



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2018
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Baptism of the Lord

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 - 3 Classes

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

Grades 4 -12

Worship Together Sunday
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

An Altar in the World

Adult Education
11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

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!

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. Large print bulletins, back pillows 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

The Old Year has Past Away
Jesu, Bright and Morning Star

J.S. Bach
Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on High?

All: God has shown us what is good.

One: What does the Holy One require of us,

**All: But to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?**

One: Let us worship and serve God.

† HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.

We confess that we fail to receive the amazing blessedness you bestow upon us.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and cleanse us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life
and live together as heirs of your grace.

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 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 29 (p. 504 in pew Bible)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

O Come, Every One that Thirsteth
Sanctuary Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

O come, every one that thirsteth, o come to the waters, o come unto Him. O come, every one that thirsteth, come ye unto Him. O hear, and your souls shall live forever! O come to the waters, o come unto Him. O come, every one that thirsteth, o come to Him.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4-11 (p. 34 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Heavens Torn Apart

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 144**

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Down in the River to Pray
Sanctuary Choir

David B. Smith
David L. Mennicke

As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord, show me the way! Oh sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown; Good Lord, show me the way! Oh, brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

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

† 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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

As the bread and cup are distributed, you are invited to take the bread and cup and pass it to your neighbor in the pew. Gluten- and casein-free bread is available in the small container located on each plate.

†	HYMN 158	Born in the Night, Mary's Child	MARY'S CHILD
†	BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	"God With Us", from <i>The Nativity</i>	Olivier Messiaen

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
James R. and Anna H. Affleck
Walter B. and Roberta Bastow
W. Barton Bastow

DECEMBER 31st SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Otto Finkbeiner
David Stewart Hanna
Elvin J. Stoltzfus

GREETING

Children & Family Ministries and Youth

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Brian Middleton

BULLETIN COVER

Baptism by Lucy Hunnicutt



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Lucinda "Pinkie" Hamilton ~ December 31, 2017

William B. Morlok ~ January 2, 2018

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Sun., Jan. 28, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing church officers (Elders, Deacons and Trustees) and members of the 2018 Nominating Committee and 2018 APNC. Candidate bios will be available on our website on Jan. 15. MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

BACK PILLOWS. Participants in our Children and Family Ministry and Youth Ministry programs have made pillows for our senior members and for those who need an extra cushion in the pews. These pillows are available as you enter the Sanctuary and Chapel.

GET FIT IN THE NEW YEAR. BMPC offers fitness classes to help you feel better, look better, and meet new friends: Repose Yoga, Tai Chi and Senior Exercise Class. Review the schedule online at www.bmpc.org, and pick one that's right for you. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 to confirm location and time.

ART EXHIBIT: RAY STERNBERGH. On view through Sun., Feb. 25 in the Ministries Center. Church member Jennifer Huth shares the art of her father, Ray Sternbergh, a successful New York artist, illustrator, and sculptor.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS 2018. High School Mission Trip to Mexico for rising ninth graders to graduated seniors, July 22-28, \$1,300. Space is limited; register now. Middle School Mission Trip to New York City for rising sixth to rising eighth graders, July 8-12, \$299. Camp Kirkwood for rising sixth to rising 12th graders, \$399 before March 1; \$499 after. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Today

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. 8:45 a.m., Conference Room. This long-standing class begins a new book discussion of *I and Thou* by Martin Buber, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Books available at class or in the Book Center. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

FILLING THE WELL. 8:45 a.m., Children's Library, Education Building. This weekly class gives women an opportunity for fellowship, study and conversation on issues of faith and life. New study starts today with *Animate*, a short video featuring contemporary Christian leaders and scholars. PeggyHermann@hotmail.com.

AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD. Today through Jan. 28, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Patricia Danzon, spiritual director at the Middleton Center, leads discussions of the book, *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

This Week

Y-GROUP CASSEROLE BLITZ. Tues., Jan. 9, 9:15 a.m., BMPC Kitchen, a gathering for mothers of younger children. Help fight hunger and support the Hunger Committee by making casseroles for shelters and churches to serve needy Philadelphians. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Jan. 10, 10:00 a.m., home of Ann Capers. Brunch to celebrate the beginning of our 2018 studies. Bible study resumes on Wed., Jan. 17, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen and guest teachers lead discussions of different spiritual practices and their origins in scripture. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

EVENING OF GENTLE PRAYER. Wed., Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m., Converse House Parlor. In the deep of mid-winter, join us for 35 minutes of gentle prayer, candlelight and thoughtful conversation. Patricia Danzon, spiritual director, along with the Rev. Mary Steege and David Heaton, will facilitate. MarySteege@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Jan. 13-15, Camp Kirkwood, Poconos. Join us for a weekend away at Camp Kirkwood where you may enjoy hiking, snowtubing, discussion groups, Sunday morning worship and time to explore the surrounding area. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

A CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN DWIGHT EVANS. Sun., Jan. 14, 2:00 p.m., Convent of Mercy Auditorium, 515 Montgomery Ave., Merion. Discussion on immigration, care of the earth, the Affordable Care Act, homelessness and poverty, sponsored by an ecumenical group of local faith communities. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY - SMALL GROUP. Begins Tues., Jan. 16, 10:00 a.m., Fullerton Room. It's impossible to become spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Be part of a spiritual and emotional growth group based on Peter Scazzero's book, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. Invest in your spiritual, emotional and relationship health in this eight-week offering led by the Rev. Mary Steege. Register and order books: MarySteege@bmpc.org.

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Waiting* by Ha Jinn. Edelene Carroll, carrollvirgo@verizon.net.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION. Wed., Jan. 17, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Discussion of Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope's book, *Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses and Citizens Can Save the Planet*. Books are available in the Book Center, \$14. Courtenay Willcox, mcwillcox@gmail.com.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 19, home of Barbara Cobb. Dr. Diane Chen, professor of New Testament, Palmer Seminary, Eastern University, leads our discussion of “A Christian Perspective on Asian Spirituality.” Register: Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net, with your food and drink donation.

THEOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS. Thurs., Jan. 25, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. A review of the basics of the most essential theological topics and how and why they matter to us, led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Anita Ayengar, aciyengar@gmail.com.

TWO-PIANO RECITAL. Sun., Jan. 28, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Back by popular demand, Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward return to the Sanctuary to play a recital featuring works by Mozart, Bach, Rachmaninoff, Debussy, and more. Suggested offering: \$10.00. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

DEACONS’ ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 29, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers are needed to donate blood and to assist with scheduling appointments. Contact: Sherri Shields at 610-449-3351 or ShieldsS1@email.chop.edu.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 20. Gather for prayer at 8:30 a.m. outside the Ministries Center kitchen and then prepare casseroles for those who are less fortunate. The need for food is increasing! Sandiekev@verizon.net.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR LOCAL REFUGEES. During the month of January the following items are needed by Bethany Christian Services for newly-arrived refugees in the Philadelphia area: deodorant, bar soap, shampoo (no conditioner), toothpaste (no brushes), razors, laundry detergent, kitchen/bathroom cleaners. Drop off donations in collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building.

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. You also can bring canned goods (soups, peanut butter, stews, ravioli) each Sunday to add to the Hunger Baskets in the Narthex. 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, January 7

- 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 Communion and Sanctuary Choir, 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. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
11:15 a.m. Children and Youth Service Project, Gymnasium
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
An Altar in the World, Witherspoon Parlor
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center

Monday, January 8

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, January 9

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Y-Group Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
10:30 a.m. Monthly Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, January 10

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, home of Ann Capers
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 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
Property Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, January 11

- 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
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, January 12

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, January 13

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 7:30 a.m. High School Winter Retreat Check In, Ministries Center
- 8:00 a.m. AGO January Jumpstart Organ Conference, BMPC Campus
- 8:30 a.m. High School Winter Retreat, Depart from Parking Lot

Sunday, January 14

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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

David B. Smith, Interim Director, Youth Ministry

Mary Steege, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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