



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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December 6, 2015  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Second 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., Worship Together Sunday, 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.*



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

Janet Hardt ~ October 17, 2015



# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

Sleepers! Awake!  
Prepare the Royal Highway

J. S. Bach  
arr. Anna Laura Page  
Tintinnabulators

## WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

## CALL TO WORSHIP

12th Graders

One: The Lord declares: "I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me."

**All: But who can endure the presence of the Lord?**

One: The Lord is like a refiner's fire and we will be purified like silver and gold.

**All: We will be made righteous and holy in the light of the Lord.**

One: We light this candle in peace,  
a peace that comes from knowing that God is at work  
in our lives and in the world.  
May this candle bring light  
so that we may see the Kingdom of God in our midst.  
We light this candle for the light shines in the darkness  
and it is not overcome.

Malachi 3:1-4

## † HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

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

Loving God, you send us messengers  
to cleanse and refine us for your coming.  
You have sent us prophets and we have not listened.  
We have not always determined what is best  
or made way for your coming kingdom  
in our lives, our church, and our world.  
Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*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.  
Fourth and Fifth graders return to their seats.*

FIRST LESSON

Luke 1:68-79 (*p. 58 in pew Bible*)

Richard Wohlschlaeger

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Sue Ellen Page

Children's Choir and Youth Chorale

Prepare our hearts and minds. Father, help us to prepare some room in our hearts for the coming of your gift of Love. Prepare our hearts and minds. Father, help us to prepare a world that waits in doubt and fear. Father, help us to prepare the world for the coming of the gift of Love. Prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of your Son; prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of your love to us.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:1-18 (*p. 60 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

*Advent's Disruption*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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*

## WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Agnes W. Norfleet

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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 ANTHEM** The Prayer of St. Patrick William M. Schoenfeld  
Children's Choir and Youth Chorale

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

*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 83** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus STUTTGART

† **BENEDICTION** Agnes W. Norfleet

**CHORAL RESPONSE** Irish Blessing Austin Lovelace  
Youth Chorale

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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

# **Worship Notes**

## **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
George C. and Esther Ann McFarland

## **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Representatives of the Trustees

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Michael and Peggy Ballinger  
Libby Bennett  
Sandy Besaha  
Clint and Pat Britt  
Jennie Jacobson  
Kim Marsh  
Ken Rowe

## **12TH GRADE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS**

Dean Hughart  
Natalie Stevens  
Thomas Bressi  
Libby Dawejko  
Jessica Shields  
Christopher Walsh  
Andrew Schmid  
Katy McCullough  
Ryan Boman  
Renee Khouri  
Sam Petrovitch  
Natalie Chiappetta

## **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

# Announcements

**OUR STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY.** We are grateful for everyone's pledges for 2016. For those who have not yet pledged, we ask you to consider starting your stewardship journey with us and making your gift today. Please complete a pledge card and place it in the offering plate, in the mail, or pledge online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org).

**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.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING.** During the season of Advent a special offering is collected focused on sharing God's love with those in need of help and hope. It provides assistance to students who attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges and helps retired church workers and their families through life's challenging circumstances. Envelopes available in the pews on Dec. 13 and 20 or note on your check.

**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, [KatRMac2@gmail.com](mailto:KatRMac2@gmail.com).

**ART EXHIBIT - CRAFTS, ART, AND CULTURE OF BOTSWANA.** On view and for sale through Sun., Jan. 24. Includes woven baskets, imaginative animal sculptures, dolls, note cards and wall hangings from Botswana courtesy of the Friedman family and the Botswana Embassy, Washington, D.C. Sales support the artists. [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org), ext. 8836.

**WORLDWIDE MINISTRY GRANTS.** Applications for Worldwide Ministries grants are available at [www.bmpc.org](http://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](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

## Today

**ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES.** 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Festive event with fun and fellowship for all ages. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**12TH GRADE YOUTH AND PARENT BRUNCH.** 11:30 a.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse. All 12th grade families are invited for a time of fellowship after worship. [KellenSmith@bmpc.org](mailto:KellenSmith@bmpc.org), ext. 8822.

**YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING.** 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](mailto:KellenSmith@bmpc.org), ext. 8822.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY.** 2:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light and Environmental Justice Committee discuss environmental advocacy and outreach. Courtenay Willcox, mcwillcox@gmail.com, 610-506-1708.

## **This Week**

**ADVENT SERIES: THE STORIES OF JESUS' CHILDHOOD.** Wednesdays, Dec. 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.

## **Upcoming**

**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 speaks on "The Impact of Diamonds on Health & Culture in Botswana." Bonnie Atwood, batwood313@verizon.net.

**ANNUAL YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Thurs, Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m., Pastor Kellen's manse. KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

## **Save the Date**

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY.** Sun., Dec. 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join Pastor Kellen at Wynnewood Lanes for a night of bowling and fun. \$15/person includes dinner, shoes and bowling. Register by Dec. 18 to AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI RECEPTION.** Thur., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special when you see members who grew up at BMPC and 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. services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT.** Jan. 16-18, Poconos. It's time for a weekend away! Our winter getaway offers snow games, tubing, great meals, worship, and an opportunity to serve together on MLK Jr. Day. Cost: \$299. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.



## **Caring & Sharing**

**DECK THE HALLS.** Help our Flower Committee decorate the church with boughs of holly, wreaths, poinsettias and greens on Wed., Dec. 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](mailto: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 ASAP. Betty Wu, [efwu01@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**SHARE HOSPITAL INFORMATION.** Current privacy laws make it 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](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, December 6, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Children and Youth Choirs, 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. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205  
"Filling the Well" Women's Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201
- 9:00 a.m. Session Meeting to Receive New Members, Gloucester Room  
Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Loft
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Together Sunday 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. Advent Gift Market, Court  
Cafe in the Court  
Advent Family Workshop, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. American Christian Women Class, Witherspoon Parlor  
11:30 a.m. 12th Grade Brunch, Pastor Kellen's Manse  
2:00 p.m. MainLine Interfaith Green Group, Witherspoon Parlor  
Young Adults Gathering, Philadelphia Museum of Art
- 6:00 p.m. Prime Time Advent Party, home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne

## **Monday, December 7, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room

## **Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
1:45 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room  
4:30 p.m. Upward Basketball: Evaluation Day, Gymnasium

- 6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room  
Parent Support Group: Families with Transgender Children, Middleton Center

### **Wednesday, December 9, 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  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor  
2:00 p.m. Singing for Life Concert, Dunwoody Village  
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Children's Choir), 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 - High School Leadership Team, Loft  
Advent Series - Stories of Jesus' Childhood, Witherspoon Parlor

### **Thursday, December 10, 2015**

- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room  
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 11, 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 12, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor  
9:00 a.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters: Bereavement Group, Middleton Center  
12:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 110: Raingutter Regatta, Gymnasium

### **Sunday, December 13, 2015**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.  
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 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

**Richard Wohlschlaeger**, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music and Fine Arts

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