



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

January 6, 2019
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Epiphany 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 - 5 Classes

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

Grades 6 -12

Holiday Worship Together
10 a.m., Sanctuary

Celtic Spirituality

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 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-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

Jesu Bright and Morning Star Dietrich Buxtehude
The Old Year has passed; the New Year has arrived J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Nina Bertrand

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
One: Nations shall come to your light,
All: And rulers to the brightness of your rising.
One: Let us worship God with songs of praise and adoration.

† HYMN 141

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and draw us into the mystery of your love that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 K - Grade 5 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

Isaiah 60:1-6 (*p. 690 in pew Bible*)

David B. Smith

ANTHEM

Behold a Star from Jacob
Sanctuary Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning star is He, the promise of the coming day, beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful Hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of Thy rising.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 (*p. 2 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Entering the Mystery

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

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 ANTHEM

Three Kings from Persian Lands
Sanctuary Choir

Gustav Holst

In Bethlehem, that noble place, of the Virgin Mary, full of grace, in a stable, all forlorn, the Savior of the World was born. Be we merry in this feast, salvator mundi natus est. [In which the Savior, Christ, is born.] Three kings from persian lands afar, following the distant star: And this the quest of travellers three, where the new born king may be. The star shines out with steadfast ray, the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship, they bend the knee, unto the child they'd come to see. The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place: God, incense, myrrh, thou cannot bring, so give thy heart unto the king.

*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		Miles Bertrand
†	HYMN 689	When the Morning Stars Together	WEISSE FLAGGEN
†	BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	God Among Us	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

GREETING

Children & Family Ministries and Youth

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Sun., Jan. 27, 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 2019 Nominating Committee and for approving 2019 Pastoral Terms of Call. Candidate bios will be available on our website on Jan. 16. MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

DID YOU KNOW? Our Converse House Library has more than 3,700 titles in the collection.

ONE BOOK ONE CHURCH. *After Ten Years – Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Our Times* by Dr. Victoria Barnett of Washington, D.C., a renowned Bonhoeffer scholar as well as director of the United States Holocaust Museum's programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust. Dr. Barnett leads us in a discussion of her book on Sun., March 10. Cost: \$5 in Book Center.

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

Today

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY. Today through Jan. 20, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Dr. Patricia Danzon leads this course about the distinctive aspects of Celtic spirituality, its origins, evolution and lessons for our times. Basic text *Listening to the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality* by J. Philip Newell is available in the Book Center.

This Week

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS RESUME. Wed., Jan. 9, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Dinner served until 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$8 adults; \$5 children/students.

MEET ARTIST RICHARD WATSON. Wed., Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m., Ministries Center. While Watson's exhibit "Supposed Realities" is on display, he will lead a "Walk and Talk" that illustrates the inspirations for his diverse artwork and how his spirituality, political activism and teaching has influenced his artistry. He also is an accomplished guitarist and songwriter. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

Y-GROUP MEETING. Mon., Jan. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Join us for fellowship and snacks as we discuss the movie *Won't You Be My Neighbor* and the life and teaching of Fred Rogers. Please bring a small snack to share. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

Y-GROUP LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., Jan. 15, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. The labyrinth is a walking meditation that allows the possibility of opening your heart, quieting your mind, grounding your body, and connecting with God. Whether you are a new or experienced walker, join us for a brief introduction to the labyrinth with Anne Schmid before walking the labyrinth. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 18, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb. Wellness professional and yoga teacher Colleen Bertrand leads our discussion of "Living Well-Mind-Body-Spirit-Health." RSVP online with your specific food or drink donation: <http://bit.ly/HolyLeisureJan2019>. Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

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

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS. Thurs., Jan 24, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads the discussion on how the basic traditions of Christianity connect with our personal faith.

DEACONS ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 28, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood and assist with scheduling appointments. Sherri Shields, 610-449-3351 or ShieldsS1@email.chop.edu.

Commemorating Martin Luther King Jr.

LETTERS FROM ANNE AND MARTIN. Tues., Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m., Main Line Reform Temple, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood. A dramatic presentation of parallel worlds and kindred spirits in our history, drawn entirely from the text of Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl* and Dr. Martin Luther King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. Not recommended for children under 10. CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org.

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Sun., Jan. 20, 3:00 p.m., Bryn Mawr College, Goodhart Hall, 150 N. Merion Ave., Bryn Mawr. Our Anti-Racism Taskforce invites you to attend this concert at Bryn Mawr College which is sponsored by the Main Line Martin Luther King Association and features the St. Thomas Gospel Choir of African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpe.org.

DEEP DENIAL - THE PERSISTENCE OF WHITE SUPREMACY IN U.S. HISTORY AND LIFE. Wed., Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. We welcome the Rev. David Billings, author, advocate and educator, as he shares his story of growing up in Mississippi and Arkansas woven together with the history of race and racism in the United States. David's book by the same title is available in the BMPC Book Center for \$20. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

STAFF SINGERS CONCERT: A BENEFIT FOR 2020 ISRAEL AND JORDAN TOUR. Sat., Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m. Dessert extravaganza in Congregational Hall, followed by our talented staff singers in recital. Admission: \$35 per person. Purchase tickets at <http://bit.ly/StaffSingersConcert>.

REGISTER FOR SPRING WOMEN'S RETREAT. Fri., March 22-Sun., March 24, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA. Artist, writer, theologian and pastor, the Rev. Nanette Sawyer leads our weekend retreat along with the Revs. Rachel Pedersen and Rebecca Kirkpatrick. Nanette is Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry at Chicago's Fourth Presbyterian Church and author of *Hospitality - The Sacred Art*. Explore the ancient spiritual practices of hospitality and how they can transform your relationships with yourself, with others and with God. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center. Early birds welcome at 7:30 a.m. to help set up. Contact Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net, to register or to be added to the casserole mailing list.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE. Help those who are outside by contributing to the collection for Broad Street Ministry during January. Men's thermal underwear, gloves, hats, and scarves are urgently needed. Collection bins are located in the Ministries Center and Education Building.

WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES GRANTS. Deadline: Feb. 27. Criteria and application at www.bmpc.org/ministries/mission/grants.

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 6

7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm 102

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm 201

9:00 a.m. Call time for Sanctuary Choir, Loft

10:00 a.m. K - 5th Grade Begin Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.

10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
Holiday Youth in Worship

10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.

11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center

11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Celtic Spirituality, Witherspoon Parlor

Monday, January 7

No scheduled activities.

Tuesday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
Monthly Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall

2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Gloucester Room, Witherspoon Parlor

5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball Practice, Gymnasium

6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, January 9

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (grades K-5), Fine Arts Center, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinners, Congregational Hall
Upward Basketball Practice, Gymnasium
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale (grades 6-12), Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Pastors Conference Room
Property Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room
- 7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
Student Serve, Loft
Middleton Center Council Meeting, Gloucester Room
Walk & Talk with artist Richard Watson, Witherspoon Parlor

Thursday, January 10

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center, Sanctuary
Boy Scouts Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:15 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center
- 8:45 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers - men only, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 11

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, January 12

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. American Guild of Organists January Jumpstart Organ Conference

Sunday, January 13

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Rachel Pedersen 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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