



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2017
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Education Building, Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Age 2 - PreK Classes

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5 Classes

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 a.m., Education Building

Grades 6 -12

Youth Gathering
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Gym
Connection Groups
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.,
Ministries Center

Advent Gift Market

11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall

NEW HERE? We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello at our information alcove to the left of the main entrance after the service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending one of our 'Discover BMPC' classes offered in December. Contact the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff, FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed in this bulletin. **Grades K-5** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to Sunday School. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Education Building.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God worked marvels in the sight of our ancestors.

All: God split open the sea and let them pass through.

One: God led them with a cloud by day,
and through the night with a glow of fire.

**All: God split the hard rocks in the wilderness and
gave them drink.**

One: God brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

All: Let us worship God who provides all we need.

† **HYMN 641**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Covenant-keeping God, we acknowledge that we belong to you,
and that you have created us to love and serve you without reservation.

Yet when faced with hard choices, we have followed the tempting voices of this world
rather than maintaining loyalty to your way.

Forgive our lack of devotion to you.

Help us live as people who trust that all we need comes from you
and all we have ultimately belongs to you,
to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI** *(in unison)*

Hymn 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

During the Sending Hymn, children K - Grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.



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.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 138 (*p. 577 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM

Go Forth Into the World in Peace
Sanctuary Choir

Paul Sjolund

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Go forth into the world in love. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go forth into the world in peace.

SECOND LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (*p. 215 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Matter of Choice

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 794

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

ST. STEPHEN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Advent Gift Market

Yardly Jenkins

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing Unto God
Sanctuary Choir

Paul Fetler

Sing unto God, sing ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord; Sing to him that rideth upon the heavens which are of old; Lo, he uttereth his voice, and that a mighty voice. Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the skies.

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

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| † | DOXOLOGY | | Hymn 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 | | Franklyn C. Pottorff |
| † | HYMN 65 | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | CWM RHONDDA |
| † | BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE | | Agnes W. Norfleet |
| | POSTLUDE | Marche de Fête | Henri Büsser |

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Elizabeth R. Pantaleoni

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

The flowers on our communion table this morning are given in honor
of the 30th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet's ordination
and in thanksgiving for her ministry to this congregation.

GREETING AND HOSTING

Advent Gift Market Committee

BULLETIN COVER

Journey with Jesus
by He Qi

Announcements

GATHER US IN: STEWARDSHIP 2018. Thank you to all who have taken the time to send in their pledges! Did you know that one of the biggest reasons we ask for pledge commitments is so that we can best allocate those resources for the coming year? It allows us to continue to support the many mission, outreach, educational and spiritual programs we provide and partner with here at BMPC. As a reminder, you may place your completed pledge cards in the offering plate or you may pledge or donate online: www.bmpc.org/pledge. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS. 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 at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Nov. 26.

GRAPHIC NOTATION: VISUALIZING THE MUSIC OF J.S. BACH. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Philadelphia artist Melinda Steffy reinterprets the music of J.S. Bach as color patterns, blending music theory, color theory, mathematical structures, and meticulous handiwork to create vibrant works of art. In addition to selections from the *Well-Tempered Clavier*, *Cello Suite in G Major*, and more, her exhibit features new works commissioned by BMPC based on Bach’s *Christmas Oratorio* to be performed at the Christmas Concert on Sun., Dec. 10 at 4:00 p.m. A reception and artist’s talk will follow the concert.

BOOK CENTER IN MINISTRIES CENTER. Christmas books for children, Advent books for adults, book-themed ornaments and some special keepsakes (made in Germany) for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. See table on balcony today for Advent Gift Market. [Kat MacMurray, katrmac2@icloud.com](mailto:KatMacMurray@icloud.com).

Today

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. The Opening Market Festival features representatives from the various committees and councils who can answer questions about their individual mission projects. [Marian Chitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net](mailto:MarianChitester@mmcthistle@verizon.net).

CARING CORNER. Our parish nurse and social worker will be on the Ministries Center Balcony before and after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Look for the Caring Ministries banner! Bring your questions and come meet Carol and Renee.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. Discussion of *Why I Left, Why I Stayed* by Tony Campolo and Bart Campolo. In a combined memoir, father and son share their differing perspectives on faith, religion and the church. Discussed by [Paul MacMurray, CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:PaulMacMurray@bmpc.org).

FILLING THE WELL. 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. A weekly class for women providing an opportunity for fellowship, study and conversation. Discussion of *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* by N.T. Wright and Marcus Borg. peggyhermann@hotmail.com.

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY. 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 201. This group seeks to apply scripture to our daily lives as parents, grandparents and active members of the community. Barbara Heaton, BarbhHeaton@gmail.com.

This Week

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 23, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for "Pancakes for a Purpose" and enjoy fellowship and food at this annual event. All proceeds (\$5 per person) support the youth mission projects and trips. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE. Sundays during Advent, beginning Nov. 26, 9:25 - 9:50 a.m., Middleton Center. The traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer is known as "lectio divina," and Advent offers the opportunity to pause and reflect on the birth of Christ. info@middletoncenter.org.

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT: STUDYING APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS. Sundays, Nov. 26-Dec. 17, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The season of Advent invites us to look with anticipation to the coming of Christ, not just as a child, but coming again in a future yet to be known. Dr. Joshua Yoder leads us through a four-week study of the biblical roots of what theologians have imagined the new heaven and new earth might be like. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

NOONTIME HARPSICORD RECITALS. Tuesdays during Advent, Nov. 28-Dec. 19, Noon, Sanctuary. Featuring harpsichord students of Temple University on BMPC's William Dowd harpsichord. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

THEOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Using the book, *Theology for Presbyterians* by Donald K. McKim, the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads this review of the basics of many essential theological topics and how and why they matter to us. Anita Iyengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES. Sun., Dec. 3, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. A festive event with hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+).

Sun., Dec. 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhner in Wayne (directions to be mailed). Register by Nov. 26 online at 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.

Save the Date

BACH CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Sun., Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia performing Johann Sebastian Bach's *Magnificat* and *Christmas Oratorio, Part I*. Tickets: \$15.00 for adults; \$5.00 for students. Purchase in advance on our website, www.bmpc.org. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

DECK THE HALLS. Thurs., Dec. 14, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary. Help our Flower Committee decorate the church with boughs of holly, wreaths, poinsettias, and greens. Patti Hallowell, augustehallowell@mac.com.

A WEE CHRISTMAS. Tues., Dec. 19, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Designed for children ages 2 - 5 and their families, this special retelling of the Christmas Story allows our youngest members to hear and participate in the story of Jesus' birth. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Sat., Jan. 13-15, 2018, Camp Kirkwood, Poconos. Join us for a weekend away at Camp Kirkwood where you will enjoy hiking, snowtubing, small groups, Sunday morning worship and time to explore the surrounding area. Early-bird registration due by Thurs., Nov. 30. Cost: \$225. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. All are welcome. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

HAM AND TURKEY COLLECTION. During November the Hunger Committee is accepting donations of frozen hams and turkeys. Donations may be placed in the freezers in the Ministries Center.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (five to eight gifts per child). Contact Betty Wu: bmpcangels@gmail.com, stop by the Angel Trees in the Ministries Center and Education Building, or sign up here: <http://bit.ly/BMPCAngels>.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER. Contribute to emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations by using the white Hunger Envelopes in the pews or noting "Hunger" on the memo line of your check. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

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 19

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
Child & Youth Protection Training, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 204 & 205
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Middle School Connections Group (Grades 6 - 7), Loft
Confirmation (Grade 8) Connections Group, Gloucester Room
Grades 9 - 10 Connections Groups, Converse House Parlor
Grades 11 - 12 Connections Groups, Fullerton Room
11:00 a.m. Advent Gift Market, Congregational Hall
11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center

Monday, November 20

- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, November 21

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Urban Suburban Book Group, Converse House Parlor
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium

Wednesday, November 22

- 10:00 a.m. Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor

Thursday, November 23

8:30 a.m. Annual Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast, Congregational Hall

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

Friday, November 24

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

Saturday, November 25

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room & Middleton Center

1:00 p.m. Alan Lawley Interment & Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 26

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 3.

Holiday Worship Together for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

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