



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 13, 2015
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to BMPC

Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

NEW HERE? Visit the information alcove near the main Sanctuary entrance to learn more about us, and join us for refreshments in the Ministries Center Court following worship. We invite you to participate according to your interests and hope you will return often. Questions? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP: Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare: infants - age 2; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

Children age 2 to PreK: 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 5: 10:15 a.m., classes, Ed. Bldg.

(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ed. Bldg.

Grades 6 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym;

10:30 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

GETTING CONNECTED. Please fill out the Fellowship Register as indicated during worship to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you may greet each other after worship.

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.

GREETING AND HOSTING: Coffee Cup Bible Study Participants

PLAYING THE CARILLON: Alan Willoughby

*As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone
and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.*



SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our blessing, 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 gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.

CANTATA

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 62

J.S. Bach

The Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers
The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia

1. Chorus

Now come, Savior of the heathens, known as the Virgin's child, over whom the whole world marvels, that God had ordained such a birth for Him.

2. Aria, Tenor

Marvel, o humanity, at this great mystery: the Supreme Ruler appears to the world. Here the treasures of heaven are uncovered, here a divine manna is presented to us, O miracle! The purity will be entirely unblemished.

3. Recitative, Bass

Thus from God's glory and throne goes forth His only-begotten Son. The hero out of Judah breaks forth to run His course with joy and to purchase us fallen ones. O brilliant radiance, o wonderful light of blessing!

4. Aria, Bass

Struggle, conquer, powerful hero! Be mighty for us in the flesh! Be effective, to strengthen the potential in us, the weak!

5. Recitative, (Duet) Soprano and Alto

We honor this glory and approach Your manger now and praise with joyful lips what You have prepared for us; the darkness does not confuse us and we see Your eternal light.

6. Chorale

Praise be to God the Father, praise be to God, His only Son, Praise be to God, the Holy Spirit, for ever and in eternity!

LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9 (*p. 640 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Birth Announcement

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 "He Shall Feed His Flock" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel
Elizabeth Weigle, soprano; Monica Soto-Gil, mezzo-soprano

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom and gently lead those that are with young. Come unto Him all ye that labor, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

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

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 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**

† **HYMN** 102 Savior of the Nations, Come
NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

† **BENEDICTION** Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE Concerto No. 1 in d-minor, BWV 1052: 3. Allegro J. S. Bach

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Maurice L. Clancy

SOLOISTS

Elizabeth Weigle, soprano
Monica Soto-Gil, mezzo-soprano
Galeano Salas, tenor
Jarrett Ott, baritone

THE BRYN MAWR CHAMBER SINGERS

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Mary Beth Cheloha	Paula Adelhelm	Howard Crossland	William Adelhelm
Carolyn Gerrish	Sharon Burgmayer	Fred Fletcher	Brian Middleton
Susan Joseph	Katie Caskey	Bob Holmes	Jeff Wilber
Clare Mackie	Mary Ledwith	Jim Martin	Ben Williams
Elizabeth Weigle	Lauren Meyer	Doug McCone	Jim Beitmann
	Lawana Scales	Klaus Volpert	Dick Wohlschlaeger
	Kathy Wohlschlaeger		

THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA

<i>Violin 1</i>	<i>Violin 2</i>	<i>Viola</i>	<i>Cello</i>
Miho Saegusa	Elizabeth Kaderabek	Ellen Trainer	Priscilla Lee
Luigi Mazzocchi	Yan Chin	Kathleen Foster	Elizabeth Thompson
Zoe Martin-Doike	Catherine Kei Fukuda		
Min-Young Kim			

<i>Harpsichord</i>	<i>Bass</i>	<i>Oboe</i>
Edward Landin	Miles B. Davis	Evan Ocheret
		Alexandra von der Embse

TODAY'S SPECIAL MUSIC

is made possible by the Richard W. Ledwith Christmas Music Fund
and the Jeffrey Brillhart Silver Anniversary Fund
of The Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Foundation.

This morning we are pleased to introduce
the Robert Hauptfuhrer Memorial Harpsichord.

Announcements

OUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY. As we prepare for all that Christmas brings to our homes, let us not forget our church home. It is not too late to pledge for 2016! We need your financial support in order to advance and foster the mission of BMPC through its programming, staff, education, activities and worship. Please complete a pledge card and place it in the offering plate or in the mail, or pledge online at www.bmpc.org.

BMPC VIRTUAL ADVENT CALENDAR 2015. Follow @BrynMawrPres on Twitter this Advent season or follow the feed on our “Season of Advent” page at www.bmpc.org as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Each morning we will tweet a short prayer and link to one of our mission partners. As we pray for peace, hope, love and joy in our time, we give thanks for their work, witness and partnership.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. During Advent, this special offering shares God’s love with those in need of help and hope by providing assistance to students who attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges and by helping retired church workers and their families through life’s challenging circumstances. Envelopes are in the pews or note “Christmas Joy” on your check.

BOOKS MAKE A GREAT GIFT. At our Book Center in the Ministries Center Court you will find books for both children and adults. The Book Center is open following worship and accessible on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; the key is available at the Reception Desk. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

ART EXHIBIT - CRAFTS, ART, AND CULTURE OF BOTSWANA. On view and for sale in the Ministries Center through Sun., Jan. 24. Includes woven baskets, imaginative animal sculptures, dolls, note cards and wall hangings from Botswana, courtesy of the Friedman family and the Botswana Embassy in Washington, D.C. Sales support the artists. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

Today

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Place orders in the Ministries Center Court today from 11:00 a.m. – noon; last day of sales next Sunday, Dec. 20. Search “Advent Gift Market” at www.bmpc.org to learn more about the projects, download an order form, or place an order. As a community, let us celebrate God’s gifts to us by sharing with others through this program. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

BOTSWANA TALK. 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Ten years ago the Botswana-UPenn Partnership began training doctors and nurses in treating HIV/AIDS patients. Dr. Friedman speaks on “The Impact of Diamonds on Health & Culture in Botswana.” Bonnie Atwood, batwood313@verizon.net.

This Week

ADVENT SERIES: THE STORIES OF JESUS' CHILDHOOD. Wed., Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. After Wednesday night dinner in Congregational Hall, the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick discusses the often neglected stories of Jesus' childhood as found in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

ANNUAL YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY. Thurs, Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m., Pastor Kellen's manse. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

Upcoming

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE. Mon., Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This special service acknowledges the darkness we experience even during this festive season. Scripture readings, the singing of carols, a brief meditation by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet, and a time of prayer to lift our yearnings for healing and wholeness are intended to lead us from the darkness into light. PamLloyd@bmpc.org, ext. 8806.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY. Sun., Dec. 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join Pastor Kellen at Wynnewood Lanes for a night of bowling and fun. \$15/person includes dinner, shoes and bowling. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations by Dec. 18 to AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

A WEE CHRISTMAS. Tues., Dec. 22, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Designed for children ages 2 - 5 years and their families, this special retelling of the Christmas Story allows our youngest members to hear and participate in the story of Jesus' birth. Helpers are welcome! MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI RECEPTION. Thur., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special when you see members who grew up at BMPC and are home for the holidays. We welcome back all former youth to join old friends after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Save the Date

VISIT FROM MISSION CO-WORKER CATHY CHANG. Wed., Jan. 6. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Gloucester Rm., brown bag lunch sponsored by Presbyterian Women, or Wed. Night Dinner, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Congregational Hall, where a table will be reserved for conversations with Cathy. The Rev. Cathy Chang, a former Lilly resident at BMPC, begins her service as a PC(USA) mission co-worker in the Philippines in 2016. Her work will focus on human trafficking, both fighting the practice and working with victims. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Jan. 16-18, Poconos. It's time for a weekend away! Our winter getaway offers snow games, tubing, great meals, worship, and an opportunity to serve together on MLK Jr. Day. Cost: \$299. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

DECK THE HALLS. Help our Flower Committee decorate the church with boughs of holly, wreaths, poinsettias and greens on Thurs. and Fri., Dec. 17 & 18 (9:30 a.m. - noon). Patti Hallowell, augustehallowell@mac.com.

BE AN "ANGEL." Sponsor a child or family for Christmas and brighten the holidays for those served by theVillage. You will receive a name and wish list of new items; drop off gifts (5-8 per child) to collection boxes in our Ministries Center or Ed. Building ASAP. Betty Wu, efwu01@gmail.com.

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND HAMS. Bring frozen turkeys and hams to the freezers in the Ministries Center and our Hunger Committee will donate them to needy families in our area during the holidays. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

ASSIST WITH THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK. IHN guests will be here Dec. 27 – Jan. 3. Assist by preparing and serving dinner or spending the night. BarbaraHHeaton@gmail.com, 610-667-2197.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

- Come to a casserole blitz on Sat., Dec. 19, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in our main kitchen to prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters.
- Contribute to the white hunger envelopes in the pews to provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.
- Bring non-perishable food items to worship each Sunday to help stock local emergency food cupboards.

SHARE HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Current privacy laws make it more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

NEED A RIDE? We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments call Lorie Benovic, ext 8833. Volunteer drivers welcome.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, December 13, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:00 a.m. Worship with Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 2, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 12:30 p.m.)
8:45 a.m. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
"Filling the Well" Women's Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
- 9:00 a.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Loft
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, 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 Grade Groups and Confirmation, Ministries Center
11:00 a.m. Fellowship, Refreshments, and Advent Gift Market, Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
- 11:15 a.m. American Christian Women Class, Witherspoon Parlor
Botswana Talk, Conference Room
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, December 14, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
11:30 a.m. Parkinson's Disease Group Luncheon, Congregational Hall
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Gymnasium

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet in main parking lot
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Weekday School Pageant, Sanctuary
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Children's Choir), Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Series - Stories of Jesus' Childhood, Witherspoon Parlor
Student Serve - High School Leadership Team, Loft
Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, December 17, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Young Adults Christmas Party, Pastor Kellen's Manse
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, December 18, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, December 19, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, main kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, December 20, 2015

- 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.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

Richard Wohlschlaeger, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music and Fine Arts

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The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840