

Sunday, November 29, 2020

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Pedersen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Creator God who comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ,
you call us to goodness and lead us on right paths.
You encourage us with signs of your coming
and urge us to keep watch,
that we might greet you with heads raised high
when you come to restore all of creation.
Watching and waiting, we pray for ourselves
who need your grace and forgiveness,
and we pray for this world that needs your saving power. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Ebbing, Gillian, John, Kate, Thomas,
and William Lautenbach

HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Samuel 1:19–20, 25b – 2:10

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Hannah

Agnes W. Norfleet

First in Advent Series on Annunciations

ANTHEM

There Is No Rose of Such Virtue
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Daniel Burton

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia. For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; Res Miranda (a wonderful thing). By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three, pares forma (of the same form). The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis deo (glory to God on high): Gaudeamus (let us rejoice). Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus (let us go).

CALL TO OFFERING

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, Dec. 7 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call. These two classes provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Although we did not have an in-person Opening Day Market this year, you still may participate in this creative and meaningful gift-giving program. Orders for inserts and greeting cards may be placed via the AGM website — www.BrynMawrAGM.com — or by mailing/dropping off the order form enclosed in this year’s [catalog](#). Orders may be placed in the secure black mailbox immediately adjacent to the Radnor Street Parking lot. Filled orders may be picked up from a bin labeled “Advent Gift Market” outside the BMPC Chapel door. Donors will be notified when orders are ready, usually 1-2 days after receipt of the order; when requested, insert cards may be downloaded and printed from your home computer. Contact: [Marian Chitester](#).

2020 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE. As we celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas, you are invited to use the Advent Devotional which includes scripture, at-home Advent candle-lighting liturgies, and daily reflections written by members of our congregation. You can access the devotional in the following ways: [download a PDF](#) of the devotional to print at home or read on your computer or mobile device; [sign up](#) to receive an email with the daily reflection; or pick up a printed copy of the devotional from the shelves outside the Chapel entrance. Contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS. Contributions may be given in three categories for listing in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ Flower Ministry. You may fill out an [online](#) donation form, or pick up a printed copy of the form in a bin outside the BMPC Chapel entrance. The deadline for donations is Sun., Dec. 6. If you need a copy of the form mailed to you, contact Sarah Miciek at 610-525-2821 or SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

This Sunday

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. The group is discussing Jemar Tisby’s book, *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism*. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

FILLING THE WELL. 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. This Sunday class for women is an opportunity for conversation, learning and mutual support. The group has begun a conversation on Ben Myers’ book, *The Apostles’ Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism*. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

ADVENT VESPER SERVICES. BMPC will livestream Advent Vesper services beginning Sun., Nov. 29 at 4:00 p.m. You are invited to view these services via [BMPC’s Facebook page](#), the [BMPC YouTube channel](#) or the [livestream page](#) on the church website.

This Week

ADVENT STORY PATH LABYRINTH. Walking a labyrinth during Advent provides a meaningful way to journey to Bethlehem. The labyrinth is offered in the Chapel during the Chapel's open hours: Tuesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. A booklet of scripture verses and poems will be available to guide you as you journey through Advent.

CHAPEL OPEN TO MEMBERS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER. BMPC members are welcome to pray silently in the Chapel on Tuesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. You are invited to sign in when you enter the Chapel, leaving your contact information. Prayer guides are available to lead your devotion and to mark your seat as having been occupied when you leave. Masks and social distancing required!

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years, at rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we continue to broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon. Our next concert on Dec. 1 features Joyce Lindorff from Temple University performing on the Robert Hauptfuhrer Memorial Harpsichord. [Download program.](#) [Stephanie Speakman.](#)

RAINBOW REINDEER GAMES. Sat., Dec. 5, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. In celebration of the season of Advent, BMPC Youth Ministry is hosting the first-ever Rainbow Reindeer Games! We'll gather on the BMPC front lawn for an afternoon of color powder, games, and ridiculous shenanigans, all while each attendee wears a white hazmat suit, goggles, masks and gloves! Want to participate? [Sign up online.](#) All youth (grades 6-12) are welcome; \$10 per person, with plenty of scholarships available! If for some reason we have to cancel, we'll postpone the event for the spring of 2021! [Mary Richards](#)

Next Sunday

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE. Sun., Dec. 6, 11:15 a.m., via Zoom conference call. The names and stories of women in scripture often have been neglected — left out of the lectionary and absent from our conversations about biblical models of faith. During this class we will explore the themes and significance of eight biblical women. Taken in pairs, these women introduce the practice of reading and understanding women in the Bible; they give us tools for reading and interpreting the whole of scripture. For more details on this class taught by the [Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#), and for the Zoom link, check out the [class page](#).

CHRISTMAS ANGELS DRIVE-THRU DROP OFF. You are invited to help make the holidays special for the young people served by Gemma Services (formerly theVillage) by bringing gift cards and unwrapped gifts to the Drive-thru Drop Off between the Sanctuary and Chapel on Sun., Dec. 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for gift card recommendations and gift suggestions. You also may drop off gift cards in BMPC's secure mailbox at the entrance facing the Radnor Street parking lot, or by appointment. Please note: *Delivery to Gemma's campus is by appointment only.* All gifts are due by Fri., Dec. 11. [Betty Wu](#)

Upcoming

LONGEST NIGHT LABYRINTH. Sun., Dec. 20, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., candlelit from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., on the front lawn, weather permitting. You are invited to walk the labyrinth and receive the offer of light on this longest night. Masks and social distancing are required.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE. Sun., Dec. 20, 4:00 p.m., Livestreamed. The Christmas season can be a difficult time of year for many people. This service includes scripture readings, hymns, prayer, and a brief meditation for those who approach the holidays with grief, pain, or uncertainty. All are invited to view the service via [BMPC's Facebook page](#), the [BMPC YouTube channel](#) or the [livestream page](#) on the church website.

Caring and Sharing

BMPC HUNGER FUND — NO TURKEY COLLECTION. Due to COVID-19 considerations, the BMPC Hunger Committee is not collecting turkeys this holiday season; instead, we ask that you contribute to the BMPC Hunger Fund. These funds will be used to help those in need during the holidays as well as throughout the year. BMPC Hunger Ministries have continued supporting local food pantries during the pandemic, thanks to the generosity of our members. We know that the need to support the “food insecure” in Greater Philadelphia will continue for months and years to come. Please give today via our [online giving page](#) or mail a check to BMPC, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, with Hunger Fund written on the memo line of your check.