

For a
child
is born to us
a son is given to us
AND THE GOVERNMENT
WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS
THESE WILL BE HIS ROYAL TITLES

Wonderful
Counselor

Mighty God

EVERLASTING FATHER
PRINCE OF PEACE

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 3, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
First Sunday of Advent

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

Morning Prayer

Lectio Divina
9:25 a.m., Middleton Center

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.

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

David B. Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jeff Swarr

One: Advent means “coming” as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

All: The prophet Isaiah named him Wonderful Counselor.

One: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end,

All: Reminding us that there is no beginning and no end to the wondrous love of God.

One: Today we light the candle of hope. The people of ancient Israel hoped in God’s promises and were not disappointed.

All: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place, as we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

One: May this candle of hope give light to the world.

† HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Wonderful God, on this first Sunday of Advent as we await your coming anew,
we confess to you those places in our lives where we have refused you entrance:
people we have refused to love; habits we never get around to changing;
good things we have left undone;
and ways we hurt you, ourselves, and others.

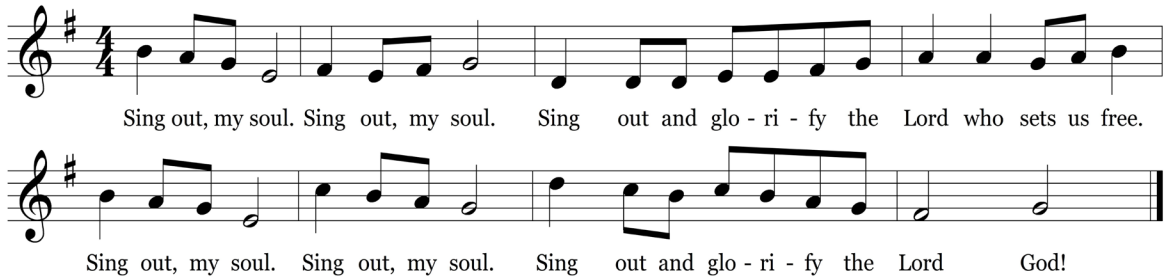
Come to us in the expectation of your Christ.
Shine on those places we have hidden from you.
Show us new ways to live.

Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us,
now and forever.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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

Jeff Swarr

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-4 (*p. 694 in pew Bible*)

Jeff Swarr

SECOND LESSON

Mark 13:24-37 (*p. 50 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Wonderful Counselor

Agnes W. Norfleet

First in Advent Series on the Names of Jesus

† **HYMN 84**

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

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 123** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

† **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
Cdr. George C. McFarland and Esther Ann McFarland

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Jeff Swarr

USHERING

Elder Tom Willcox

BULLETIN COVER

Isaiah 9:6

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Announcements

GATHER US IN: STEWARDSHIP 2018. We have received 75% of our pledge goal, which demonstrates the continuing generosity and commitment of our members. Thank you to those of you who have made such generous and thoughtful commitments to this church! “Give, and it will be given to you...” Luke 6:38. There is still time to 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! 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. Select 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

TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE. 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 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.

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES. 11:20 a.m., Gymnasium. A festive event with hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+. 6:00-8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne.

This Week

ADVENT ILLUMINATED LABYRINTH. Tues., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. At 4:00 p.m., candles will be lit so you can walk the labyrinth by candlelight. The Storypath Labyrinth is open in the Chapel from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on weekdays during Advent and on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Anne Schmid, schmonty@comcast.net.

NOONTIME HARPSICORD RECITALS. Tuesdays during Advent, through Dec. 19, noon, Sanctuary. Featuring harpsichord students from Temple University, Jeffrey Brillhart, and Edward Landin on BMPC's William Dowd harpsichord. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

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 Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com.

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

Next Sunday

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.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (five to eight gifts per child). Contact Betty Wu at 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.

Upcoming

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 weapons 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.

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.

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 those who grew up at BMPC and now are 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. worship 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. Cost: \$250. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Envelopes are available on Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17, to contribute to one of 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.

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.

FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Join the BMPC Flower Team on Sunday mornings to create small flower arrangements for our Deacons to deliver to selected church members. We work in teams of two and serve once every seven to eight weeks. MargoBennett@comcast.net.

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 3

- 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
9:25 a.m. Lectio Divina, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Choirs, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
11:15 a.m. "It's the End of the World as We Know It" Adult Education, Witherspoon Parlor
11:20 a.m. Advent Workshop for Families, Gymnasium
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center
6:00 p.m. Prime Time Advent Party, home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer

Monday, December 4

No scheduled activities.

Tuesday, December 5

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
Monthly Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
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
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Evaluation Night, Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Gloucester Room
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Capital Campaign Cabinet Meeting, Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Ballroom
- 2:00 p.m. Singing for Life Concert, Dunwoody Village
- 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 Evening Prayer Service, Chapel
Student Serve, Loft
- 7:30 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, December 7

- 8:30 a.m. Laurel House Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19: Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal with Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 9

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Raingutter Regatta, Gymnasium
- 9:00 a.m. Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor
Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room & Middleton Center
- 1:00 p.m. John Cranford Memorial Service & Interment, Chapel

Sunday, December 10

- 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.
- 4:00 p.m. Bach Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Reception, Ministries Center

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Mission

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Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Stewardship

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