



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

January 3, 2016
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Second Sunday after Christmas

Welcome to BMPC

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

NEW HERE? Please 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:

Holiday Worship Together: age 2 - grade 12 (no Sunday School or Youth Gathering until next week)

Childcare: infants - age 5; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

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.



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE The Old Year has Passed Away, the New Year has Come J. S. Bach
 Jesus, Bright and Morning Star Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord!
**All: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
One: The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory is above the heavens.
All: Yet God lifts up the lowly and humble in heart.
One: Then let us look to the Lord and be glad!
All: We will rejoice and give thanks for God's mighty works.
One: Let us worship God.

† **HYMN** 108 Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing



Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and may
God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the
presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

During the Sending Hymn, children return to their families.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 147:12-20 (*p. 582 in pew Bible*)

Rachel Pedersen

ANTHEM

Behold a Star from Jacob`

Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning star is He, the promise of the coming day, beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful Hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of Thy rising.

SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14 (*p. 734 in pew Bible*)

Kellen A. Smith

SERMON

Mercy Multiplied

Kellen A. Smith

† **HYMN 112**

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

SUSSEX CAROL

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

Rachel Pedersen

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah

chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

~ 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

Star in the East

Howard Boatright

Hail the blest morn! See the Great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend. Shepherds, go worship the Babe in the manger; Lo, for a guard the bright angels attend. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies His head with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore Him in slumber reclining; Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and offerings divine. Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine? Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would His favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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

†	DOXOLOGY <i>(in unison)</i>	<i>(Hymnal 606)</i>
	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	Rachel Pedersen
†	HYMN 132	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
		IN DULCI JUBILO
†	BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE	Kellen A. Smith
	POSTLUDE	In Thee is Joy
		J.S. Bach

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Heather Miller Cox
Otto Finkbeiner
David Stewart Hanna
Mary Pancoast Reeve
Edward Bingham Miller
Elvin J. Stoltzfus

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our ushering team

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

Announcements

ART EXHIBIT - CRAFTS, ART, AND CULTURE OF BOTSWANA. On view and for sale in the Ministries Center through Sun., Jan. 24. Sales support the artists. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS. At our Book Center in the Ministries Center Court you will find daily reading books for 2016. Stop by following worship and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; the key is at the Reception Desk. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

This Week

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, 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.

Upcoming

LIFE TRANSITIONS. Sundays, Jan. 10 - 24, 11:15 a.m. Witherspoon Parlor. Pat Danzon, Spiritual Director at the Middleton Center, discusses the distinctions between "change" and "transitions" and the Biblical stories of journey and spiritual writings and practices relevant to life transitions. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

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. Come to our info meeting to learn about how you can join our Sanctuary Choir members for this experience. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.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.

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.

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).

THE REPRESENTATION PROJECT FILM SERIES. Thursday, Jan. 14 & 21, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr Film Institute.

- Part I, Jan. 14, "The Mask You Live In." Explores cultural influences in the way boys are raised to be men in today's society.
- Part II, Jan. 21, "Miss Representation." Exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America.

Tickets are available through The Bryn Mawr Film Institute. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

Save the Date

INTERFAITH TU B'SHEVAT SEDER. Fri., Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Gather on this rooted, creative, mystical, musical, Jewish and environmental holy day and celebrate the New Year of the Trees with a ceremonial Seder dinner. Courtenay Willcox, mcwillcox@gmail.com

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.

SUPPORT SYRIAN REFUGEES. Sun., Jan. 24, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Our congregation continues its discernment and education regarding the sponsorship of Syrian refugee families. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and members who have been working with Lutheran Children and Family Services will explain the logistics of refugee support and how we can help this work of hospitality and welcome. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org, ext. 8818.

YOUTH OUTING: PHILADELPHIA 76'ERS GAME. Sat., Jan. 30, 5:00 p.m., Wells Fargo Center. Meet Pastor Kellen at the Wells Fargo Center for an action packed NBA game as the Sixers take on the World Champion Golden State Warriors. Limited tickets available. \$25. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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.

Caring & Sharing

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 through 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, January 3, 2015

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

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

11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, January 4, 2015

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, January 5, 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

11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall

4:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Practice, Gymnasium

6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, January 6, 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
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village
- 12:00 p.m. Cathy Chang Visit, Congregational Hall
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesday Together Program,
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
Dinner with Cathy Chang to 6:30 p.m., Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- 7:00 p.m. Music and Fine Arts Council Meeting, Conference Room
Worldwide Ministries Council Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, January 7, 2015

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, January 8, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 2:00 p.m. smokeFree Smoking Cessation Class, Gloucester Room
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, January 9, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Second Saturday Divorce Support Group, Middleton Center
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, January 10, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger 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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