

Sunday, February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
We fall to temptation;
we are swayed by false words;
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray.
Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

HYMN 50	Deep in the Shadows of the Past	SHEPHERDS' PIPES
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Exodus 3:1-15	Agnes W. Norfleet
SERMON	<i>I Am Who I Am</i> First in Lenten Series: Who Do You Say that I Am?	Agnes W. Norfleet
ANTHEM	A Vineyard Grows Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers	K. Lee Scott

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green, the planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord. His love selected this terrain, His vine with love he planted here to bear the choicest fruit for him. We are his branches, chosen, dear. And though we feel the dresser's knife, we are the objects of his care. From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery with fruit from which true joys derive. Vine, keep what I was meant to be: your branch, with your rich life in me.

CALL TO OFFERING

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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.

HYMN 166	Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days	ST. FLAVIAN
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BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Erbarme dich, mein Gott

J.S. Bach

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”
Pamela Leicht ~ February 18, 2021

Announcement

COVID-19 RESOURCES. The Caring Ministries team has compiled various resources to help you continue navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources include vaccination and testing information by county, crisis and peer-support lines, support group information, and ways to receive food, financial, legal and healthcare assistance. All this information can be found on a new [COVID-19 Resource](#) page under the Caring Ministries section of the BMPC website.

Season of Lent

2021 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL. Copies of this year’s Devotional can be picked up outside the main entrance of the BMPC Chapel. You also can access the devotional [online](#) or you can [sign up](#) to receive each day’s reflection via email throughout the Lenten season. Written by the pastors, staff and members of the congregation on selected texts from the Apostle Paul, the devotional will help us consider what it means to be disciples of Christ, both as individuals and as a community. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION. During worship next Sunday, Feb. 28, we will gather virtually around the Lord’s Supper. On this second Sunday of Lent the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will be preaching on the saying of *Jesus, I Am the Bread of Life*, in the Lenten sermon series on *Who Do You Say that I Am?* We invite you to have elements for communion of bread and juice at hand as you prepare to worship.

LENTEN PRAYER JOURNEY. Lent is a journey. This year the Caring Ministries team invites you to make that journey utilizing various prayer practices. These will include a virtual Labyrinth walk, breath prayers, sacred pauses, the Prayer of Examen, and Praying in Color. In the [Virtual Caring Corner](#) of the weekly BMPC eNews from Feb. 18 to April 1, you will find an invitation to that week’s prayer practice. [Brian Ballard](#)

LENT/EASTER ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER. Copies are available in a bin outside the Chapel. You also can read it [online](#).

EASTER LILY DONATIONS. Contributions may be given in three categories for listing in 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 Deacons’ Flower Ministry. You may fill out an [online donation form](#), or pick up a printed copy of the form in a bin outside the BMPC Chapel entrance. The deadline for donations is Sun., March 7. If you need a copy of the form mailed to you, contact Sarah Miciek at 610-525-2821 or SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

This Sunday

BEING DISCIPLES, BECOMING COMMUNITY. Sundays, Feb. 21 – March 21, 11:15 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Using the Pauline texts featured in our 2021 Lenten Devotional, this class will explore the ways the Apostle Paul describes the essentials of Christian Discipleship as well as characteristics of the Christian community. Dr. Joshua Yoder is teaching this class, and details about it, including the Zoom link, can be found on our website [here](#).

This Week

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon. Our next concert on Feb. 23 will feature Edward Landin Senn, organ. [Download program](#). [Stephanie Speakman](#).

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES DURING LENT. BMPC will livestream Lenten Vesper services on Wednesdays, Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to view these services via [BMPC's Facebook page](#), the [BMPC YouTube channel](#) or the [livestream page](#) on the church website.

Upcoming

TACKLING FAMILY HISTORY PROJECTS. Mon., March 15 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom conference call. Join Clémence Scouten, founder of Memoirs & More, to learn how to finally tackle family history projects. From archiving to genealogy to storytelling, Clémence will walk through different kinds of family history projects to show you how to take each one head on! [Monica Devane](#)