



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

November 27, 2016
8:00 a.m., Chapel
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to BMPC

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you have joined us as we gather to worship God. Our programs and ministries are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests. Questions? Please introduce yourself to a pastor after the service or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809, during the week.

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: 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102, from birth - age 3

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

Grades age 4 - grade 3: 10:15 a.m., combined classes, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 202 (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 4 - 12: Holiday Worship Together

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. To keep informed about our activities, subscribe to BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. Visit our homepage, www.bmpc.org, for links to ministry-specific newsletters and our Facebook and Instagram pages.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. For refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service, please visit Congregational Hall.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Charles I. Vogel ~ November 17, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Courtenay Willcox

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.

All: May we learn to walk in God's ways.

One: May our swords become plowshares.

All: May our spears become pruning hooks.

One: Nor shall we learn war anymore.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

One: We hear the promise of the prophets that a day is coming when the people will learn peace and not war. We hear the promise, but it is hard to see when our world is filled with the sounds of violence. We light this candle to help us know God's new way so that we might walk in the light of the Lord.

† **HYMN 367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

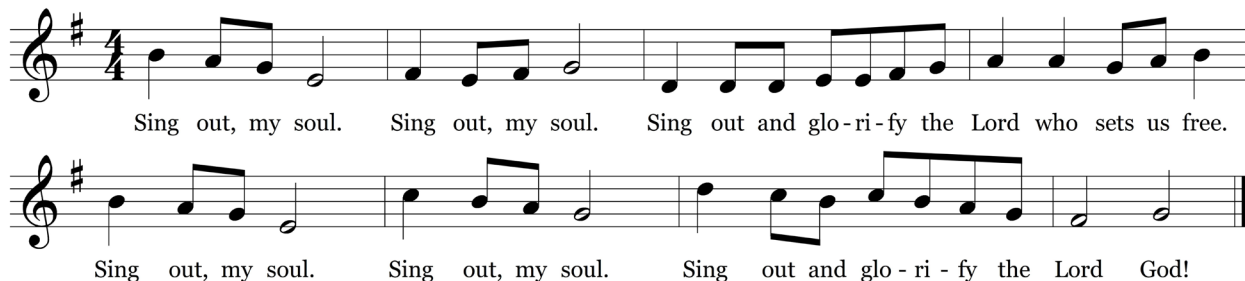
God of grace, ever faithful to your promises,
the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming,
and longs for the day of his return in glory and peace.
Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes.
Cleanse us from all that leads us to turn from your ways,
and forgive us for trusting in ourselves to make our own future.
Empower us to prepare for Christ's return
by doing the work to which he has commissioned us,
for your sake and the sake of the world.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† *Please stand, if able.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Sing Twice*)



Musical notation for congregational response, consisting of two staves of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo-ri-fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo-ri-fy the Lord God!

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Courtenay Willcox

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5 (*p. 631 in pew Bible*)

Courtenay Willcox

SECOND LESSON Matthew 24:36-44 (*p. 27 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Light of Hope
First in Advent Series, *Christ, Be Our Light!*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 102**

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM,
DER HEIDEN HEILAND

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into 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 104** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Courtenay Willcox

USHERING

Tom Hays

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

The sermon series during Advent, *Christ Be Our Light!*, explores the themes of readings from both the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew: the light of hope, peace, holiness and Emmanuel, God with us. As we light the candles of the Advent wreath each week, we pray also that the light of God will grow in us and emanate from us.

BULLETIN COVER

Detail from The Nativity© 2015 John August Swanson | Eyekons

10:00 a.m. Service

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Eva Lacey Lee

Mary E. Lee

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Sanctuary Choir

Today

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADVENT KICK-OFF. Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202, 10:15 a.m. Children birth - age 3 are in the nursery, while children age 4 - grade 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m., and then go to a combined Advent Kick-Off class following the children's message.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:00 a.m. - noon, Ministries Center Court. As a community, let us celebrate God's gifts to us by sharing with others. Order at AGM table on Sundays or online at www.bmpc.org > Outreach > Advent Gift Market. Marian Chitester, mmethistle@verizon.net.

FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY: GOSPEL OF MARK. Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray walks us through this Gospel that gives us the very essence of Jesus' life and ministry. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE. Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The idea of religious freedom runs counter to most of history. What are the origins, present contours, and global prospects for a robust and just practice of "religious freedom?" Led by Dr. Jon Pahl, LTSP. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION DEADLINE. Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: "In memory of," "In honor of," or "In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism)." Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or via the link on our homepage at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons' flower ministry.

Announcements

2017 STEWARDSHIP. As we give thanks for all the Lord has given us, may we remember to share our blessings. In the pew, by mail or online, we are thankful to receive your pledge cards for 2017. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. If you are not a member, we invite you to join our community of faith on Sun., Dec. 11. Attend our "Gathering with the Pastors" on Sunday morning, Dec. 4, to learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). Register: DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH DURING ADVENT. The Story Path labyrinth is in our Chapel during Advent for prayer and meditation. The labyrinth is open on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. A weekly written reflection available. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

ART EXHIBIT. On view through Sun., Jan. 1 in our Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor. The colorful and varied works of art by traditionalist Mary French to the more illusional art of Maria Schneider represent different techniques and materials and are available for purchase as holiday gifts. Artists' Reception on Sun., Dec. 11, after our Christmas choir concert. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

THE BOOK CENTER. Looking for a gift for a family member or to give as a hostess gift? The Book Center, located in the Ministries Center, has many choices on sale! Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

This Week

PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC. Mon., Nov. 28, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center. Soprano soloist Elizabeth Weigle, accompanied by pianist Elizabeth Morgan, presents a classical and contemporary repertoire. DeAnn Clancy, deannclancy@hotmail.com.

INTERFAITH BIBLE STUDY. Mon., Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood. Join Rabbi David Strauss and the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick for two evenings of exploring biblical texts that we share as both Christians and Jews. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

ADVENT CLASS: HANDEL'S MESSIAH. Wednesdays, Nov. 30 - Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Jeffrey Brillhart and Edward Landin. Together we study the texts that Handel used to create his most iconic work. Our gathering includes performances by our Sanctuary Choir section leaders. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Upcoming

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES. Sun., Dec. 4, 11:00 a.m. following worship, Congregational Hall. A festive event with hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (FOR AGE 50+). Sun., Dec. 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne. Register: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$15/person (includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages), attn: Amy Bauer. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING. 11:15 a.m., Sun., Dec. 11, Gloucester Room. Youth and parents are invited to come and learn about our exciting middle school (Philadelphia) and high school (New Mexico) mission trips planned for summer 2017. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

SWEET SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS. Sun., Dec. 11, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This concert celebrates the joys of the Advent and Christmas seasons and features the entire family of BMPC choirs as well as one of the great brass ensembles in America, the Philadelphia Brass. Free-will offering. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

ANNUAL YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY. Sun., Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse (127 Radnor St.). KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY. Sun., Dec. 18, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Wynnewood Lanes. A night of bowling and fun. Cost: \$15/person includes dinner, shoes and bowling. Register by Dec. 18 to AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Save the Date

CALLING ALL ALUMNI: CHRISTMAS EVE ALUMNI RECEPTION. Sat., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by seeing friends who grew up at BMPC and are back for the holidays. We welcome all former youth after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. worship services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Caring & Sharing

FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION. Bring frozen turkeys and hams for the holiday season to the freezers in the Ministries Center for our Hunger Committee to deliver to families in need. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS COLLECTION. Share the spirit of Christmas with children of theVillage by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (5 - 8 gifts per child). Sign up online (<http://bit.ly/2ePhUBF>) and bring gifts to collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building through Dec. 11. Betty Wu, efwu01@gmail.com, 610-449-8059.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Family-friendly event to prepare casseroles for homeless shelters. sandiekev@verizon.net.

HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is 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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO 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.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, November 27, 2016

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Holiday Worship Together for grades 4 - 12, Sanctuary
Age 4 - grade 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Combined Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 202
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Court
11:15 a.m. Religious Freedom: Past, Present, and Future, Witherspoon Parlor
Fullerton Bible Study: Gospel of Mark, Fullerton Room

Monday, November 28, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
1:30 p.m. Perspectives in Music, Fine Arts Center
7:30 p.m. Interfaith Bible Study, Main Line Reform Temple

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Mission Council Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet at BMPC's Back Parking Lot
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together Program for grades K - 5, 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. Student Serve, Loft
- Advent Class: Handel's *Messiah*, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 1, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, December 2, 2016

- 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 3, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Organ Improvisation Class, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, December 4, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Choirs, Sanctuary
- The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- Sunday School for age 2 - grade 3.
- Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 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 • KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

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