

Blessed are the meek

*for they will
inherit the earth.*

Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

MATTHEW 5:5-6

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

March 24, 2019
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Education Building, Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Age 2 - PreK Classes

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5 Classes

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 a.m., Education Building

Grades 6 -12

Youth Gathering
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Gym
Connection Groups
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.,
Ministries Center

Bonhoeffer: An Ecumenical Youth Pastor

With the Rev. David Smith
11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

NEW HERE? We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Large print bulletins, back pillows and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed in this bulletin. **Grades K-5** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to Sunday School. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Education Building.

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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Two settings of "Rhosymedre"

Alice Jordan and
Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's mercy endures forever.

**All: Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that it is
God who saves us from the hand of the foe.**

One: In our troubles, we cry to the Lord who saves us from every distress.

**All: Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,
And for all the wonders of the Lord.**

† HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of holy majesty, we lift our hearts to you
acknowledging our need for your forgiveness.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us;
we hunger for things that cannot fill our emptiness.

We commit to things that will not last;
we worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us a vision for life in the footsteps of Jesus,
and shower us with love, mercy and hope.

You offer us the gift of eternal life,
so that we may never be thirsty or hungry again.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† GLORIA PATRI *(in unison)*

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

During the Sending Hymn, children K - Grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.



FIRST LESSON Psalm 37:1-9, 39-40 (*p. 510 in pew Bible*) Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

ANTHEM

The Beatitudes
Sanctuary Choir

Alice Jordan

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek; they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace makers; they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

SECOND LESSON Luke 5:27-39 (*p. 63 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Blessed Are the Meek
and Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 358

Steal Away

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

~ from A Brief Statement of Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Fruit of the Spirit is Love
Sanctuary Choir

Johann Christian Geisler

The fruit of the spirit is love and joy and peace and patience. The fruit of the spirit is friendliness, gentleness peace and love. The fruit of the spirit is faith and hope and truth and kindness. Love and joy, yes, love and joy, and peace, friendliness, gentleness, kindness; fruits of the spirit of God are these.

*Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.*

† DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

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**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN 213**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Prelude in a-minor

J.S. Bach

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Jeffrey Alden Tucker

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Coffee Cup Bible Study

LENTEN SERMON SERIES ON THE BEATITUDES

The Beatitudes serve as a kind of charter for life in the Kingdom of God.
Jesus embodies each blessing, and invites us to follow his way of life
as we journey with him toward the cross.

Announcements

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION. Sun., March 31, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. BeckyHoy@bmpc.org.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS. Deadline is next Sunday, March 31. 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.) of.” 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 at BMPC and materials for the Deacons’ flower ministry. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

2019 BRYN MAWR GIVES STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE. Because of the deep commitment and faithfulness of the members of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, we have reached 91% of our stewardship goal for 2019. But we still need your help! If you have not already pledged, you can pledge online at www.bmpc.org, mail your pledge card or place it in the offering plate.

ART EXHIBIT: WOMEN’S CRAFT ARTS. On display through Sun., May 5. In celebration of Women’s History Month, female artists and crafters from the region and BMPC are exhibiting their artistic craft accomplishments. A program on “Song Quilts,” the textile traditions of the Russian Arctic by Eliza Hardy Jones, a musician and quilter, is on Wed., April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Witherspoon Parlor.

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP TO DURHAM, NC. July 14-20. This year’s intergenerational mission trip to North Carolina includes mission-minded adults from the congregation at large, middle schoolers (grades 6-8) serving along with a parent or guardian, and high schoolers (grades 9-12). Farm Church is a Presbyterian congregation that meets on a farm and leverages the resources of that farm to address food insecurity in their local community. Register now: \$900. Full and partial scholarships available for all youth. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

CAMP KIRKWOOD. Aug. 4-10. Our annual weeklong summer camp is a sleep-away experience in the Poconos. This vibrant camp tradition is spearheaded by a caring team of BMPC staff and volunteer leaders. Camp provides an opportunity for youth at all levels of church involvement to build lifelong relationships, experience the joy of the outdoors, and ask bold questions about life and faith in a supportive environment. Register now: \$499. Full and partial scholarships available for all youth. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Today

BONHOEFFER: AN ECUMENICAL YOUTH PASTOR. 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Bonhoeffer’s extensive service as a youth pastor and his ability to form ecumenical partnerships were central to his identity and critical to his influence on the church of his day. The Rev. David B. Smith explores these formative elements of Bonhoeffer’s witness and considers their relevance for the church today.

This Week

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS. Thurs., March 28, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads a sharing of questions and struggles when it comes to matters of faith. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

OUR BROTHER'S PLACE. Sat., March 30, 10:15 a.m. Volunteers (age 18 or older) help prepare and serve lunch at Our Brother's Place homeless shelter. Meet in Ministries Center at 10:15 to carpool. Return at 2:00 p.m. Register: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

ORGAN RECITAL: DARYL ROBINSON. Sun., March 31, 2:00 p.m. Daryl Robinson has earned critical acclaim as a solo and collaborative artist, praised for his compelling performances and unique depth of interpretative skill. Daryl was winner of both First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2012 American Guild of Organists National Young Artist Competition. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

COMMUNITY FORUM. Mon., April 1, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Our Community Forum speaker is Anthony Ray Hinton, a man wrongly convicted of two murders in 1985, sentenced to death and held on death row for nearly 30 years. Hinton, author of *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row*, discusses how racism and a system stacked against the poor were the driving forces behind his conviction. Book signing follows in Ministries Center. No reservations needed. ElenaPerri@bmpc.org.

LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., April 2, 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to walk in prayer or meditation. Childcare available 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. with two days advance registration. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., April 3, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Drew Mann leads our study of *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland, Chapter 8. [JoyceMalott, okf405@gmail.com](mailto:JoyceMalott@gmail.com).

FIFTH GRADERS: LEARN MORE ABOUT BMPC YOUTH MINISTRY. Wed., April 3, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Fifth graders and their parents are invited to meet middle school parents, find out more about youth ministry at BMPC, ask questions, and enjoy a time of fellowship. If you register with MaryRichards@bmpc.org, dinner is on us!

REFUGEE SUPPORT ACTION COMMITTEE. Thurs., April 4, 6:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Our guest speaker is Bob Coombe, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Germantown, a Sanctuary church. All are welcome to join us for a light supper as we work together to improve the lives of asylees and refugees. [Judy Sherry, judysherry1@gmail.com](mailto:JudySherry,judysherry1@gmail.com).

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., April 5, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., home of Claire Swarr. The Rev. Jo Ann B. Jones, Associate Rector, Church of the Redeemer, joins us for our potluck dinner and a lively discussion of “Why Sabbath?” Register online: <http://bit.ly/PWHolyLeisure> and include the specific food or drink donation you will bring.

50-YEAR MEMBER BRUNCH. Sun., April 7, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. If you joined BMPC in or before 1969, our Senior Adult Council invites you to a brunch in your honor. There is no charge for individuals who have been BMPC members for 50 years or more. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend at a cost of \$8 per person. If you need transportation to and from the brunch, call Ann Capers, 610-812-3496. RSVP deadline: Thurs., March 28. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

WHAT SHAPES OUR PRESBYTERIAN ETHICS? Sun., April 7, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The BMPC Peacemaking Committee invites you to a conversation on how Presbyterians respond to the world around us through both a personal and collective moral ethic. Dr. Rob Trawick, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at St. Thomas Aquinas College and member of the PC(USA)’s Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, explores how Presbyterians have responded in the past and how we are responding to the world today. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., April 9, 9:15 - 11:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join Y-Group friends as we prepare for Holy Week with a discussion of “Living Well, Mindfully” led by BMPC member Colleen Bertrand. Colleen shares tools and practical information on how to begin or deepen a mindfulness practice. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL, EGG HUNT & CHURCHWIDE BRUNCH. Sun., April 14, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A processional takes place during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, followed by an egg hunt in the gym and churchwide brunch (free-will offering) at 11:00 a.m. in Congregational Hall. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP. Mon., June 17 - Fri., June 21, BMPC Campus. VBC begins with a kickoff on Sun., June 16. This year, help recreate the Israelites’ adventure through the wilderness. Registration is open now through June 1. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Calling all volunteers! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

HUNGER DONATIONS. White envelopes marked Hunger are available in the pew holders, or mark “Hunger” on the memo line of your check. The number of people living in hunger in Philadelphia has increased by 22 percent at the same time that hunger has diminished throughout America. Your donation assists the Hunger Committee with buying food and supplies for casserole blitzes and making financial contributions to several hunger-related organizations in Philadelphia. Your ongoing support is vital to this ministry.

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 24

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg, Rm. 205
Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg, Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg, Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Call time for Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Choir Loft
Caring Corner, Ministries Center Court
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Youth Connection Groups, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Café in the Court, Court
11:15 a.m. Quartet Ringers, Fine Arts Center
Bonhoeffer: An Ecumenical Youth Pastor, Witherspoon Parlor
1:30 p.m. Racism, Power, Privilege. Poison and Promising Possibilities,
Gloucester Room
5:00 p.m. Middle School & High School Sunday Night Fellowship, Gymnasium & Loft

Monday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Children's Chapel

Tuesday, March 26

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
Sunday School Project Holy & Week Preparations, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Lenten Labyrinth, Children's Chapel
10:00 a.m. *Grateful: Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*
Book Discussion, Fullerton Room
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, March 27

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Children's Chapel
10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
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
7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayers, Chapel
Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Children's Chapel
9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Confirmation for Adults, Gloucester Room
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Loft
8:15 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, March 29

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Children's Chapel
4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, March 30

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. BMPC Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
10:15 a.m. Serving at Our Brother's Place, Off Campus

Sunday, March 31

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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