



First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



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Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE Prelude in A minor

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Kirby Lawrence Hill

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

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

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.

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

All We do.

HYMN 188 verse 1 Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes,
Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 36:5-9

(pg. 510 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM "Kyrie" from Mass in G
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Franz Schubert

SECOND LESSON Luke 14:15-24
(pg. 77 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

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

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 500 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Andy Greenhow

OFFERTORY ANTHEM My Song is Love Unknown

Jonathan Klierer

My song is love unknown, my savior's love to me. Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow; But men made strange and none the longed for Christ would know. But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend. Here might I stay and sing. No story so divine; never was love, dear king, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend! My song is love unknown; my Savior's love to me.

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Andy Greenhow

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

All bread is gluten and casein free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 767 Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE "Kyrie eleison" from Clavierübung III

J. S. Bach

Worship & Music Notes

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charles McCahan Bachman, son of Meghan & Graham Bachman

Edward Andrew Green, son of Katie & Drew Green

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

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

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.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at 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 or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

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

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 Contact, 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 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

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

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](https://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 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 Bruegemann's book *Materiality as Resistance: Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World*. To register, email KirbyLHill@bmpc.org; reserve the book at 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

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 Contact 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 Contact 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

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

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

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

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

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