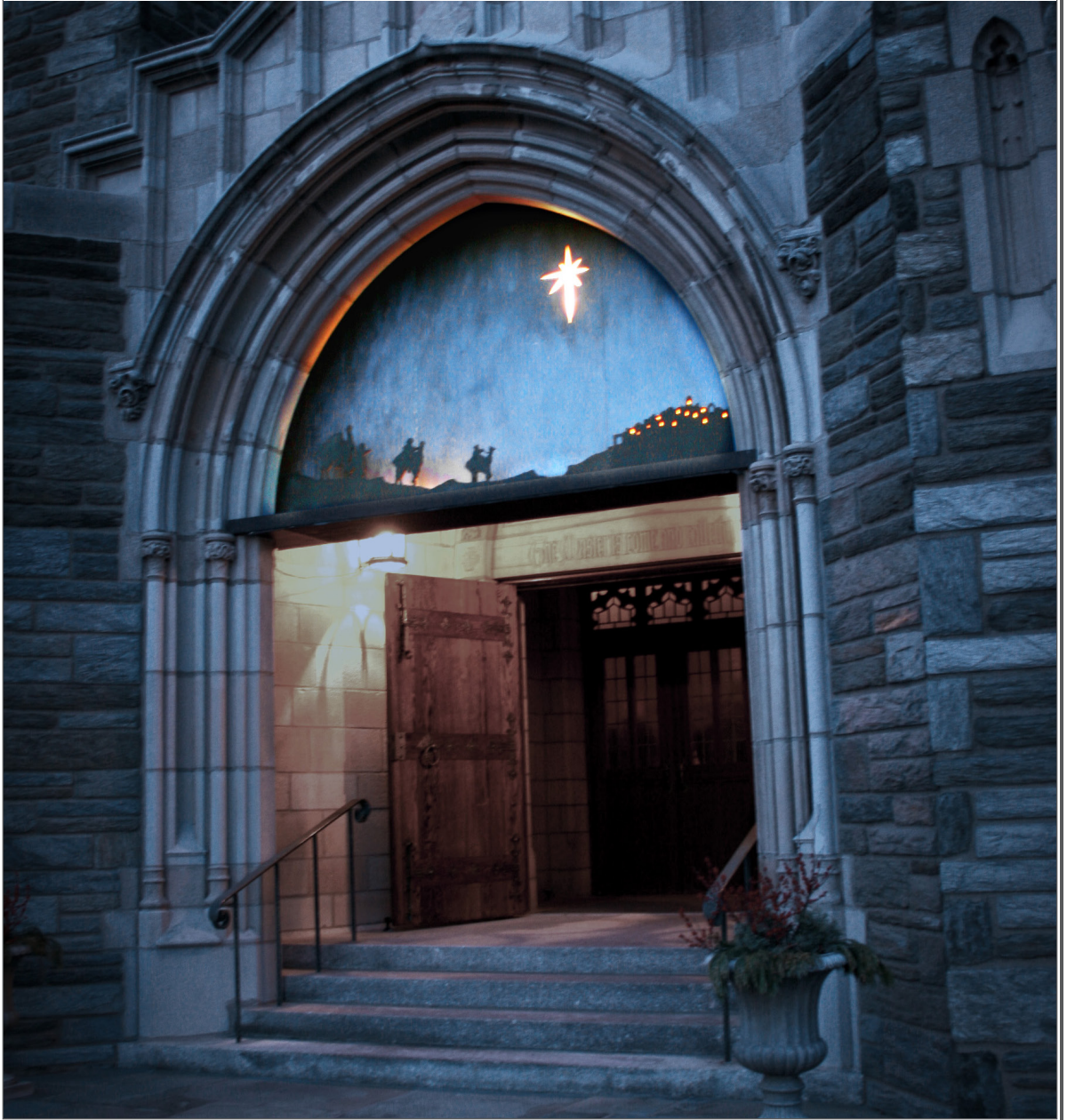


Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 4, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Second Sunday of Advent



WELCOME

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors outside the Sanctuary doors following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on the following day.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: www.bmpc.org.

Today's Schedule

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Advent Gift Market

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Advent, Isaiah and Our Jewish Neighbors

11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room

Live Nativity and Advent Workshop

4:00 p.m., Front Lawn

Evening Worship Service

5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

WELCOME Franklyn C. Pottorff

ADVENT INTROIT O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Please stay seated during Advent Introit.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The McConnell Family

One: People of faith, God has done marvelous things.

All: God acts in history to redeem the whole creation.

One: The Bible tells of people who trust God's promises of justice and peace:

All: Children and youth, women and men who envision God's reign.

One: We light the candle of peace as a sign of hope in a harsh world.

All: We pray for God's loving kindness to prevail everywhere.

One: May this tiny flame hold back the darkness,

All: And lead us forward in peace to God's glorious light.

† **HYMN 82** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not fully believe your promises for the future. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not live toward the glorious reign of peace you offer, or treat all our neighbors as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways. Heal us, raise us up, and gather us to you and give us peace.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

On Those Who Sit In Darkness

MERLE'S TUNE

On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes. God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace. O Bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian K. Ballard

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10 (*p. 640 in pew Bible*)**ANTHEM**

A Spotless Rose
Jeffrey Wilber, Bass

Herbert Howells

A spotless Rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' foreshowing of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter, and in the dark midnight. The Rose which I am singing, where of Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid; For through our God's great love and might, the Blessed Babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:21-40 (*pg. 59 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Through Inward Peace
Journey to Bethlehem Advent Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 97** Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

RESPONSE TO THE WORD**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding Eric H. Thiman

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh" it seems to say; "Cast away the dreams of darkness, o ye children of the day!" Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earthbound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected comes with pardon down from Heaven. Let us in haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven; that when next he comes with glory and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mercy He may shield us and with words of love draw near. Christ, to Thee be endless glory, from all men on earth be praise, who from heaven wilt come to save us and redeem from sinful ways. Honour, glory, might and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the everlasting Spirit while eternal ages run. Amen.

† **DOXOLOGY**

GREENSLEEVES

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.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Brian K. Ballard

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE 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 and pass it to your neighbor in the pew. All bread is gluten and casein free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

†	HYMN 109	Blest Be the God of Israel	MERLE'S TUNE
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	Savior of the Nations, Come	Pamela Decker

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Joseph J. Hill ~ November 24, 2022

Eleanor Deaver ~ November 28, 2022

Walter Milbourne ~ November 28, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of Cdr. and Mrs. George C. McFarland

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

Announcements

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary and Livestreamed. Family Service with Nativity Tableau and musical leadership by BMPC's Children's Choir, Youth Chorale and the Bryn Mawr Festival Brass. Prelude begins at 4:15 p.m. Infant and toddler childcare available without reservations from 3:45-5:45 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 101.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS. 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary and Livestreamed. Carols and anthems led by BMPC's Sanctuary Choir and Mainline Musicians. The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach. Prelude begins at 7:10 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY. We are looking for volunteers to serve at our reception desk on the ground floor of the Ministries Center during weekdays. This position serves as a "minister of first impressions," helping to answer phones and welcome guests who visit our campus or church offices. To learn more, please contact Liz Ellis, LizEllis@bmpc.org.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE! Family and friends are invited to rehearse and learn a simple setting of "Ding, Dong! Merrily on High" to sing together with both the Children's Choir and Youth Chorale at the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service. Open to siblings, parents, college students home from school, and more! Please contact Edward Landin Senn to express your interest or ask any questions: EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org.

Today

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. 11:15 a.m., Atrium. AGM provides the opportunity to purchase alternative gifts at Christmas for friends and family in support of a wide variety of partners around the world. AGM representatives will be present in the Atrium before and after worship to place orders as well as answer questions about mission groups and their chosen projects. Orders also maybe placed online: www.brynmawragm.com.

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN: ADVENT, ISAIAH AND OUR JEWISH NEIGHBORS. Today and Sundays, Dec. 11 and 18, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. Drawing upon the insights from Tyler Mayfield's book, *Unto Us A Child is Born: Advent, Isaiah and our Jewish Neighbors*, the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick and Rabbi David Straus, former senior rabbi at Main Line Reform Temple, will lead a three-week conversation about the different historical and theological interpretations of the most iconic passages from the Book of Isaiah. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmcp.org.

LIVE NATIVITY AND ADVENT WORKSHOP. 4:00 p.m., Front Lawn. Dress for the weather and experience the Christmas Story, meeting live animals and actors while creating ornaments and simple gifts to share.

EVENING WORSHIP. 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Join us for our monthly multigenerational worship service as scripture is read and carols are sung during the busy season of Advent. Musical leadership will be provided by the Children's Choir and the Youth Chorale. The Rev. Frank Pottorff will preach.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS. Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the Sanctuary, or online: www.bmpc.org/flower-donations. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ flower ministry. Deadline is today. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

This Week

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Mondays, Dec. 5 and 12, 7:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” classes which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. Contact the Rev. Frank Pottorff at 610-525-2821 or via email: FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

ADVENT HARPSICHORD RECITALS. Tuesdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20, noon, Sanctuary. Featuring Silvanio Reis, Kathleen Scheide, Anna Kislitsyna, Alexandr Kislitsyn and Torsten Fras performing free 30-minute recitals on BMPC’s William Dowd harpsichord.

QUIET PRAYER IN ADVENT. Wednesdays, Dec. 7 and 14, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m., Middleton Center, Room 200. Amidst the busyness of the Advent season, this is a time for contemplative guided prayer which includes Scripture readings, space for reflection, and a time of communal silence. Caring Ministry team members and Deacons lead these sessions. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 10, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us in making casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee’s Casserole Blitzes! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>.

ADVENT STORY PATH LABYRINTH. Walking a labyrinth during Advent provides a meaningful way to journey to Bethlehem. The small labyrinth is open daily during Advent, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. An Advent labyrinth booklet is available.

Next Sunday

RAINBOW REINDEER GAMES. Sun., Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m., Gymnasium. All youth (grades 6-12) are invited to join in the fun, games, and color powder shenanigans we have planned for our Rainbow Reindeer Games this year! To register, visit <https://bit.ly/Rainbowgames>. LeighDeVries@bmpc.org.

MESSIAH SING-IN. Sun., Dec. 11, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Lift up your voices with the Singing City Choir and the BMPC Sanctuary Choir as we sing choruses from this timeless oratorio. Featuring Elizabeth Weigle, soprano; Valerie Haber, soprano; Misoon Ghim, mezzo-soprano; Siddhartha Misra, tenor; Nicholas Provenzale, baritone; and Nate Zullinger, conductor. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$11 for students and may be purchased through the Singing City Choir website: <https://bit.ly/BMPCMessiah>.

Upcoming

WEE CHRISTMAS. Tues., Dec. 20, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Designed for children ages 2 - 5 years and their families, this special retelling of the Christmas Story allows our youngest members to hear and participate in the story of Jesus' birth. Helpers are welcome! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE. Wed., Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary and via livestream. This contemplative worship service is for anyone yearning for comfort amid personal grief and hope for a more peaceful world. A meditation by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will be accompanied by prayer, the singing of carols and lighting candles to lead us through darkness toward healing and wholeness. A labyrinth on the Education Building Lawn invites walkers following the service, weather permitting.

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI PARTY. Tues., Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m., Youth Lounge. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by seeing friends who grew up at BMPC and now are back home for the holidays. All are encouraged to attend! LeighDeVries@bmpc.org.

ADD THIS SPECIAL EVENT TO YOUR 2023 CALENDAR! Sun., Jan. 8, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Atrium. Join us in celebrating Jeffrey Brillhart's 40 years of service to BMPC during the 10:00 a.m. worship and a reception in the Atrium following the service. At noon a luncheon will be served in Congregational Hall to celebrate Jeff's four decades; limited seating is available at \$20 per person. RSVP deadline: Dec. 18. Contact PatrickHowley@bmpc.org or EdwardLandinSenn@bmpc.org for details.

Caring and Sharing

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Supporting past, present and future leaders! A Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, this Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges that serve communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Look for offering envelopes in the pew holders on Dec. 11 and 18, or note “Christmas Joy” on the memo line of your check.

REFUGEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. The BMPC Refugee Support Team is seeking volunteers to assist in its ongoing work with local refugee families. Opportunities include English language conversation practice, tutoring for elementary school children, employment mentoring, and transportation assistance. Families are located in Bryn Mawr, Ardmore and Overbrook. If you wish to become involved in this vital and rewarding work, contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, December 4

7:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
8:45	a.m.	Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Children’s Library
9:00	a.m.	Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102 Sunday School, Virtual Advent Gift Market, Congregational Hall
10:00	a.m.	Sunday School Ages 2, 3, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101 Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
10:15	a.m.	Sunday School K - 5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Café, Atrium Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Lobby Advent Story Path Labyrinth, Children’s Chapel
11:15	a.m.	Advent, Isaiah and Our Jewish Neighbors, Fullerton Room
4:00	p.m.	Live Nativity and Advent Workshop, Front Lawn
5:00	p.m.	Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, December 5

1:00	p.m.	Eleanor Deaver Memorial Service, Chapel
7:00	p.m.	Discover BMPC Class, Witherspoon Parlor Worship Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

Tuesday, December 6

8:30	a.m.	Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse Parlor
9:00	a.m.	RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium and Virtual
12:00	p.m.	Advent Harpsichord Recital Series, Sanctuary
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Class, Gymnasium
7:00	p.m.	Deacons' Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, December 7

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
4:45	p.m.	Wednesdays Together, Sanctuary
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinners, Congregational Hall
5:45	p.m.	Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30	p.m.	Handbell Ensemble, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Cannon Room Quiet Prayer for Advent, Middleton Center, Room 200

Thursday, December 8

9:30	a.m.	Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
10:00	a.m.	Thursday Book Group, Virtual
11:00	a.m.	Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, December 9

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, December 10

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30	a.m.	Casserole Blitz, Kitchen and Congregational Hall
10:00	a.m.	Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Virtual

Sunday, December 11

8:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

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