

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 2, 2018
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
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

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

The Politics of Advent

11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

Advent Craft Workshop

11:15 a.m., Gymnasium

Advent Gift Market

11:15 a.m., Ministries Center Court

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 to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the worship 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-3** 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

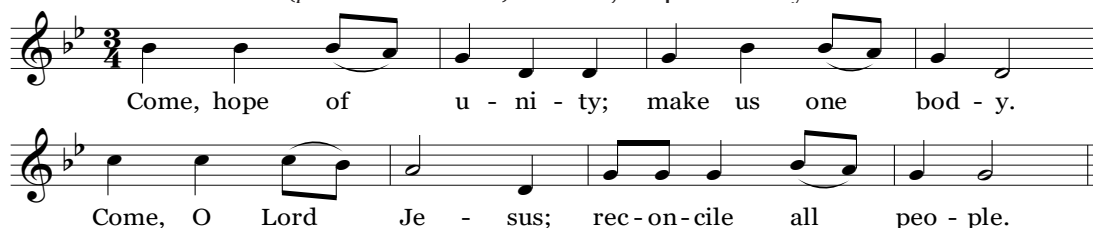
Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

ADVENT INTROIT *(please remain seated)* Come, Hope of Unity



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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Tillman Family

One: We light this first candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

All: During Advent we wait to welcome the Light of the World.

One: The prophet Isaiah prepares the way saying:

All: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

One: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

All: On them light has shined.”

One: May this small but abiding flame of hope

All: Give light to the world.

One: Prepare us, O God, to wait with hope in our hearts.

All: Come, O Lord, Jesus; reconcile your people!

† HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, upon whom we wait with eager longing, we are not ready for your coming.

We look for signs of your presence, but see mostly indications of our own sinfulness.

Your prophetic voice summons us to work for justice

and yet we are easily overwhelmed by the needs of the world.

Forgive us, we pray, and help us prepare anew for surprising power and peace.

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

An Advent Song
Children's Choir

Michael Bedford

What shall we do to get ready for Christ Jesus? We shall pray each and every day, and worship as we sing this Advent Song. We'll set a wreath and we'll light every candle. We shall be ready when Jesus Christ is born.

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

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

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (*p. 738 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Youth Chorale and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Mark Miller

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free, from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart. Born to save, born to heal, come, O Savior, come. While we wait, while we pray, come, Savior, come. Hope of all heaven and earth, come, Jesus, come, O Jesus, come. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone, by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:25-36 (*p. 85 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prophetic Expectations
Preparing the Way Advent Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 84**

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

MINISTRY MOMENT

This Time, This Place

George McFarland

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

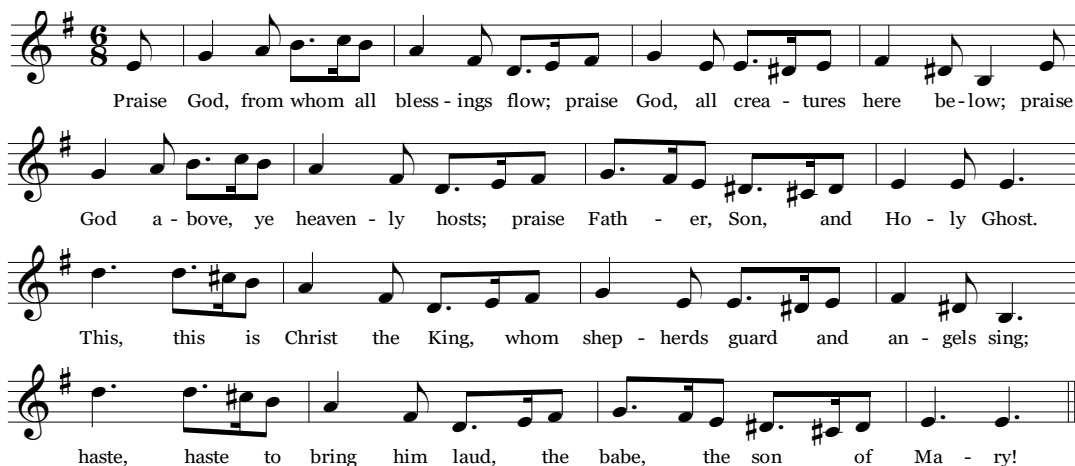
Verbum Caro Factum Est
Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.
Hans Leo Hassler

Thus the Word was made as flesh, and thereby dwelt among mankind; and thence we beheld his own glory as of the one begotten of the Father, full of grace and of the greatest goodness.

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

† DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be-low; praise
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly hosts; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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, then pass it to your neighbor in the pew. Gluten- and casein-free bread is available in the small container located on each plate.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION O Oriens Melissa Dunphy
Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† **HYMN 102** Savior of the Nations, Come NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

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

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

GREETING

Children & Family Ministry and Youth

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Bob Holmes

Announcements

GREAT GIFT IDEAS AT THE BOOK CENTER. It's more than just books! Advent and Christmas books for all ages and reading-themed ornaments. Stop by Café in the Court to check it out.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our "Discover BMPC" class on Mon., Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Building. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

ART EXHIBIT: SUPPOSED REALITIES. Through Sun., Jan. 27. Artist Richard Watson of Bryn Mawr was born and raised in North Carolina where he developed his artistic abilities before training at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He describes his creativity as "supported by memories of the past and suggested realities." A reception follows the Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 16. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

PARK 'EM AT HARCUM. For 10:00 a.m. worship, we invite members who are able to park at Harcum College, thereby making parking available at BMPC parking lots for visitors and those who need a closer space.

Today

CARING CORNER. Renee and Carol, our social worker and parish nurse, are available in the Ministries Center before the 10:00 a.m. worship service, and also during the Advent Workshop in the gym, starting at 11:15 a.m.

ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP. 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Enjoy a festive event creating crafts that help to prepare for the Advent season.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Ministries Center Court. Representatives are present in the Ministries Center Court for purchases. Additionally, you may drop off orders or place orders online at www.agm-2018.squarespace.com during the week for pickup on the following Sunday. [MarianChitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net](mailto:MarianChitester@verizon.net).

THE POLITICS OF ADVENT. Today through Dec. 16, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Jesus of Nazareth was born into a very particular political moment as first-century Palestinian Jews were navigating the oversight of the Roman Empire as well as the leadership of the Herodian Kings of Judah. Dr. Joshua Yoder leads us in exploring how the early church understood its relationship with the world.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE OPEN FORUM. 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. The APNC invites you to join them for the Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults Open Forum. Your input helps define the needs and hopes of this ministry at BMPC as we begin our search for the next Associate Pastor.

THE RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE. Sundays through Dec. 16, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. During Café in the Court, the Renovations Committee shares renderings proposed for the Capital Campaign work.

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

This Week

CANDLELIT LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Surround yourself with warmth and peace as the large labyrinth glows all day and evening in candlelight. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

ADVENT HARPSICHORD SERIES. Tuesdays in December, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Temple University harpsichord students and their professor Joyce Lindorff present a series on our William Dowd French double harpsichord. Dec. 4 - Kaishu Zhao; Dec. 11 - Joyce Lindorff; Dec. 18 - Qiao Chu. Free admission.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Drew Mann leads our study of *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherlun, chapter 4. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@gmail.com.

Upcoming

INTERFAITH CONVERSATION ON ISRAEL/PALESTINE. Mon., Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join an ecumenical and interfaith conversation about the language we use around the issues of Israel and Palestine; led by faculty from St. Joseph's University's Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Dec. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Annie Kilbride, professional organizer and owner of Life Simplified, leads our discussion, "Advent Pause," with strategies for slowing down and enjoying the Christmas season. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discuss Global Health: Progress and Challenges. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com, 484-380-3685.

Y-GROUP COOKIE SWAP AND GIFT COLLECTION. Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., home of Haley Erdlen. Annual cookie swap and gift collection for children and youth served by theVillage. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: "O WONDROUS MYSTERY." Sun., Dec. 16, 4:00 p.m. All BMPC's choirs and The Brandywine Brass present a concert centered on the "O Magnum Mysterium" text. Free-will offering; 25% of proceeds goes to support the Welcome Church's ecumenically-sponsored program "The Well," which provides a place where homeless women may sleep and share meals together in a safe environment. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY. Sun., Dec. 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Gymnasium. A joyful night of food, fellowship and fun. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

A WEE CHRISTMAS. Tues., Dec. 18, 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

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI RECEPTION. Mon., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by meeting with those who grew up at BMPC and now are home for the holidays. Join old friends after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Sat., Jan. 19-21, 2019, Camp Kirkwood, Poconos. A weekend away at Camp Kirkwood where you can enjoy a hike, snowtubing, small group fellowship, Sunday morning worship and time to explore the surrounding area. Cost: \$275. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

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/2018ChristmasAngels>. Gifts are due by next Sun., Dec. 9.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Join the Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles for Philadelphia shelters. Great family activity (children over 4). Register: SandieNicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Sun., Dec. 23. This PC (USA) Special Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired needy church workers and their families. Envelopes are in the pew holders or write "Christmas Joy" on the memo line of your check. To learn more: specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.

HUNGER COMMITTEE: OUR BROTHERS' PLACE. Sat., Dec. 29, 10:15 a.m., Meet at BMPC Ministries Center. Volunteers (age 18 or older) prepare and serve lunch at Our Brothers' Place homeless shelter. Return at 2:00 p.m. Register: Pam Haynes Walsh 610-667-0972, Haynes.walsh@gmail.com.

FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION. Through December you may put turkeys and hams in freezer located in Ministries Center hallway next to the elevator for distribution to those in need during the holiday season.

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 2

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Choirs Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
Caring Corner, Ministries Center Court
9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, 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. Café in the Court, Ministries Center
11:15 a.m. APNC Open Forum, Gloucester Room
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Court
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Advent Craft Workshop, Gymnasium
Politics of Advent, Witherspoon Parlor
5:00 p.m. Middle School Sunday Night Fellowship, Loft
6:00 p.m. Middle and High School Fellowship Dinner, Loft
Prime Time Advent Party, home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer
6:30 p.m. High School Sunday Night Fellowship, Loft

Monday, December 3

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
7:00 p.m. "Discover BMPC" Class, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

Tuesday, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
Candlelit Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall
12:00 p.m. Advent 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
- 6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 12:30 p.m. Prenatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

Thursday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. WePAC Volunteer Celebration and Training, Congregational Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Postnatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, December 8

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
- Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room & Middleton Center

Sunday, December 9

- 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.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Andrew H. Mann, Jr., Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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

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