

Blessed are the merciful,

*for they will
receive mercy.*

MATTHEW 5:7

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

March 31, 2019
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fourth 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

Fifth Sunday Worship,

10:15 a.m., Chapel

Grades 6 -12

Fifth Sunday Worship Service

10:00 a.m., Chapel

Annual Meeting

Following 10 a.m. Worship

Organ Recital:

Daryl Robinson

2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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

O Lamb of God Most Holy

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

† **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 436**

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

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

† **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.



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the— Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u-pon you, and may
God be gracious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre-sence of God— be with you, and give you peace.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 32:1-5 (*p. 506 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love
Sanctuary Choir

Ned Rorem

Sing my soul, His wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful
o'er our race, still to us extends His grace. Heaven and earth by Him were made, all is
by His scepter swayed; What are we that He should show so much love to us below?
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make our
safety sure, guides us by His spirit pure. Sing, my soul, adore His name; Let His glory
be thy theme: Praise Him till He calls thee home; trust His love for all to come.

SECOND LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (*p. 78 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Blessed are the Merciful

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 774

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTT GART

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

Laudate Dominum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Sanctuary Choir

with Corinn Altomare, soprano

Sing praise to God above all ye nations, praise Him ye people, all ye souls on earth. For He hath shown His kindness toward us. His love and merciful kindness, and the truth of God lasteth forever, lasteth for all eternity. Praise to the Father and Son also, and the Holy Spirit as it was then and will ever be both now and always through the centuries everlasting. Amen.

*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**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 803** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANNUAL MEETING

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Ralph F. Moriarty

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Hunger Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

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.

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Cornelia (Nena) Hale Bryans ~ March 26, 2019

Announcements

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 craft accomplishments. A program on "Song Quilts," the textile traditions of the Russian Arctic by Eliza Hardy Jones, a musician and quilter, is scheduled for Wed., April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Witherspoon Parlor.

BOOK CENTER. *Meditations on the Cross* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer is on sale in the Book Center for \$15. Visit us in the Ministries Center Court after worship on Sundays or weekdays 9-5. There are several books on Bonhoeffer available for borrowing from the Converse House Library (accessible whenever the Ministries Center is open).

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION. Following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

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

EASTER LILY DONATIONS DUE TODAY. 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. You may place the form and payment in the collection plate or drop off them off at the reception desk in the Ministries Center. Monies received are used to provide floral decoration at BMPC and materials for the Deacons' Flower Ministry.

This Week

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. 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 Sutherlun, Chapter 8. Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

5TH GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS: LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUTH MINISTRY AT BMPC. Wed., April 3, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Come 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. Join us for a light supper as we work together to improve the lives of asylum seekers and refugees. Judy Sherry, 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 your food or drink donation.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER. Sat., April 6, 8:00 a.m. to noon, Gymnasium. Join us for our sixth annual Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event. This event brings together members of all ages to quickly and joyfully pack 20,000 nutritious meals for people in need all over the world. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations.

Next Sunday

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. 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., April 4. 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.

Upcoming

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.

SYRIAN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE. Sun., April 28, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Mouaz Mustafa, executive director of the Syrian Emergency Task Force (SETF), established to support the demand of the Syrian people for freedom and democracy, speaks. SETF advocates in solidarity with the Syrian people to inform and educate the American public and its representatives about their suffering, while addressing the colossal humanitarian crisis and promoting the development of the Syrian civil society based on respect for human dignity and freedom. CarolSchmidt@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

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., April 13, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen, Ministries Center. Join the Hunger Committee in preparing casseroles for Philadelphia area food cupboards. A few volunteers are needed at 7:30 a.m. for set up. Family event includes children over 4 years old. RSVP: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. Received during Lent, this special offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People programs that are part of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Envelopes are in the pew holders or note OGHS on the memo line of your check.

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 31

- 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. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
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
Fifth Sunday Service for Grades 6 - 12, Chapel
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Kindergartners, Ed. Bldg.
Fifth Sunday Service for Grades 1 - 5, Chapel
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Café in the Court, Ministries Center Court
11:15 a.m. Quartet Ringers, Fine Arts Center
2:00 p.m. Organ Recital: Daryl Robinson, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Middle School & High School Sunday Night Fellowship, Loft

Monday, April 1

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Children's Chapel
7:00 p.m. Community Forum Distinguished Speaker Series, Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 2

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
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
Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, April 3

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Children's Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 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
- Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- Music and Fine Arts Council, Conference Room

Thursday, April 4

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:15 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, April 5

- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Labyrinth, Children's Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.
- 6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, Off Campus

Saturday, April 6

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Rise Against Hunger, Gymnasium
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Mahler Rehearsal with Singing City, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. BMPC Community Orchestra Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 1:30 p.m. BMPC Community Orchestra Recital, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 7

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

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