



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 13, 2015
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to BMPC

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

NEW HERE? Please sign the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew and introduce yourself to a pastor after the service. Our programs are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests. Questions? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

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.

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



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Bickhart

One: Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

All: Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

One: The Lord has taken away the judgments against you.

All: The Lord walks among us and the Lord is in our midst.

One: We light this candle in joy, a joy that cannot be contained;
a joy that demands we sing God's praises.

We light this candle because in Christ there is life
and that life is the light to the world.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

† HYMN 109

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, we are a people who need your light.

We need a place where hope could be born in the manger of our hearts.

The work of your hands surrounds us,

the miracle of your coming confronts us,

but we remain weary of heart and far too aware of the darkness.

Forgive us for not trusting in you to fulfill your promises.

Forgive our lack of hope, and be born in our hearts anew,

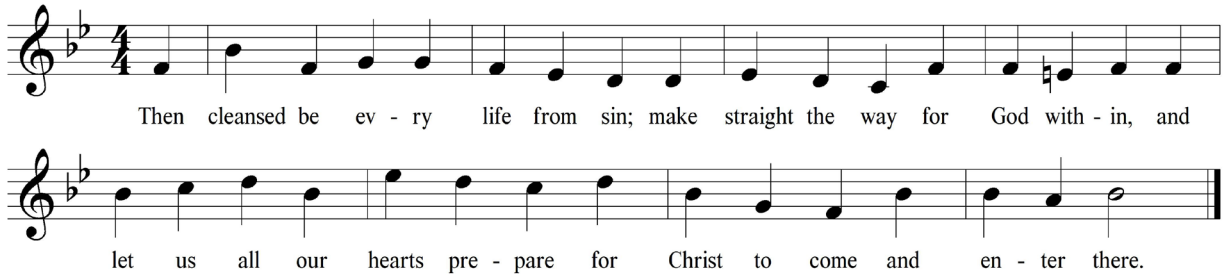
that your light might illumine our lives,

and your name be exalted in all the earth.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Then cleansed be ev - ry life from sin; make straight the way for God with - in, and
let us all our hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tim Bickhart

FIRST LESSON Psalm 80:1-7 (*p. 540 in pew Bible*)

Tim Bickhart

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Birth Announcement

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 129**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kellen A. Smith

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread in 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 morning offering to the offering plates 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 *(in unison)*

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 102 Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

† 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
Maurice L. Clancy

GREETING AND HOSTING

Coffee Cup Bible Study Participants

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Tim Bickhart

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 MUSIC IN WORSHIP. 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers and The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia performing J.S. Bach’s Cantata 62, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*. Jeffrey Brillhart, conductor. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

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. 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
10:00 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

Edward L. Landin, Assistant Director of Music

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The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org

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