

Sunday, December 20, 2020

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

God, our light and our salvation,
you bring hope and peace to the lowly and oppressed.
Let us see the world through your eyes
that we may genuinely love our neighbors,
serve the poor, and work for justice.
Especially in these difficult days,
we pray that our lives may bear witness
to the good news of great joy
that comes to all people through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Matt McGuirl, Peggy Hermann, Katie, and Finley McGuirl

HYMN 105

People, Look East

BESANCON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Mary
Fourth in Advent Series on Annunciations

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

Magnificat
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Herbert Howells

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers Abraham and his seed forever. 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Brian K. Ballard

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 158

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

MARY'S CHILD

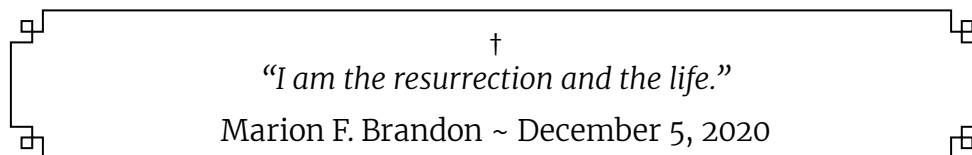
BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Pamela Decker



Announcements

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. Given the rise in COVID-19 cases in the Philadelphia area, BMPC will not be offering in-person Christmas Eve services this year. A prerecorded service will be available on the [church website](#) and shared in our weekly [BMPC eNews](#) at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Eve.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES ON CHRISTMAS EVE. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. families can come to the Chapel entrance to pick up candles for use at home and to create a luminary for the church campus. Between 1:30-2:30 p.m., families are invited to socially distance themselves outside of the Sanctuary and listen to the Carillon concert while picking up Christmas Eve materials from the Chapel. At 4:30 p.m. our Children's Christmas Eve Service, led by a small group of BMPC children, will be livestreamed via BMPC's Facebook page, the BMPC YouTube channel or the livestream page on the church website. Although we cannot be in the same place, we will celebrate the joy of Christ's birth with one another.

ADVENT ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER. Copies are available in a bin outside the Chapel entrance. You also can read it [online](#).

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Although we are unable to accept in-person AGM orders this year, we invite you to place orders for inserts and greeting cards via the AGM website - www.BrynMawrAGM.com — or by mailing/dropping off the order form enclosed in this year's [catalog](#). You may place your orders in the secure black mailbox immediately adjacent to the Radnor Street Parking lot. Orders must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 23.

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; 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, we invite you 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](#).

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](#).

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.

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 final concert of the fall series on Dec. 22 features Anna Kislitsyna, harpsichord, and Alexandr Kislitsyn, violin. [Stephanie Speakman](#).

Upcoming

WHITE FRAGILITY: WHY IT'S SO HARD FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT RACE. Sundays at 11:15 a.m. starting Jan. 10, via Zoom conference call. Join BMPC members Courtenay Willcox and Amy Ballard in a six-week discussion of Robin DiAngelo's bestselling book on the work of anti-racism and how we as white folks can rethink our own privilege and equip ourselves to listen and learn from others. Whether you are just getting started in this work, or simply looking for an encouraging and yet challenging place to practice having conversations on race and privilege, this is the place for you. More information is available on the [BMPC website](#). Registration is required for this group, and books will be provided. [Sign up here](#).

RACISM: POWER, PRIVILEGE, POISON AND PROMISING POSSIBILITIES. Sun., Jan. 24, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., and Sundays, Jan. 31 - Feb. 14, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., via Zoom conference call. This workshop, led by Anita Friday, anti-racism educator and activist, will explore America's relationship with racism by examining its history, laws and institutional practices. Participants will be invited to explore their personal experiences with questions of ethnicity and race. In addition, during the workshop, participants learn about institutional practices that have shaped how various citizens are able to participate in the nation, how racism has affected Black people and how to define and distinguish white supremacy and white privilege, i.e. ethnically-based inequalities. Finally, tools for dismantling racism and methods for creating a more promising future will be shared. Cost: \$50. For more details, visit the [workshop page](#) on the BMPC website. [Register for the workshop here.](#)