



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

November 26, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Christ the King Sunday

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

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.

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. 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.

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O give thanks to God for all the goodness we are shown!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: We once were a wandering people, hungry and thirsty in a desert land.

All: We cried to God to deliver us, and we were led to a new land rich in promise and harvest.

One: God quenches the thirsty, fills the hungry and leads us home.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

† HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious Giver of all that we have and all that we are,
we confess that we can be slow to give thanks
and to share from our abundance.

Sometimes we deny our oneness with all your creatures,
and seek only after our own needs.

Challenge us with a vision for all your people,
that we may commit our lives to your mission in the world
as disciples of Christ who further your peace.

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

Tod Guernsey

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 100 (*p. 552 in pew Bible*)

Tod Guernsey

SECOND LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-31 (*p. 803 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

A Covenant of Peace

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 802**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

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

† HYMN 643 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

† 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
Eva Lacey Lee
Mary E. Lee

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Tod Guernsey

USHERING

Tom Hays

BULLETIN COVER

Journey with Jesus by He Qi



"I am the resurrection and the life."

John R. Cranford ~ November 22, 2017

Announcements

GATHER US IN: STEWARDSHIP 2018. We hope you have spent time with your family and friends and gathered everyone in at your tables during Thanksgiving. Let us not forget to show our thanks and gratitude for all that Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church does for us, our community and the larger world. If you have not done so, please place your completed pledge card in the offering plate, mail it to the church office or pledge or donate online: www.bmpc.org/pledge. Thank you to all who have pledged! SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

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 special keepsakes (made in Germany) for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Book Center open following worship and on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kat MacMurray, katrmac2@icloud.com.

Today

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS DUE TODAY. 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.

TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE. Today and Sundays during Advent, 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.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sundays through Dec. 24, 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center Court. AGM provides an opportunity for you to do your holiday shopping for family, friends, teachers, co-workers, babysitters, anyone you wish to honor by donating to a charitable project you have chosen. Cashiers available following worship to help you place, purchase or pick up your order. Also available online at www.bmpc.org. Marian Chitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net.

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT: STUDYING APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS. Today through Dec. 17, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The season of Advent invites us to await 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.

This Week

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

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES. Wednesdays starting Nov. 29 - Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., Chapel. A simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence, led by the pastors.

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.

Next Sunday

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES. Sun., Dec. 3, 11:20 a.m., Gym. 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 Hauptfuhrer in Wayne (directions to be mailed). Register online by today, Nov. 26, at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. \$15/person (includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages).

Upcoming

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Mary Steege leads our study of *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* by Melissa Bane Sevier, Chapter 4. For book and information, contact Joycel Malott, okf405@erols.com.

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. Tickets may be purchased online: <http://bit.ly/BachChristmasConcert>. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. A discussion on “Nuclear security: Given nuclear threats from North Korea, Iran and terrorist access to weapon materials, what is the future of U.S. nuclear security?” Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

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.

Y-GROUP CHRISTMAS EVENT. Thurs., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., home of Sharon Garlepp. Join other mothers and caregivers of young children for a cookie exchange and children’s gift collection to donate to theVillage. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Adults and children (over age four) are invited to make casseroles for homeless shelters. This is a wonderful way to spread goodwill during the Advent season. Register: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

Save the Date

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY. Sun., Dec. 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Arnold’s Family Fun Center in Oaks. Join us for a joyful night of laser tag and go-karts. \$15/person includes dinner. Registration is due by Dec. 15, Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

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.

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 those who grew up at BMPC and are now home for the holidays. We welcome back all former youth to join old friends after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. services. All are encouraged to attend! AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

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

Caring & Sharing

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 online: <http://bit.ly/BMPCAngels>. Gifts are due by Sun., Dec. 10.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Envelopes are available on Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17, to contribute to one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). A cherished tradition since the 1930s, gifts to this fund are distributed to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. You may use the envelopes or note Christmas Joy Offering on the memo line of your check. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

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 26

- 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**
Sunday School for age 2 - age 3, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 106
Sunday School for PreK, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 106 and 202
Grades K - 2 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Holiday Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 3 - 12
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 2, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 202
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
It's the End of the World as We Know It, Witherspoon Parlor
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center

Monday, November 27

No scheduled activities.

Tuesday, November 28

- 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. Harpsichord Recital, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, November 29

- 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. Advent Taize Service, Chapel
Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, November 30

- 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. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Theology for Beginners, Gloucester Room
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, December 1

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102

Saturday, December 2

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Discover BMPC, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
- 11:00 a.m. William J. LeBuhn Interment, Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel
- 1:00 p.m. Soloist Rehearsal for Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 3

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Choirs, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 3.
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in 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

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