



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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November 12, 2017  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
32nd 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.*

#### **Living Legacy Brunch**

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

#### **The Art of the Song**

BMPC Staff Singers Recital  
2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**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](mailto: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.

[www.BMPC.org](http://www.BMPC.org)

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.

**All: Praise the Lord, all you holy angels;  
praise the Lord, all heavenly host.**

One: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars.

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for the Lord is exalted.**

## † HYMN 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, you have called us to glorify you and enjoy you above all else.

You have given us joyful songs to sing.

We confess that sometimes our words of good news are restrained,

and our harmonies of praise become muted by our love for the things of this world.

Forgive us when we fail to give thanks for your abundant blessings.

Inspire us to enter the doors you open for us that we may follow you faithfully.

*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**

Sheryl Parente

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 121 (*p. 571 in pew Bible*)

Sheryl Parente

**SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 3:12-16 (*p. 198 in pew Bible*)

David B. Smith

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Press On*

David B. Smith

† **HYMN 45**

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

DUNDEE

# 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

David B. Smith

† HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

† 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  
Jane S. Polk  
Esther M. and Herbert P. Stellwagen

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Sheryl Parente

### **USHERING**

Tom Hays

### **BULLETIN COVER**

*Journey with Jesus by He Qi*



*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

William J. LeBuhn ~ November 8, 2017

## Announcements

**GATHER US IN: STEWARDSHIP 2018.** Thank you for getting your pledges in! We are off to a strong start in this campaign, and we are so thankful for your dedication to 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. An artist's reception follows the concert.

**CHOIR TOUR TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN.** Registration is now open for the 2020 Choir Tour to Israel and Jordan. Singers as well as friends of the choir are welcome to sign up! The trip is scheduled for June and July 2020. A \$150 deposit is due by Wed., Nov. 15. Registration and payment information as well as trip itinerary are available for download at [www.bmpc.org/ChoirTour](http://www.bmpc.org/ChoirTour). [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org).

**BOOK CENTER IN MINISTRIES CENTER.** Books make great host/hostess gifts! We also have a large variety of children's books. The Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays following the 10:00 a.m. service. Kat MacMurray, [katrmac2@icloud.com](mailto:katrmac2@icloud.com).

## Today

**LIVING LEGACY BRUNCH.** 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. George Wirth, former BMPC Youth Pastor, returns as part of the Living Legacy series hosted by our Senior Adult Council.

**9TH to 12TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** 11:30 a.m., David Smith's Manse. All 9th - 12th graders and their families are invited to join David Smith, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, for a time of fellowship after worship.

**THE ART OF THE SONG: BMPC STAFF SINGERS, JEFFREY BRILLHART, PIANIST.** 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. A new addition to our concert series this year is the opportunity to hear the staff soloists from our Sanctuary Choir featured in their own recital. Suggested offering: \$10.00.

**KICKBALL WITH YOUTH FROM CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.** 4:00 p.m., field behind the gym at the Baldwin School. In the spirit of fellowship, the youth group at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer have challenged our 6th through 12th grades to a game of kickball! Show your colors and wear your BMPC Youth T-shirts to the match. Dinner to follow at the Redeemer parish house.

## ***This Week***

**Y-GROUP MEETING.** Tues., Nov. 14, 9:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Y-Group is our interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages with a focus on family, faith, fellowship and service. Florence Sturm, certified parent educator, speaker. Check for childcare availability: [childcare@bmpc.org](mailto:childcare@bmpc.org). [AmyBarrickman@gmail.com](mailto:AmyBarrickman@gmail.com).

**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Tues., Nov. 14, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Dr. Erlis Wickersham leads discussion of the book, *The Three Penny Opera*. Eric Johnson, [erichorjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:erichorjohnson@gmail.com).

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. A discussion about the prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan and how the United States will approach policy in that region, considering the ongoing war with the Taliban and deteriorating relations with Pakistan. Jerry Young, 610-525-7280.

**FAMILY FUN FRIDAY.** Fri., Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Enjoy the film *The Polar Express* and a pizza dinner. Children may wear pajamas and bring blankets. Please indicate if you would like gluten-free pizza. Suggested donation: \$5 per person or \$20 cap per family. Register: [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

## ***Next Sunday***

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Sun., Nov. 19, 11:00 a.m. to 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:mmcthistle@verizon.net).

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

## ***Upcoming***

**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](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.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 bids us look in anticipation to the coming of Christ, not just as a child, but to come 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.

**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 most essential theological topics and how and why they matter to us. Anita Iyengar, [aciyengar@gmail.com](mailto:aciyengar@gmail.com).

## ***Save the Date***

**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 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).

**BACH CHRISTMAS CONCERT.** Sun., Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia performing J.S. 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).

**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.

# *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 12

- 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  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Choirs, Sanctuary**  
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.  
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School Service Activity 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. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center  
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft  
11:15 a.m. Living Legacy Brunch with the Rev. Dr. George Wirth, Congregational Hall  
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
11:30 a.m. High School Brunch, David Smith's Manse  
Children and Family Ministry Council Meeting, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205  
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center  
2:00 p.m. The Art of the Song Recital, Sanctuary  
3:30 p.m. The Art of the Song Reception, Ministries Center Court

## Monday, November 13

- 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, November 14

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102  
Y-Group Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, Fullerton Room  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

- 1:30 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room
- 2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
- 2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium
- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

### **Wednesday, November 15**

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 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. Student Serve, Loft
- Outreach Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

### **Thursday, November 16**

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- Memoir Writing Class, Fullerton Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Hunger Committee Meeting, Conference Room

### **Friday, November 17**

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 9:30 a.m. Child and Youth Protection Training, Gloucester Room
- 5:30 p.m. Family Fun Friday, Congregational Hall

### **Saturday, November 18**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Advent Gift Market Set-up, Congregational Hall

### **Sunday, November 19**

- 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.
- 11:00 a.m. Advent Gift Market, Congregational Hall

## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

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

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

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

**David B. Smith**, Interim Director, Youth Ministry

**Mary Steege**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Senior Adults

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