



# *Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church*

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November 19, 2017  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
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

### **8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel**

#### **Art @ 9**

Age 3 - Grade 5  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

#### **Digging Deeper**

Adult Bible Study  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

#### **Filling the Well**

Women's Bible Study  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

#### **Sunday Morning Discussion Group**

Adult Study  
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

### **10:00 Worship, Sanctuary**

Sunday School, Adult Education  
*See calendar for a complete schedule.*

#### **Advent Gift Market**

11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

**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.** Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

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 AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## 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

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to  
O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to  
hear your voice. O - pen my ears,  
love like you. O - pen my heart,  
Lord. Help me to hear.  
Lord. Help me to love.

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# HEARING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Steve McConnell

**FIRST LESSON**

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

Steve McConnell

**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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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 offering 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

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.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

### MINISTRY MOMENT

Advent Gift Market

Yardly Jenkins

### † HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

### † SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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

### **SANCTUARY 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.

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Steve McConnell

### **USHERING**

Tom Hays

### **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](http://www.bmpc.org/pledge). [SarahMiciek@bmpc.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.bmpc.org). [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. All are welcome. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).

# ***This Week's Calendar***

*For more information, visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto: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***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

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