



## **First Sunday in Lent**

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 a.m., Chapel



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# Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

**All We follow the way of Jesus,  
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.**

One Like Jesus, we are not alone.

**All The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

One Our call is to trust in God alone,

**All And to do God's will in all things.**

HYMN 167 Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All Merciful God, we open ourselves before you to acknowledge that we do not represent your kingdom well. You call us to a great banquet where all are invited, but when it comes to being broadly inclusive, we suffer from failure of nerve, dimness of vision, divided allegiances, withheld compassion, wasted time, and reckless speech. Cleanse us of these and all our sins. Bless us with the gift of a fresh start and a new resolve, so that our frail but forgiven lives may winsomely declare your praise.**

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SUNG RESPONSE

DETROIT



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease. Then,  
by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

## Hearing of the Word

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nina Bertrand

### FIRST LESSON Psalm 36:5-9

(pg. 510 in pew Bible)

### SECOND LESSON Luke 14:15-24

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 77 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON *The Great Banquet*  
Parables for Lent Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

## Response to the Word

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

## 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

Please stand, if able.

### HYMN 767 Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

### SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Agnes W. Norfleet

One The peace of Christ be with you.

**All And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

# WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As we journey through Lent, a season of reflection and renewal, we are grateful for your presence in worship today. Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been part of our community for years, you are welcome here—just as you are. This Lent, we turn to the parables of Jesus—stories that reveal the heart of his teachings, illustrate the depth of his pastoral care, and challenge us to embrace the justice and grace of God’s kingdom. Inside this bulletin, you’ll find opportunities to engage in worship, fellowship, and service as we prepare our hearts for the hope of Easter. May this season draw us closer to God and to one another in love and grace.



The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet  
Senior Pastor

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## NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors in the Atrium following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at [bmpc.org](http://bmpc.org).

## LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at [www.bmpc.org/livestream](http://www.bmpc.org/livestream) or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

## CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, [RachelPedersen@bmpc.org](mailto:RachelPedersen@bmpc.org) or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org) with any questions.

# Worship Notes

## ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Nina Bertrand, Deacon

## USHER

Brian Kerr

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT THE 10 A.M. SERVICE

Charles McCahan Bachman, son of Meghan & Graham Bachman

Edward Andrew Green, son of Katie & Drew Green

# Announcements

## TODAY

**“Rhythm and Light” Gallery Opening and Artist Talk.** Sun., Mar. 9, 11:15 a.m., Gallery. Our upcoming exhibit by Barbara Berry delves into the rhythms and light patterns inherent in nature, art, and design. Barbara will be present in the gallery to discuss her work and answer questions.

**Re-scheduled – Scatterlings with Betty Wright-Riggins.** Sun., Mar. 9, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Join us for this second session of Rev. Wright-Riggins’s exploration of the themes of community, race, family, and love as expressed in the recent South African novel *Scatterlings*. Participants do not need to read the novel to fully participate in the class. Contact, [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

**Daily Lenten Devotional Booklet.** Guide and enrich your journey through the 40 days of Lent using a devotional written by BMPC members and staff focusing on seven parables told by Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. Devotionals are available in church information racks and the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Chapel or download a copy at [bmpc.org/welcome/the-season-of-lent](http://bmpc.org/welcome/the-season-of-lent) Contact, [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Spirituality in College Mini-Retreat.** Sun., April 6, 11:15 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. After Youth Gathering on Sun., April 6, current 9th-12th Graders are invited to Princeton University for a Spirituality in College day-long mini-retreat. Register at [bit.ly/highschoolminiretreat](http://bit.ly/highschoolminiretreat) Contact, [Andy Greenhow@bmpc.org](mailto:AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org)

**The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks.**

Wed., Mar. 26, 7:00 p.m., Fullerton Room. Join the Anti-Racism Committee as they screen the recent documentary on the life of civil rights activist Rosa Parks beyond the historic bus boycott, revealing the intent behind her activism, her radical politics and her courage. Contact, [JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org](mailto:JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org)

**Bingo Night.** Fri., Mar. 21, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Please join the Congregational Life Council for a churchwide Bingo Night! Enjoy fun, friends, snacks, and prizes! The cost is \$5 per person. This event is open to all ages. Registration is recommended but not required. Register at [bit.ly/BMPCBingo](http://bit.ly/BMPCBingo)

## UPCOMING

**The Truth About Immigration.** Mon., Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Wharton Professor Zeke Hernandez will build on decades of research and examples to slay every myth about immigration and help us better understand why successful societies welcome newcomers. Hernandez's area of research and teaching focuses on how immigration influences economic prosperity, business growth, and global innovation. Register at [bit.ly/Zeke Hernandez](http://bit.ly/ZekeHernandez) by clicking the Add+ button.

**Lenten Organ Series.** Tuesdays, Mar. 11 – Apr. 15, noon, Chapel. Join us during the season of Lent as noontime recitals are presented on BMPC's recently renovated Chapel organ. Full of orchestral colors (oboe, clarinet, tuba), a wide range of scintillating string combinations, and the grandeur of "all the stops," the Chapel organ adapts to varied repertoire, and this series is a wonderful midday escape from the hustle and bustle of our lives. Performers include Edward Landin Senn, Isabella Isza Wu, Sarah Palmer, Daniel Colaner, Jeffrey Brillhart, and Kathleen Scheide.

**Letting Go in Lent.** Tues., Mar. 11, 18, 25, April 1, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., virtual. Join the Caring Ministries Team as we explore downsizing, letting go, and de-cluttering through the season of Lent. We will look at historic trends, our relationship with our belongings, and local resources to help us let go during this season of Lent. Email [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org) to register.

**Thursday Discussion Group.** Thurs., March 13 through April 10, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Led by the Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill, this fully online book discussion group will focus on the material areas that shape us in how we live out our Christian faith: Money, Food, the Body, Time, and Place. The class will explore how to reclaim

materiality for the common good using Walter Brueggemann's book *Materiality as Resistance: Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World*. To register, email [KirbyLHill@bmpc.org](mailto:KirbyLHill@bmpc.org); reserve the book at [bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup](https://bit.ly/BMPCBookpickup)

**Prayer Partner Pancake Breakfast.** Sun., Mar. 16, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us after worship and Sunday school for pancakes and a chance to meet Prayer Partners! RSVP with the number of adults and children and any dietary restrictions at [bit.ly/prayerpartnerpancakes](https://bit.ly/prayerpartnerpancakes)

**20th Century British Choral Masterpieces: A Joint Concert with Church of the Redeemer.** Sun., Mar. 16, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Fully orchestrated arrangements of anthems and concert works will be featured in this program, combining the efforts of BMPC's Sanctuary Choir and The Redeemer Choir from Church of The Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. Enjoy the lush harmonies of Bainton and the dramatic sounds of Bairstow and Parry, all paving the way to Howells' immense "English Mass." After the concert, join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Gallery for a reception celebrating Barbara Berry's new gallery exhibition, "Rhythm and Light."

**Youth Summer Mission Trip.** Sun., July 6 – Fri., July 11, 2025. Rising 6th-12th Graders are invited to the Youth Summer Mission Trip at CROSS Missions in Charlotte, NC. Scholarships are available. **Register by Friday, March 14**, at [bit.ly/BMPCMissionTripNC](https://bit.ly/BMPCMissionTripNC) Contact [AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org](mailto:AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org) with any questions.

**Youth Summer Camp.** Sat., July 26 – Sat., Aug. 2, 2025. Rising 7th-12th Graders will travel to Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC for camp. Youth will learn about Jesus, connect with new and old friends from across the country, and play games. Scholarships are available. **Register by Friday, March 14**, at [bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2025](https://bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2025) Contact [AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org](mailto:AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org) with any questions.

## CARING AND SHARING

**Lenten Chapel Labyrinth.** Walking a labyrinth during the Lenten season provides a meaningful way to journey to Jerusalem. The small labyrinth in the Chapel will be open daily for walk and reflection from Ash Wednesday, March 5 through Wednesday, April 16, at the following times: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sunday: 11:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.



**Advocacy Information Table.** During the season of Lent, visit with members of the Anti-Racism Committee, Peacemaking Committee, and Refugee Support Committee at a table in the Atrium to learn how to make your voice heard on important issues impacting our community. Contact, [RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org](mailto:RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org)

**Casserole Blitz.** Sat., March 15, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee's Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Upcoming Dates: April 12, May 10. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: [bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP](http://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP)

**Sanctuary Flower Donations.** Openings are available in March and April for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact [SusanThorkelson@mac.com](mailto:SusanThorkelson@mac.com)

**Volunteer at Vacation Bible Camp.** Mon., June 23 - Fri., June 27, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This summer, we will welcome over 150 children to Vacation Bible Camp, and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. You can volunteer to help with a specific station (like games), work with a small group, or help "behind the scenes." Camp is from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and we'll ask volunteers to arrive by 8:30 a.m. each day. Volunteers must be a rising 6th grader or older. Register as a volunteer at [bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2025](http://bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2025)

# Calendar

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Room 102, Ed. Bldg.
- 8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Witherspoon Parlor
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:00 a.m. Youth in Worship Grades 6-12, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Rhythm and Light Gallery Opening and Artist Talk, Gallery
- 11:15 a.m. Scatterlings with Betty Wright-Riggins, Fullerton Room
- 11:15 a.m. APNC for Youth Meeting, Cannon Room
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth Walk, Children's Chapel

## MONDAY, MARCH 10

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, virtual
- 7:00 p.m. The Truth About Immigration with Zeke Hernandez, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium

## TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Series: Edward Landin Senn, Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall

# Calendar

7:00 p.m. Letting Go In Lent, virtual

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor

5:45 p.m. Beginners' Choir Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall

4:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale Rehearsal, Children & Youth Rehearsal Room

7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge

## THURSDAY, MARCH 13

9:30 p.m. Singing for Life Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Thursday Discussion Group, virtual

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

## FRIDAY, MARCH 14

9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium

## SATURDAY, MARCH 15

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

8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall

10:00 a.m. Illuminated Art: Faux-Stained Glass Art Workshop, Ed. Bldg. Art Room

## SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

## Giving

Your generosity can make a profound difference at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. Join us in spreading love and hope by giving at [bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline](https://bit.ly/BMPCGiveOnline) or simply scan the QR code to the right. Every donation, no matter the size, fuels our mission to create a more faithful, just, and compassionate community. Together, let's make a lasting impact!



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