



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

November 29, 2015
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to BMPC

Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

NEW HERE? Visit the information alcove near the main Sanctuary entrance to learn more about us, and join us for refreshments in the Ministries Center Court following worship. We invite you to participate according to your interests and hope you will return often. Questions? Contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP: Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

Childcare: infants - age 2; 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

Children age 2 to PreK: 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 3: 10:15 a.m., classes, Ed. Bldg.

(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ed. Bldg.

Grades 4 - 12: 10:00 a.m., Holiday Worship Together, Sanctuary

GETTING CONNECTED. Please fill out the Fellowship Register as indicated during worship to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you may greet each other after worship.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP. Stop by the Ministries Center Court for 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.

*As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone
and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.*



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* **PRELUDE** Savior of the Nations, Come J.S. Bach

* **WELCOME** Rebecca Kirkpatrick

CALL TO WORSHIP

AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Kim and Bill Black

One: The days are surely coming, when the promise will be fulfilled.

**All: The days are surely coming
when justice and righteousness will fill the land.**

One: The days are surely coming
when we will be saved and the people will live in safety.

**All: The days are surely coming
when we will be called the Lord's own.**

One: We light this candle in hope.
In the hope of a world filled with justice and mercy,
we light it as a light to the people and a promise of what is come.
We light this candle knowing that the darkness cannot overcome the light.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*† **HYMN 367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin, as though there were no justice.

We live in fear, as though there were no grace.

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*† **GLORIA PATRI** *(in unison)* *(Hymnal 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



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.

During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.

FIRST LESSON Psalm 25:4-10 (*p. 502 in pew Bible*) Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins; Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

SECOND LESSON Luke 21:25-36 (*p. 85 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON *Signs of the Time* Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 93** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Kellen A. Smith

Jesus came as a child
born of a woman as is every child,
yet born of God's power as was no other child.
He lived as a Jew among Jews.
He announced to his people
the coming of God's rule of justice and peace on earth.
We believe that the coming of Jesus
was itself the coming of God's promised rule.
Through his life, death, and resurrection
he initiates the relationship between God and the human race
that God always intended.

A Declaration of Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY SOLO

Every Valley
Galeano Salas, tenor

George Frederick Handel

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

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

† DOXOLOGY *(in unison)*

(Hymnal 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

† HYMN 348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

† BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

“Kyrie, eleison” from *Clavierübung Dritter Teil*

J.S. Bach

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Eva Lacey Lee

Mary E. Lee

GREETING AND HOSTING

Representatives of the Sanctuary Choir

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

CHAPEL

8:00 a.m. Communion Worship
will return to the Chapel next week,
December 6, 2015

Announcements

OUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY. We hope everyone will consider starting a stewardship journey with us this year. Any gift, no matter how large or small, is needed and appreciated. Share what you can and feel the joy that comes from altruistically giving. If you have not pledged, please complete a pledge card and place it in the offering plate, in the mail, or pledge online at www.bmpc.org.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS DEADLINE TODAY. Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletins: “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.

BMPC VIRTUAL ADVENT CALENDAR 2015. Follow @BrynMawrPres on Twitter this #Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Each morning we will tweet a short prayer and link to one of our mission partners. As we pray for peace, hope, love and joy in our time, we give thanks for their work, witness and partnership.

MAKE THIS YOUR CHURCH HOME. If you are not a member, we invite you to join our community of faith next Sun., Dec. 6. Attend our “Gathering with the Pastors” today from 8:45 - 10:00 a.m and from 11:10 a.m. - noon in the Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206 to meet our pastors, learn more about our church and ask questions (childcare available). DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

CONGREGATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT. Today is the last day to view these works, Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

BOOKS MAKE A GREAT GIFT. At our Book Center in the Ministries Center Court you will find books for both children and adults. The Book Center is open following worship and accessible on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; the key is available at the Reception Desk. [Kat MacMurray](mailto:KatMacMurray), KatRMac2@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MINISTRY GRANTS. Applications for Worldwide Ministries grants are available at www.bmpc.org > Outreach > Grants. The deadline for the Shaull Award is Feb. 1, 2016, and the BMPC Grants, March 1, 2016. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Today

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN: LEADING THE WAY TO LOVING THE NEIGHBOR. Sundays through Dec. 20, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Jon Pahl returns to lead a class on those sisters-in-the-spirit who, over the past three centuries, have led the way toward loving our neighbor. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Projects may be ordered in the Ministries Center Court today from 11:00 a.m. – noon and on subsequent Sundays through Dec. 20. Search “Advent Gift Market” at www.bmpc.org to learn more about the projects, download an order form, or place an order. As a community, let us celebrate God’s gifts to us by sharing with others through this program. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

This Week

REGISTER FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Early bird registration of \$199 due Nov. 30 (\$299 thereafter) for a Jan. 16-18 getaway in the Poconos with snow games, tubing, great meals, worship, and a service opportunity on MLK Jr. Day. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger leads our study of *Come to the Waters* by Judy Record Fletcher, Chapter 4. For books: Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469 or okf405@erols.com.

ADVENT SERIES: THE STORIES OF JESUS’ CHILDHOOD. Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. After Wednesday night dinner in Congregational Hall, the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick discusses the often neglected stories of Jesus’ childhood as found in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Y-GROUP GIFT EXCHANGE. Thurs., Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m., home of Eleanor D’Addesi. Join Y-Group moms and other women for the annual gift exchange. Bring an appetizer, drink, or dessert, and a gift to exchange (\$25 limit). YGroupBMPC@gmail.com.

Upcoming

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES. Sun., Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Festive event with fun and fellowship for all ages. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

12TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH. Sun., Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen’s Manse. All 12th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING. Sun., Dec. 6, 2:00 p.m. Philadelphia Museum of Art. All in their 20s or 30s are welcome for a time of fellowship with our young adult group. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY. Sun., Dec. 6, 2:00 p.m. Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light and Environmental Justice Committee discuss environmental advocacy and outreach in Witherspoon Parlor. [Courtenay Willcox](mailto:CourtenayWillcox@gmail.com), mcwillcox@gmail.com, 610-506-1708.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+). Sun., Dec. 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne (directions will be mailed). \$15/person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Bring an unwrapped gift for an infant - 18-year-old to benefit the Brighter Holidays Project of Turning Points for Children. Register with check, payable to BMPC, by Mon., Nov. 30. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

ADVENT MUSIC IN WORSHIP. Sun., Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers and The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia performing J.S. Bach's Cantata 62, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*. Jeffrey Brillhart, conductor. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

BOTSWANA TALK. Sun., Dec. 13, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Ten years ago the Botswana-UPenn Partnership began training doctors and nurses in treating HIV/AIDS patients. Dr. Friedman talks about this program that now includes research, additional academic opportunities and telemedicine. Bonnie Atwood, batwood313@verizon.net.

Caring & Sharing

DECK THE HALLS. Help our Flower Committee decorate the church with boughs of holly, wreaths, poinsettias and greens on Wednesdays, Dec. 2 & 9; Sat., Dec. 12 (1 - 3 p.m.); and Thurs. and Fri., Dec. 17 & 18 (9:30 a.m. - noon). Patti Hallowell, augustehallowell@mac.com.

BE AN "ANGEL." Sponsor a child or family for Christmas and brighten the holidays for those served by theVillage. You will receive a name and wish list of new items; drop off gifts (5-8 per child) to collection boxes in our Ministries Center or Ed. Building by Dec. 6. Register: Betty Wu, efwu01@gmail.com.

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND HAMS. Bring frozen turkeys and hams to the freezers in the Ministries Center and our Hunger Committee will donate them to needy families in our area during the holidays. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

FIGHT HUNGER. Contribute to the white hunger envelopes in the pews to provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations and/or bring non-perishable food items to worship each Sunday to help stock local emergency food cupboards. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

SHARE HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

NEED A RIDE? We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments call Lorie Benovic, ext 8833. Volunteer drivers welcome.

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 29, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
- 7:45 a.m. Childcare for infants - age 2, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102 (to 12:30 p.m.)
8:45 a.m. Gathering with the Pastors/Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206
Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
- 10:00 a.m. Holiday Worship Together for grades 4 - 12.
Sunday School for ages 2 - 4, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Advent Gift Market, Court
- 11:10 a.m. Gathering with the Pastors/Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206
11:15 a.m. American Christian Women Class, Witherspoon Parlor

Monday, November 30, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Conference Room
Nominating Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet in main parking lot
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Children's Choir), Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Light the Night (Weekday School), Playground
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve - High School Leadership Team, Loft
Advent Class - Childhood of Jesus, Witherspoon Parlor
Worldwide Ministries Council Meeting, Gloucester Room

Thursday, December 3, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 6:30 p.m. Y-Group Christmas Exchange, home of Eleanor D'Addesi
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, December 4, 2015

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, December 5, 2015

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, December 6, 2015

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

Kellen A. Smith, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

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