



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 20, 2015
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fourth 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.

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



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Set on "Veni Emmanuel"

Edward Landin

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann and John Vaughan

One: He shall feed his flock in the strength of the Lord.

All: They shall be surrounded by the majesty and glory of God.

One: The shepherd will keep his flock safe and they shall live secure.

All: The shepherd will guide us in the way of peace.

One: We light this candle in love,
in the love that brought God from on high into our very presence.
The love a shepherd has for his sheep.

We light this candle because the light is not far off, but here.

The light shines in the darkness and it is not overcome.

Micah 5:2-5a

† **HYMN** 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Great God, we behold the gift of your child again,
yet we are also mindful of how we have failed
to receive the fullness of that gift.

You point us to your glory,
yet we struggle daily to join in the angel's song.

We are distracted and focused on things that matter little,
and we have overlooked the good news of great joy.

Tell us again that the Savior is born.

Tell us again that we are forgiven.

Tell us again that life can be abundant in faith and hope and love,
not because of who we are,

but because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

(*Hymnal 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 AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rachel Pedersen

Elder Morris Kay and Owen P. Yoder

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

All: **We do.**

SENDING HYMN 115

Away in a Manger, *verses 1 and 3*

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:26-45 (*p. 56 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

I Wonder as I Wander
Sanctuary Choir

Parker Kitterman

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the savior did come for to die,
for poor orn'ry people like you and like I, I wonder as I wander, out under the
sky. When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers
and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the
promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in
the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, he surely
could have it for he was the King.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:46-56 (*p. 57 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Mary's Silence and Her Song

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Richard Wohlschlaeger

Jesus came as a child
born of a woman as is every child,
yet born of God's power as was no other child.
He lived as a Jew among Jews.
He announced to his people
the coming of God's rule of justice and peace on earth.
We believe that the coming of Jesus
was itself the coming of God's promised rule.
Through his life, death, and resurrection
he initiates the relationship between God and the human race
that God always intended.

A Declaration 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

Christmas Hath a Darkness
Sanctuary Choir

Parker Kitterman

Christmas hath a darkness brighter than the blazing noon, Christmas hath a chillness warmer than the heat of June, Christmas hath a beauty lovelier than the world can show: for Christmas bringeth Jesus, brought for us so low. Earth, strike up your music, birds that sing and bells that ring; heav'n hath answer'ing music for all Angels soon to sing: Earth, put on your whitest bridal robe of spotless snow: for Christmas bringeth Jesus, brought for us so low.

*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 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

† BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Paen on "Divinum Mysterium"

John Cook

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Lore Kephart

RECEIVING HOLY BAPTISM

William Bryant Thomas (Will), son of Melissa and Brett Thomas
Elder Morris Kay
and Owen P. Yoder, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

TODAY'S PRELUDE

Set on “Veni Emmanuel” contains five variations on a well-known Advent hymn dating from the 15th century. It was written as an homage to Austrian organist, composer, and pedagogue Anton Heiller. Though Heiller wrote many large-scaled compositions, some of his best writing is seen in his variation sets. The five variations in Set are: i. Recitative; ii. Canon; iii. Duo; iv. Drone; and v. Hymn. Set has been accepted for publication by Lorenz and will be featured in “The Sacred Organ Journal” in its November/December 2016 volume.

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of Y Group

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Dianne Heard

Christmas Eve Services at 4:30, 8:30, & 11:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Family Service with Nativity Tableau (infant and toddler childcare available without reservations in the Ed. Bldg.). Carol sing at 4:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE. 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Candlelight Service with Communion and Homily by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet (childcare available without reservations in the Ed. Bldg.). Prelude begins at 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS. 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols with Homily by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet. Prelude begins at 10:40 p.m.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. 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.

BMPC VIRTUAL ADVENT CALENDAR 2015. Follow @BrynMawrPres on Twitter 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. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

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. KatMacMurray, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION YEARBOOK FOR PRAYER AND STUDY. This 120-year-old print publication has now gone digital-only as a free resource and is available at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionyearbook/.

Today

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

YOUTH CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY. 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. KellenSmith@bmpc.org.

This Week

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.

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.

Upcoming

VISIT FROM MISSION CO-WORKER CATHY CHANG. Wed., Jan. 6, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Gloucester Rm. with brown bag lunch sponsored by Presbyterian Women; or at 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.

SMOKEFREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASS. Begins Fri., Jan. 8, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Ready to quit smoking? Attend Main Line Health's FREE Six Session Smoking Cessation Program. Participants may be eligible to receive up to six weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy (patch, gum, lozenges) and must attend at least one of the first two sessions to continue with the course. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Save the Date

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.

MLK CONGREGATION-WIDE DAY OF SERVICE. Sat., Jan. 23, 8:30 a.m. Meet in the Ministries Center. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Caring & Sharing

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 from Dec. 27 – Jan. 3. Assist by preparing and serving dinner or spending the night. BarbaraHHeaton@gmail.com, 610-667-2197.

SUPPORT OUR TUTORING STUDENTS. Hats, gloves, scarves, and school supplies are needed for students from the William Dick School who attend our tutoring program. Place items in the collection bins in the Ministries Center and Ed Building during the month of January. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

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

- 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. Please call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized.

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 20, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, 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
- 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 with Dr. Jon Pahl, Witherspoon Parlor
Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Bowling Party, Wynnewood Lanes

Monday, December 21, 2015

- 9:15 a.m. Caring and Crafts, Gloucester Room
9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
3:00 p.m. A Wee Christmas, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 23, 2015

- 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. Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Chorale Christmas Party, Off Campus

Thursday, December 24, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service, Sanctuary
- 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 p.m. Youth Alumni Reunion, Witherspoon Parlor
- 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary

Friday, December 25, 2015

Church Campus Closed: *For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

Saturday, December 26, 2015

No activities scheduled.

Sunday, December 27, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.
Holiday Worship Together (no Sunday School or Youth Gathering).
Childcare available for children through age 5.

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

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