

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
8:00 a.m., Chapel
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

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Art @ 9

Age 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

Filling the Well

Women's Study
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

Adult Study
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

Digging Deeper Bible Study

8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School, Adult Education
See calendar 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 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. 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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† 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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve McConnell

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

Steve McConnell

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

STEAL AWAY

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

† 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
Jeffrey Alden Tucker

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Steve McConnell

USHERING

Deacon Brian Kerr

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. [Joyce Malott, 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!

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.

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.

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 Scouts 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

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

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