Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 27, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Fourth Sunday in Lent



WELCOME

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. Come join us!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Masks are optional inside church buildings, although masks may be required in some areas of the Education Building. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that while COVID vaccines are available for children ages five to 11, some children may not have been vaccinated.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: <u>www.bmpc.org</u>.

Today's Schedule

Childcare

8:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

Ages 2 to Grade 5 10:00 a.m., Ed Bldg.

Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m.

Foerderer House, 2nd Floor

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship in Atrium

Adult Education - Luke in Lent

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room and Virtual

Michael Bartmann Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. - noon Fine Arts Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Drop, Drop Slow Tears

Vincent Persichetti

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

One: Let the children of God tell their story,

those whom God has saved from trouble and forgiven.

All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

† **HYMN** 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

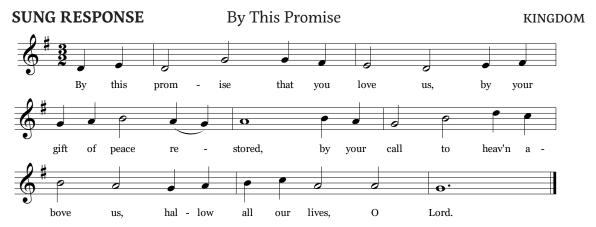
CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Lord, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have been in the far country, lost in our sin, distant from you, seemingly beyond our reach. Something is calling us to come back to ourselves and return to you, yet before we can find our way, you are running to us. Before we can voice our confession, your arms are around us, welcoming us home. Your forgiveness astounds us. Help us to believe and trust in your amazing grace.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 32 (p. 506 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM

O Salutaris

Arthur Honegger

Misoon Ghim, Mezzo-soprano

O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to all us below: Our foes press on from every side; Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow. To Thy great Name be endless praise, immortal Godhead, One in Three! O grant us endless length of days with Thee in our true country. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Luke 15:1-2, 11b-32 (pg. 78 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

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

SERMON

Storyteller

Agnes W. Norfleet

Lenten Series on Who is Jesus?

† **HYMN** 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Precious Lord, Take My Hand Sanctuary Choir

Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land. Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, bring Thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past: I have dreamed a great dream that Thy love shall rule our land. Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take Thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a world that is free for that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned, precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

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

† **DOXOLOGY** 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN** 774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART

† BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Chant Heroïque

Jean Langlais

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elisabeth Hoopes Gilbert.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

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Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary and Livestream

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall

5:30 p.m. Family Service with Communion, Chapel

7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary and Livestream

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall

12:00 noon. Service led by BMPC Youth, Chapel

7:30 p.m. In observance of Good Friday, the Sanctuary Choir will present the Philadelphia region's premiere of Allan Bevan's "Nou Goth Sonne Under Wode," Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

FAITH UNDER 5: LITTLE EASTER. 10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg. and Playground. Come hear the Easter story told especially for children ages five and under.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Front Lawn

9:30 a.m. Worship with Choir and Easter Brass in the Sanctuary and Livestream 11:00 a.m. Worship with Choir and Easter Brass in the Sanctuary

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

Season of Lent

STORY PATH LABYRINTH. Walking a labyrinth during the Lenten season provides a meaningful way "to journey to Jerusalem." The small labyrinth in the Chapel is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

LENTEN RECITAL SERIES. Tues., March 29, noon, Chapel. All are invited to gather in the Chapel to enjoy this final recital with Jeffrey Brillhart playing on the newly-restored Chapel organ. Recital may be viewed on our livestream page: https://www.bmpc.org/livestream.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE. Fri., April 15, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Please join the BMPC Sanctuary Choir and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia for a regional premiere of Allan Bevan's "Nou Goth Sonne Under Wode," a meditation on the crucifixion of Christ.

Announcement

EASTER LILY 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 fill out an online donation form (https://bit.ly/flower-donation), or pick up a printed copy of the form at the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. Donation deadline is Sun., April 3. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

<u>Today</u>

LUKE IN LENT. Sundays through March 27, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room or by streaming via Zoom: https://bit.ly/spring-adult-ed. Based on the Luken passages selected for our 2022 Lenten Devotional, this class explores both the traditional and contemporary ways that scholars have interpreted these passages from the Gospel of Luke. Dr. Joshua Yoder leads this class.

This Week

IMMORTAL DIAMOND BOOK GROUP. Tuesdays through April 26, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join Middleton Center Spiritual Director Patricia Danzon in a five-week exploration of Richard Rohr's book, Immortal Diamond. In the book, Rohr examines the fundamental issues of who we are and helps us on our path of spiritual maturity, exploring the deepest questions of identity, spirituality, and meaning in his inimitable style. For information about joining this class, contact KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT 2022. Fri., April 1 - Sun., April 3, Pendle Hill (Swarthmore). Our retreat will be led by Lori Erickson, author and travel writer, reflecting on her work exploring genealogy, family stories and faith. Participants may stay on site or commute, and scholarships are available. Register online: https://bit.ly/pendle-hill-retreat. For more information, contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

VICTORIA WYETH PRESENTATION. Sun., April 3, 11:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Senior Adult Council invites all to a presentation by Victoria Wyeth, the only grandchild of iconic artist Andrew Wyeth. She will focus on Wyeth's Pennsylvania and Maine paintings, examining his most famous portraits, landscapes and still life pieces. Attention will be given to the subject matter, technique, and family stories behind the paintings. Presentation is free. <u>MonicaDevane@bmpc.org</u>.

DIANE BURKO ART EXHIBIT. Begins on Sun., April 3, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Acclaimed artist and environmentalist Diane Burko will open her new exhibit "Our Endangered Earth" in the BMPC art gallery. In commemoration of Earth Day on Fri., April 22, Ms. Burko will present a showcase of her work that examines the devastating effects of global warming on deserts, glaciers, and coral reefs throughout the world. This exhibit will be on display through May 29. The art gallery is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sundays.

Upcoming

THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE – BOOK FOR SALE. On April 30 and May 1, we will welcome Lisa Sharon Harper as our Theologian in Residence. Harper is a well-regarded writer, speaker and activist on issues of faith, justice and reconciliation, and she will be speaking primarily on her new book, Fortune: How Race Broke My Family and the World and How to Repair It All. Copies of the book are available for purchase for \$10 at the church office. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2022. Mon., June 20 - Fri., June 24. This year's VBC theme is "Follow Me!" Meet the people and explore the places where Jesus taught and served. From a stormy sea to a crowded city street, come travel with Jesus' disciples and learn how you can help share God's love with others. VBC is held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., for ages 3 years to 5th grade. Volunteers of all ages are invited to sign up to help make this a special week for the children of our church and community. Register campers online: https://bit.ly/vbc-22. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER EFFORTS IN UKRAINE. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is joining with reformed churches in Ukraine and the region to respond to the humanitarian crisis created by the war. PDA anticipates its response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance continues to grow. If you wish to join our Peacemaking Committee in supporting the work of PDA in Ukraine, you may make a donation today by indicating "Ukraine Response" on the memo line of your check, or by giving online: https://onrealm.org/bmpc/give/disaster.

<u>Calendar</u>

Sunday, March 27				
8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102		
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual		
		Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual		
8:45	a.m.	Digging Deeper, Gloucester Room		
		Filling the Well, Children's Library		
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual		
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir,		
		Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org		
		Ages 2-3, Ed. Bldg., Nursery		
		PreK & K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201		
		1st & 2nd Grade Communion Class, Chapel		
		Grade 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202 and Virtual		
		Grades 4 & 5, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual		
		Confirmation Class, Foerderer House, 2nd Floor		
		Youth Gathering for Middle and High School, Gymnasium		
11:00	a.m.	Lenten Story Path Labyrinth Walk, Children's Chapel		
		Atrium Cafe, Atrium		
11:15	a.m.	Luke in Lent, Fullerton Room and Virtual		
		Nominating Committee Meeting, Cannon Room		
11:30	a.m.	CPR Training for Ushers & Staff, Ed. Bldg. Lobby		
		150th Vision Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room		
12:00	p.m.	Baptism Service, Sanctuary Lawn		
Monday, March 28				
8:00	a.m.	Lenten Story Path Labyrinth Walk, Children's Chapel		
4:30	p.m.	Gentle Yoga, Witherspoon Parlor		
Tuesday, March 29				
8:00	a.m.	Lenten Story Path Labyrinth Walk, Children's Chapel		
9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Gymnasium & Virtual		
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Virtual or Gymnasium		
12:00	p.m.	Lenten Chapel Organ Recital, Chapel		
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium		
5:00	p.m.	Midweek Meet-Up, Virtual		
7:00	pm.	Immortal Diamond Book Group, Virtual		

Wednesday, March 30			
8:0	0 a.m.	Lenten Story Path Labyrinth Walk, Children's Chapel	
10:0	00 a.m.	Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Virtual	
		Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium	
4:45	5 p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Fine Arts Center	
5:45	5 p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center	
6:30	0 p.m.	Handbell Ensemble, Fine Arts Center	
7:0	0 p.m.	Student Serve, Youth Lounge	
Thursday, March 31			
8:0	0 a.m.	Lenten Story Path Labyrinth Walk, Children's Chapel	
9:30	0 a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center	
10:0	00 a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual	
7:0	0 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers,	
		Fine Arts Center and Virtual	
Friday, April 1			
8:0	0 a.m.	Lenten Story Path Labyrinth Walk, Children's Chapel	
10:0	00 a.m.	Senior Adult Council, Virtual	
3:45	5 p.m.	Spanish School, Ed. Bldg.	
6:0	0 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's Retreat, Event off Campus	
Saturday, April 2			
7:00	0 a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor and Virtual	
9:0	0 a.m.	Lenten Story Path Labyrinth Walk, Children's Chapel	
Sunday, April 3			
10:0	00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org	
		The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.	

Worship Staff

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