPERIMENTS IN PRAYER. Sundays at 2:00 p.m. starting Feb. 7 via Zoom conference call. Join Paul Burgmayer for a 10-week series using the book, [50 Ways to Pray](#) by Teresa A. Blythe as a guide. The class will explore prayer forms from a variety of faith traditions, both ancient and modern. More details about class can be found on this [webpage](#). To join the group, contact Paul: pburgmayer@gmail.com.