



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

February 9, 2020
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Filling the Well

8:45 a.m., Converse House
Parlor

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall

Art @ 9

Ages 3 - Grade 5

8:45 a.m., Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

Two Piano Concert: Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward

2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

*See calendar at back of bulletin for
a complete schedule.*

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gymnasium after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

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 AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is a story to tell in this place.

All: It is a story of hope, a story of wonder, a story of abundant life.

One: It is a story of the people who came before us,
and passed along their faith.

**All: It is a story of those who come after us,
To whom God promises a bright and hopeful future.**

One: Which is to say, it is a story of the living God,
And of God's love for the world.

All: Let us worship our God, who invites us to be part of this story.

† HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship,
knowing that we have failed to see you in other places.

We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky,
in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us.

We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by
what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us.

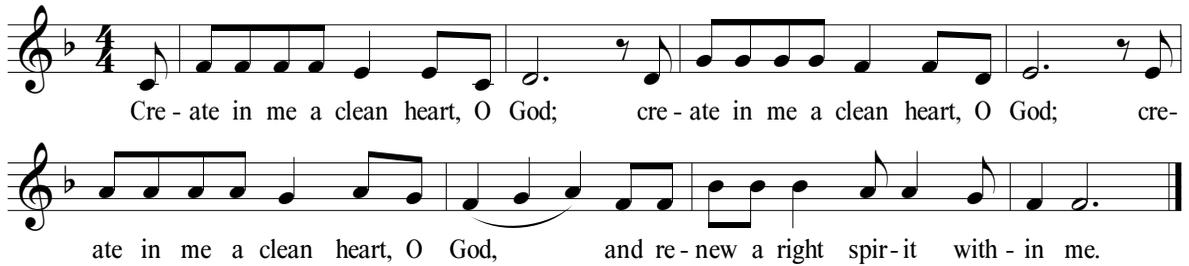
In these moments together, remind us that our time is in your hands, and we are
called to find our purpose and meaning in the life to which you call us.

Help us to count our days as gifts meant for faithfulness to you.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -
ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susie Valerio

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 4:2-6 (*p. 202 in pew Bible*)

Susie Valerio

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 90 (*p. 547 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Teach Us to Count Our Days

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

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 AND 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

† HYMN 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Janet F. Swanson

NARTHEX FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Warren "Pete" Musser

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

at 10:00 a.m. Service

Hayden Mark Bilski, son of Whitney and Steven Bilski
Aubrey Lynn Miinch, daughter of Katie and Ryan Miinch

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Susie Valerio

USHERING

Deacon Brian Kerr

BULLETIN COVER

Sanctuary photograph by Dave Tavani

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Katherine H. Walton ~ January 23, 2020

Robert E. Campbell ~ February 2, 2020

James L. Bucklin ~ February 6, 2020

Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, March 2 and March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center. These two classes provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome, and childcare available with advance notice. Register online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

KNITTERS NEEDED. Caring Ministries has an active prayer shawl ministry which, facing a current shortage of shawls, needs new volunteers. If you knit or crochet, your help would be much appreciated. CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

ADULT LEADERS NEEDED FOR TUESDAY NIGHT TUTORING PROGRAM. Tuesdays through April, 6:45-8:00 p.m., Ministries Center. TutoringTuesday@gmail.com.

Today

ESTHER LIVE! Following today’s Worship Service, the first and second grade Sunday School class invites you to Congregational Hall for the world premiere of their play retelling the story of Queen Esther.

COUNTERING SLANDER: FETHULLAH GULEN’S LIFE BEYOND PROPAGANDA. 11:15 a.m., Chapel, Dr. Jon Pahl, speaker. The Turkish preacher Fethullah Gulen, who has lived in a retreat center in the Poconos since 1999, is one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the contemporary world. He has inspired a global movement, “Hizmet” (service), which is dedicated to education, social enterprise and interreligious dialogue. Dr. Pahl, a faculty member at United Lutheran Seminary, recently published the first critical biography of this controversial figure: *Fethullah Gulen: A Life of Hizmet – Why a Muslim Scholar in Pennsylvania Matters to the World*.

TWO PIANO CONCERT. 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Laura Ward and Jeffrey Brillhart return to our musical series with a concert featuring the world premiere of Benjamin Boyle’s “Suite d’hiver,” commissioned for this concert. Fifty percent of the free-will offering collected supports the Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP), which meets the legal and advocacy needs of homeless individuals and families in Philadelphia. With a legal staff of nine and a corps of 350 volunteer lawyers, paralegals and law students, HAP engages in direct outreach to homeless individuals who need legal services.

This Week

Y-GROUP UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECT) PARTY. Tues., Feb. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Y-Group invites all ages to bring an unfinished project to work on in community: knitting, cards, updating your calendar for 2020. Enjoy fellowship, encouragement, and even some inspiration. AbbyPottorff,ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

SANCTUARY CHOIR OPEN REHEARSAL. Anyone interested in joining our Sanctuary Choir is invited to attend an open rehearsal on Thurs., Feb. 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. This is a great opportunity to meet our singers and learn what being in the choir is all about. Contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org if you plan to attend.

Next Sunday

THE BASICS OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH. Sun., Feb. 16, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Asheq Fazlullah, Islamic Chaplain at Villanova University and leader of interfaith initiatives in the Philadelphia area, introduces us to the basics of Islam as we seek to better understand our neighbors and connections among the world's religions.

Upcoming

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Feb. 18, 2:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, the story of a Russian aristocrat living under house arrest in a luxury hotel for more than 30 years. EricThorJohnson@gmail.com.

YOUTH SABBATH. Sun., Feb. 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Loft. Come join us for an evening of fellowship over dinner, followed by a discussion led by Youth Music Director Timothy Wotring about resting in God in the midst of our busy lives.

DIGGING DEEPER. Sundays, Feb. 23, March 1-29, 8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult Day Center Living Room. Eugene H. Peterson's book, *Eat This Book: A Conversation on the Art of Spiritual Reading*, will guide our conversations this winter as we consider that our approach to reading the Bible is just as important as what we encounter within it. The Rev. Franklyn Pottorff leads this class, and the book is available directly from him. Barbie Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

THE PASTORAL CARE OF JOHN CALVIN. Sun., Feb. 23, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Before he was a theologian or reformer, John Calvin was first and foremost a pastor. The Rev. Brian Ballard explores some of Calvin's letters and sermons to catch a glimpse of Calvin as a pastoral caregiver to those whom God entrusted to him. Through Calvin's letters and sermons, you will see his passion for pastoral ministry and how his pastoral care shaped his theology.

GATHERING OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS. Sun., Feb. 23, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Our Mission Council invites all education professionals, including those who are retired or not currently working in education, for a brainstorming session on how BMPC might engage in education-based mission and outreach to our local community. This is part of a larger conversation on what mission and outreach might look like in our newly renovated spaces. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org if you are able to attend.

CAMPUS RENOVATION PRESENTATION. Sun., March 1, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join members of the Capital Campaign Continuation Committee, Renovation Committee and Voith & Mactavish Architects for a presentation outlining the current progress of the Education Building renovations and upcoming plans for the renovation of the Ministries Center.

Save the Date

BMPC GOES TO BROADWAY: “TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD.” Wed., May 13, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Join us for a matinee performance of Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning American literary classic “To Kill a Mockingbird,” in a new play adapted by Aaron Sorkin and directed by Bartlett Sher. Bus leaves back parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 6:30 p.m. \$100 includes ticket, snacks, driver tip; lunch on your own in NYC. Register online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or mail a check payable to BMPC, attn: Amy Bauer.

SECOND TRIP TO NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE. Sat., June 6, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bus departs from back parking lot. The National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. The previously advertised March trip is full, so we are offering this additional tour. Please arrive at church by 10:45 a.m.; bus departs at 11:00 a.m. and returns to BMPC by 7:00 p.m. \$50 per person; snacks provided; lunch on your own. Register online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

KIRKWOOD PLUNGE. June 12-14. This summer we are offering for the first time ever a Kirkwood Plunge event where rising fifth to rising seventh graders, along with their parents, can experience a weekend of worship, play and service at Camp Kirkwood! Pricing: \$150 per participant; \$250 maximum per family. Scholarships available. Register online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

YOUTH IMMERSION TRIP TO MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. July 12-18. Open to ninth to 12th graders. Immersion trip [noun]: a weeklong experience of engaging in the life of another, that one may be transformed to better understand and love self, creation (including humans), and God. Tiered pricing: \$999; \$1,250; \$1,500 with scholarships available. Registration deadline: April 6. Sign up online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

CAMP KIRKWOOD. Aug. 2-8. Rising sixth to rising 12th graders. Our annual weeklong summer camp is a sleep-away experience in the Poconos! Camp provides a fabulous 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 safe and supportive environment. Tiered pricing: \$350; \$400; \$550 with scholarships available. Register online: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Feb. 22, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Family-friendly event preparing casseroles for area food shelters (children must be at least four years old). RSVP: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

DONATIONS FOR HUNGER COMMITTEE. Financial donations are used to buy food for our monthly casserole blitzes and to fund area food shelters. Use the white Hunger envelopes in pew holders or note “Hunger” on the memo line of your check.

RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES. Did you know that batteries contain dangerous chemicals? When the batteries decompose in landfills, those chemicals may leak into the ground and cause soil and water pollution and harm animals, humans and the environment. Dispose of batteries by putting them in the white and blue container on the bottom shelf of the bookcase next to the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. The Environmental Justice Committee pays for the cost of safe recycling!

This Week's Calendar

For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org, call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.

Today, February 9

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall
Art @ 9, Conference Room
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2, Gloucester Room
Sunday School for age 3, Witherspoon Parlor
Sunday School for Pre-K, Middleton Center, Rm. 200
Grades K - 5 Begin Worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grade K, Middleton Center, Rm. 202
Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Congregational Hall
Sunday School for Grade 3, Middleton Center, Rm. 301
Sunday School for Grades 4-5, Converse House Parlor
10:30 a.m. Grades 6 & 7 Connection Group, Main Line Adult Day Center
Grade 8 Confirmation, Loft
Grades 9 & 10 Connection Group, Gymnasium Stage
Grades 11 & 12 Connection Group, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gymnasium
Esther Live!, Congregational Hall
11:15 a.m. Countering Slander: Fethullah Gulen's Life Beyond Propoganda, Chapel
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
2:00 p.m. Two Piano Concert: Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward, Sanctuary
Officer Training, Converse House Parlor
3:30 p.m. Post-concert Reception, Ministries Center Court

Monday, February 10

- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, February 11

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
9:15 a.m. Y-Group UFO (Unfinished Object) Party, Congregational Hall
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
Robert E. Campbell Memorial Service, Sanctuary
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Congregational Hall
6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Wednesday, February 12

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
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 Bell
6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room
Property Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, February 13

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00 a.m. Book Study: *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Converse House Parlor
Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, February 14

- 10:00 a.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Converse House Parlor
4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

Saturday, February 15

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Sunday, February 16

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Brian K. Ballard will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.

Renovations Update

Daytime Traffic Patterns: Each weekday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the driveway between the Chapel and the Sanctuary will be *one way*, with cars exiting onto Montgomery Avenue. This adjustment allows for the safe movement of children from the Weekday School during drop-off and pick-up. Please use the driveway between the Ministries Center and the Sanctuary to enter the campus from Montgomery Avenue during these weekday hours.

For more renovation updates, please visit us at:
www.bmpc.org/welcome/renovation-updates

This box will be updated regularly to keep you informed about how the renovation process is impacting our ministries and programs.



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