



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 27, 2015
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome to BMPC

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

NEW HERE? You may 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 5; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
Holiday Worship Together: age 2 - grade 12 (no Sunday School or Youth Gathering)

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.

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



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Patricia C. Shaw ~ December 19, 2015

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Two Choral Preludes
Divinum Mysterium and *Forest Green*

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Courtenay Willcox

One: The light of the world has come to the earth.

All: We offer praise to Christ our King.

One: God is present among us, humble in the form of an infant.

All: We worship Christ our High Priest and intercessor.

One: Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh crying out for the kingdom of God.

All: We follow Christ the mighty prophet and hope of the world.

† HYMN 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Eternal God, who can make all things new,
we humbly bring before you the record of our
lives in the year now ending.

Where life has been good to us,
do not let us take more of the credit than we deserve.

Where we have been good to others,
help us to forget all thoughts of honor and reward.

Where we have fallen short,
forgive us and free us from brooding over what is past.

Cleanse us by your mercy,
guide us by your truth,
fill us with your love,
lead us forward in your all-conquering hope.

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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick
Elder Robert Woodcock and Owen 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 return to their families.

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 2:18-20 (*p. 246 in pew Bible*)

Courtenay Willcox

ANTHEM

A Virgin Unspotted

William Billings

A Virgin unspotted, by Prophet foretold, should bring forth a Savior which now we behold, to be our Redeemer from death, hell and sin, which Adam's transgression involved us in. Then let us be merry, put sorrow away, our saviour Jesus was born on this day. At Bethlem in Jewry a city there was, where Joseph and Mary together did pass and there to be taxed with many one mo' for Caesar commanded the same should be so. To teach us humility all this was done, then learn we from hence, haughty pride fro to shun. A manger's his cradle, who came from above, the Great God of mercy, of peace and of love.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:41-52 (*p. 59 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

SERMON

Christmas Time

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† HYMN 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Courtenay Willcox

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

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 Star Carol

John Rutter

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem; Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies. Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle. Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary! See his star shining bright in the sky this Christmas night! Follow me joyfully. Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory, bear the news with its message of good cheer: "Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us." See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping, Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep. Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him, offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary. Let us all pay our homage at the manger, sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night. Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation.

*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** Courtenay Willcox

† **HYMN 110** Love Has Come BRING A TORCH

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

POSTLUDE Fuga for Christmastide Jan Křtitel Vaňhal

Worship Notes

RECEIVING HOLY BAPTISM AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Andrew Parker Norrett, son of Kelsey and Michael Norrett

Elder Robert Woodcock

and Owen Yoder, representing the children of BMPC, assisting

GREETING AND HOSTING

Deacons

ASSISTING

Elder Courtenay Willcox

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Alan Willoughby

Announcements

OUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY. The holiday rush has been upon us and many times the most important details can be overlooked. Don't let this holiday season pass without making a 2016 pledge — every dollar is important and essential for the growth and sustainability of our church. Pledge cards are in the pews and in the church office, or you may pledge online at www.bmpc.org.

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/.

BOOKS MAKE A GREAT HOSTESS 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](mailto:KatMacMurray), KatRMac2@gmail.com.

Upcoming

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger leads our study of *Come to the Waters* by Judy Record Fletcher, Chapter 5. [Joyce Malott](mailto:JoyceMalott), okf405@erols.com.

VISIT FROM MISSION CO-WORKER CATHY CHANG. Wed., Jan. 6, noon - 1:00 p.m., Congregational Hall (brown bag lunch), or 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Wed. Night Dinner, Congregational Hall (a table will be reserved for conversations with Cathy). The Rev. Cathy Chang will serve as a PC (USA) mission co-worker in the Philippines in 2016. Learn about her work, which will focus on human trafficking, both fighting the practice and working with victims. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

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.

SOUTH KOREA TOUR INFO MEETING. Sun., Jan. 10, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Sanctuary Choir will tour South Korea in late June/early July of 2017, when we will share our music, build relationships with Presbyterian communities, and engage in meaningful outreach. The Korean Peninsula offers a dazzling range of experiences, beguiling landscapes and 5000 years of culture and history. South Korea is a dream destination for the traveller and an engaging, welcoming place where the benefits of a fully industrialized, high-tech nation are balanced alongside a reverence for tradition and the ways of old Asia. Despite the language barrier, Koreans are happy to share their culture with travellers. The food is one of Asia's least known but most delicious cuisines. Come to our info meeting to learn more about this exciting tour and how you can join Sanctuary Choir members in this experience. StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org, ext. 8836.

Y-GROUP CASSEROLE BLITZ. Tues., Jan. 12, 9:15 a.m., Main Kitchen. Prepare casseroles for the homeless and make crispy treats for the students from our BMPC tutoring program. Childcare available. GabySnyder@yahoo.com.

Middleton Center Programs

The Middleton Center is accessed via our Ministries Center. For more information contact info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Jan. 5, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Experience this ancient symbol and prayer form. Last walk of the evening begins at 7:15 p.m.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Jan. 9, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. On-going support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIVORCE. Sat., Jan. 9, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Middleton Center. A "Second Saturday" workshop to offer financial, emotional and legal advice from qualified professionals. \$20/person.

PARENT GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH TRANSGENDER CHILDREN. Tues., Jan. 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Middleton Center. Confidential support group to meet other parents of transgender or questioning children. \$25/person - \$40/couple.

OPERATION HOME AND HEALING. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 19, 26, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Three part program for veterans and family members/partners. Registration required (see email above).

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. Choose between projects in the BMPC Education Building, weatherization in Philadelphia with Habitat for Humanity, assisting seniors in the Bryn Mawr community with ElderNet, or a Casserole Blitz. Register at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION. Deadline for early bird pricing is January 31. For more information about the High School Mission Trip to Peru, the Middle School Urban Plunge in NYC, or Camp Kirkwood 2016, search "Summer Camps and Mission Trips" at www.bmpc.org. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Feb. 1, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers are needed to donate blood and to assist with scheduling appointments. Bill Matthai, william.matthai@uphs.upenn.edu, 610-668-1842.

SUPER BOWL PARTY FOR YOUTH, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. Sun., Feb. 7, 6:00 p.m., Pastor Kellen's manse. Bring a snack to share and we'll enjoy food and fellowship during the big game. Register: KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

Caring & Sharing

ASSIST WITH THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK. IHN guests arrive today, Dec. 27, and will be here through 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.

SERVE WITH OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM. Provide rides for older adults, meals to those recuperating, prayer shawls for those in need of prayer, or visits to the homebound. LorieBenovic@bmpc.org or ext. 8833.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER.

- 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 anyone 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.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. Please pray for all who remain in harm's way. If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces, contact Janney Ryan, janneyryan610@gmail.com.

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 27, 2015

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.

7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 5, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 12:30 p.m.)

10:00 a.m. Holiday Worship Together for age 2 - grade 12.
No Sunday School or Youth Gathering.

11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court

Monday, December 28, 2015

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium

Wednesday, December 30, 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. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room

Thursday, December 31, 2015

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

Friday, January 1, 2016

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

Saturday, January 2, 2016

No activities scheduled.

Sunday, January 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Kellen Smith will preach.

Holiday Worship Together for age 2 - grade 12.
No Sunday School or Youth Gathering.

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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www.bmpc.org (for program information, calendar, and staff directory)

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24/7 Answering Service for Pastoral Emergencies: 610-525-2821

Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

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

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