



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

December 4, 2016
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Second 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

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

Grades K- 3: 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 4 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Worship Together Sunday, Sanctuary

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. 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.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathy Whiteside

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: A shoot will come out of the stump; a branch shall grow from the root.

**All: With righteousness, the poor will be judged
and the meek given honor.**

One: The wolf will live with the lamb.

**All: The cow and the bear will graze;
their young will lie down together.**

One: They will not hurt or destroy on all God's holy mountain.

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 all people will dwell in safety and justice. We hear the promise, but it is hard to see when we are afraid and when people hurt. We light this candle to help us see God's way of mercy and justice; we light these candles so that we might walk in the light of the Lord.

† **HYMN 83**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Risen Lord, stir up in us the hope of your return.

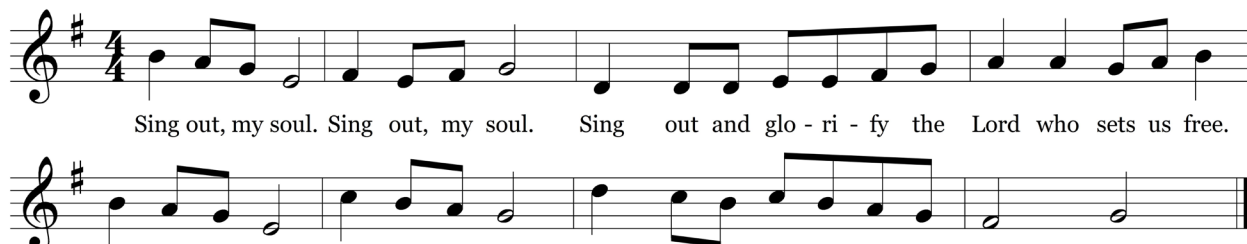
Forgive us for setting our affections on things of this world,
rather than in trusting you to be our guiding comfort
as we face an uncertain future.

By your Spirit, quicken us to trust your promise
to bring true joy and peace,
and to follow your call to love you
with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

† *Please stand, if able.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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

Cathy Whiteside

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10 (*p. 640 in pew Bible*)

Cathy Whiteside

SECOND LESSON Matthew 3:1-12 (*p. 2 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Light of Peace
Second in Advent Series *Christ, Be Our Light!*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 84**

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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 105** People, Look East

BESANÇON

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

† *Please stand, if able.*

Worship Notes

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Cathy Whiteside

USHERING

Tom Willcox

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

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10:00 a.m. Service

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Cdr. George C. McFarland and Esther Ann McFarland

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Worship Committee

Today

GATHERING WITH THE PASTORS. 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. - noon, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 208. Our pastors present an orientation about BMPC so newcomers or those interested in BMPC can learn more about our church and ask questions. Childcare available. DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES. 11:00 a.m. following worship, Congregational Hall. A festive event with hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages.

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.

SANCTUARY CHOIR OPEN AUDITIONS. 11:00 - 11:30 a.m., Choir Loft. If you would like to be a part of our Sanctuary Choir, attend our open auditions.

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.

FAITH INBETWEEN. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. Parents of children in grades 3 - 7 share dinner and an opportunity to discuss friendships. There will be a homework room (Rm. 202) available for children. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

Announcements

2017 STEWARDSHIP. We hope everyone will consider *Growing in Generosity* with us this year. Any gift, no matter how large or small, is needed and appreciated it. Share what you can and feel the joy that comes from altruistic giving. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

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 is 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.

This Week

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger leads our study of *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, Chapter 4. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@erols.com.

Y-GROUP EVENT: THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY. Wed., Dec. 7, 5:00-7:30 p.m., the Village. Share the Christmas spirit with other parents and children at the Village's annual Christmas party. Volunteers needed to help children make bookmarks and to hand out books. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

ADVENT CLASS: HANDEL'S MESSIAH. Wednesdays through 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

CARILLON TOUR. Sun., Dec. 11, 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and sends you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. Rob Mygatt, Rob.Mygatt@gmail.com.

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING. Sun., Dec. 11, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Youth and parents are invited to 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. Thirty minute carillon prelude by Lisa Lonie. 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.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion of *Cuba and the United States – How will efforts to normalize relations with Cuba evolve in the 21st century?* Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, using *The Bible From Scratch: New Testament for Beginners* by Donald Griggs. Anita Iyengar aciyengar@gmail.com.

Y-GROUP COOKIE EXCHANGE. Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., home of Krista Vaughan. Celebrate the season at the Y-Group cookie exchange. Guests are asked to bring five dozen cookies - four to share and one to donate. Register: KristaVaughan@yahoo.com.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH 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

CLEAN OUT YOUR BOOKSHELVES. Y-Group is collecting new and used books to distribute at the theVillage Christmas Party. Please place your books in the collection bin in the Ministries Center by Tues., Dec. 6. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

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>) or in the Ministries Center Court and bring gifts to collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building through next Sun., Dec. 11. Betty Wu, efwu01@gmail.com, 610-449-8059.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, one of the four Special Offerings of the PC(USA), provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Envelopes are available in the pews Dec. 11 and 18, or note "Christmas Joy" on the memo line of your check. <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.html>

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.

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 4, 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
Gathering with the Pastors/Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Choirs, Sanctuary**
Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 12, Sanctuary
Age 4 - grade 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 202
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Advent Workshop for Families, Congregational Hall
Advent Gift Market Sales, Ministries Center Court
Sanctuary Choir Auditions, Choir Loft
11:15 a.m. Religious Freedom: Past, Present, and Future, Witherspoon Parlor
Fullerton Bible Study: Gospel of Mark, Fullerton Room
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Gathering with the Pastors/Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206
6:00 p.m. Prime Time Advent Party, home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer
6:30 p.m. Faith inbeTWEEN, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205

Monday, December 5, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor
APNC Meeting, Fullerton Room

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
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. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, December 7, 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
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together Program for grades K - 5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Light the Night (Weekday School Event), Playground
- 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 8, 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
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, December 9, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Saturday, December 10, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Raingutter Regatta, Cub Scout Troop 110, Gymnasium
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Barbara Merin Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel & Congregational Hall

Sunday, December 11, 2016

- 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

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