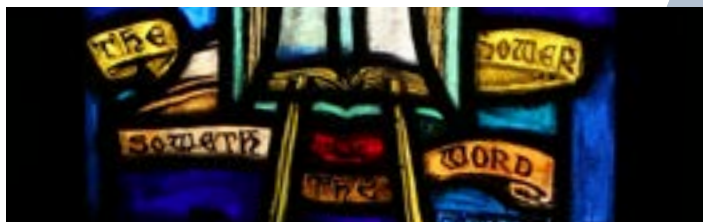




Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 16, 2025

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



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 B minor

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

Please stand, if able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One The journey of Lent

All is a journey inward, to examine our hearts.

One The journey of faith

All is a journey of trust following God's promises.

One The journey of life

All is a journey outward, spending our lives for the sake of God's love.

HYMN 394 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All We gather for worship, O God, to enjoy Christian community, to rejoice in your presence among us, to lift the prayers of our hearts, and to hear a word from on high. Yet sometimes we forget that worship also sends us into the world to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we fail to let our faith lead our actions, to see the flourishing signs of your kingdom, and to live the good news of the gospel. May our praise in this place transform us to be instruments of your grace.

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.

SENDING HYMN Go Now Children With Our Blessing



Go now, child - ren with our bless - ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
God be gra - cious to you. May the pre - sence of God be with you. May the
pre - sence of God — be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

FIRST LESSON Psalm 33:1-9

(pg. 507 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM "Behold the Lamb of God" from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Behold the lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

SECOND LESSON Luke 8:4-15

Agnes W. Norfleet

(pg. 67 in pew Bible)

One The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *The Sower*

Agnes W. Norfleet

Parables for Lent Series

Response to the Word

Please stand, if able.

HYMN 74 When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

All I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ *The Apostles' Creed*

All 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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who-so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him might be saved.

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

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kirby Lawrence Hill

HYMN 166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Fugue in B minor

J. S. Bach

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE."

R. Sidney Pinch - March 6, 2025

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.

Worship & Music Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Skillman Odiorne.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Nancy Lawrence Hill

BULLETIN COVER

The Sower Window, BMPC Sanctuary. Willet Stained Glass Studios 1965.
Artistic arrangement by Matthew Rowe.

Announcements

TODAY

Prodigal Christ: An Exploration of The Parable of The Prodigal Son. Sun., Mar. 16 & 23, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Join Dr. Kendall Cox, faculty at Eastern University, in an engaging exploration of the parable of the prodigal son through the lens of her book, *Prodigal Christ*. This class will delve into the parable as a profound narrative of salvation, atonement, and election, uncovering its rich christological insights. Drawing on Julian of Norwich and Karl Barth, we will discover how this timeless story reveals Christ's intimate identification with humanity.

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."

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flower Donations. Contributions may be given in three categories for listing in the Easter Sunday bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and the Deacons’ Flower Ministry. You may complete an online donation form bit.ly/EasterFlowersDonations or pick up a printed copy in the Sanctuary or Ministries Center. The deadline for donations is Sun., Mar. 30. If you need a copy of the form mailed to you, contact SarahMiciek@bmpc.org or 610-525-2821.

Problematic Parables. Sun., Mar. 30, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Jesus taught in parables as a way to help simplify and illuminate ideas about the love of God, the calling put on his followers, and our relationships with one another. But sometimes, especially because of nuances in ancient culture and language, Jesus’ parables can be more confusing than helpful to the modern reader. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Dr. Joshua Yoder will lead this class through some of the more “problematic” parables found in the Gospels and help us to find meaning as well as challenge within them.

UPCOMING

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.

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, light snacks, and prizes! The cost is \$5 per person. This event is open to all ages. Registration is recommended but not required. Visit bit.ly/BMPCBingo to register.

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

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 Geenhow@bmpc.org](mailto:AndyGeenhow@bmpc.org)

CARING AND SHARING

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

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.

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 16

- 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.
- 9:00 a.m. Rhythm and Light Exhibit, Gallery
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Youth Gathering Grades 6-12, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Pancakes with Prayer Partners, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Prodigal Christ: An Exploration of the Parable, Fullerton Room
- 1:30 p.m. Officer Training, Gloucester Room
- 4:00 p.m. 20th Century British Choral Masterpieces Concert, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Reception for Barbara Berry's Rhythm & Light, Ministries Center Court

MONDAY, MARCH 17

- 7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:30 p.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Series: Isabella Isza Wu, Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Fullerton Room
- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease Class, Gymnasium
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Letting Go In Lent, virtual

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 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. Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gymnasium Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fullerton Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 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
- 8:45 p.m. Chamber Singers Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

- 9:45 a.m. FIT4MOM, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Churchwide Bingo Night, Congregational Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Illuminated Art: Faux-Stained Glass Art Workshop, Ed. Bldg. Art Room
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

- 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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