

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 1, 2023 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Second Sunday of Christmas



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 in the Atrium 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

Today Childcare is offered 9:45 - 11:15 during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Typically, Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon 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)

During 10:00 a.m. Worship
Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

Worship with Communion and Staff Singers

10:00 a.m.

Children and Youth in Worship

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Atrium Café

11:00 a.m., Atrium

BMPC Members Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
Art Gallery, Ministries Center

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Two settings of "The Old Year Is Passed Away" Marcel Dupré
and J.S. Bach

WELCOME Brian K. Ballard

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

All: The stars and the planets proclaim God's handiwork!

One: The mountains shout and the seas proclaim;

All: The majesty of the Lord echoes throughout the earth.

One: Let us praise the name of the God who saves!

All: Let us worship the one who calls us by name.

† **HYMN 147** The First Nowell THE FIRST NOWELL

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Loving God, at the turning of the year we ask for your help. When you call us to look ahead, we have turned back, focused on what lies behind. You have offered us a greater vision, but we have seen only in part. Despite your Spirit's faithful presence, we have often missed the way. Forgive us and give us faith that trusts when it cannot see, and love that guides everything that we do.

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!

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9 (*p. 693 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

A New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, For to worship God with, this happy New Year. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:13-23 (*pg. 2 in pew Bible*)

Rachel Pedersen

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Steadfast

Rachel Pedersen

† **HYMN 145**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Franklyn C. Pottorff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell

Elizabeth Maconchy

In Bethlehem in that fair city, A child was born of a maiden free, That shall a lord and prince be; A solis ortus cardine. Children were slain in full great plenty Jesu, for the love of thee; Wherefore their souls saved be; A Hostis Herodis imprie. As the sun shineth through the glass, So Jesus in his mother was; Thee to serve now grant us grace; O lux beata Trinitas. Now God is comen to worshipen us; Now of Mary is born Jesus; Make we merry among-es us; Exultet caelum laudibus. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, sing we now all and some, For rex pacificus is come.

† **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**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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 136**

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

GO TELL IT

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Rachel Pedersen

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Carol V. Brown~ December 21, 2022

WORSHIP NOTES

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

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Announcements

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.

“MEMBERS ONLY” ART EXHIBIT. Ministries Center Art Gallery. Come and see the artistry of several of our BMPC members! This exhibit features works in fabric, paint, and ceramics. Some of the pieces are for sale and would make excellent gifts! This exhibit runs through Jan. 22, 2023. The gallery is open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To purchase one of the works, please contact mfa@bmpc.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE. At the heart of Christmas is hope. As we celebrate Christ’s birth today, we celebrate the hope that he brought to the world, to all of us. In our ministries and programs, BMPC brings the hope of Christ to a world that needs it. Hope Grows Here! Please join us in sharing Christ’s hope by making a pledge to our 2023 Stewardship Campaign. You may complete a pledge card in the pews and drop it in the offering plate, mail your pledge card from home, or pledge online at www.bmpc.org/giving. Thank you!

This Week

LABYRINTH WALK. Begin the new year with a walk on the Chartres canvas labyrinth in Congregational Hall on Tues., Jan. 3 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A guide will be present from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to welcome and assist all walkers, whether new to this spiritual practice or a regular seeker.

Upcoming

INTERFAITH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY WORSHIP. Fri., Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., Beth David Reform Congregation, 1130 Vaughan Lane, Gladwyne. Join together with nine congregations representing our diverse faith community in Lower Merion for an evening Interfaith Shabbat service: Bethel AME of Ardmore, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Or Zarua, Muslims Serve, Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, Beth David Reform Congregation, and the Baha'i Faith Lower Merion. An interfaith choir and clergy from each faith community will lead this worship service. A dessert reception and fellowship follows the service. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

ACRES OF SKIN, A CONVERSATION WITH ALLEN HORNBLUM. Sun., Jan. 15, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. In his 1999 book *Acres of Skin: Human Experiments at Holmesburg Prison*, Hornblum sheds light on a dark episode in Philadelphia medical history, when prisoners were subjected to inhumane dermatological experiments without their consent. He will share more about this injustice as well as the journey toward the City of Philadelphia's recent formal apology, 40 years after these experiments occurred. Allen Hornblum teaches Urban Studies at Temple University. BMPC's Anti-Racism Taskforce is sponsoring this lecture in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

Caring and Sharing

REFUGEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. The BMPC Refugee Support Team is seeking volunteers 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.

SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN PHILADELPHIA. In partnership with West Kensington Ministries, the BMPC Refugee Support Team is collecting items needed to support immigrants and asylum seekers who are being transported from the southern border to Philadelphia. The following items may be dropped off in the collection bin in the Ministries Center vestibule near the church offices: new sweatpants, sweaters, socks, gloves, scarves, hats or underwear in any size. The collection runs through the end of December. AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

Ongoing Weekly Opportunities

FILLING THE WELL WOMEN'S GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., resuming Jan. 8, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg. For more than seven years, this small group for women has been meeting weekly on Sunday mornings for conversation, support and study. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., resuming Jan. 8, Cannon Room and via Zoom. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads this longstanding Sunday morning class. Paul MacMurray, paulcmac2@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., resuming Jan. 4, Cannon Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

MEN'S STUDY GROUP. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m., resuming Jan. 11, Converse House Parlor. Led by the Rev. Brian K. Ballard, this group reads books dealing with biblical and theological study. Men of all ages invited.

STUDENT SERVE. Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Youth Lounge. High school small group that meets weekly to delve into issues of faith, life, and preparing for major youth events like Youth Sunday. LeighDeVries@bmpc.org.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP. 10:00 a.m. every Thursday, resuming Jan. 12, via Zoom. Come join the discussion of *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully* by Sister Joan Chittister. Email Monica Devane to obtain the Zoom link: MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

BMPC MEN'S GROUP. Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Men of all ages are invited for fellowship and lively discussions.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS. Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., via Zoom. A virtual bereavement group. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org or 610-515-0766.

CHOIR REHEARSALS. "Wednesdays Together" program for grades K-5 from 4:45-5:45 p.m. led by Edward Landin Senn and the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, followed by Youth Chorale for grades 6-12 from 5:45-6:30 p.m., and Handbell Ensemble from 6:30-7:00 p.m.; Singing for Life: Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; and Sanctuary Choir: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP. Weekly Repose Yoga, Tai Chi and Yoga206 Bone Boost (bone-strengthening yoga for women 50+) classes are held in the gym. Options for those with Parkinson's Disease include a weekly dance class and monthly support group. For more information, search "Fitness Offerings" at www.bmpc.org.

Ongoing Monthly Opportunities

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. First Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Experience this ancient symbol and prayer form. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org or 610-525-0766.

CARILLON TOUR. Occasional Sundays throughout the year following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and sends you out. Meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells.

Calendar

Sunday, January 1

9:45	a.m.	Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Communion and Staff Singers, Sanctuary, and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Children and Youth in Worship, Sanctuary
11:00	a.m.	Atrium Café, Atrium

Monday, January 2

Campus Closed.

Tuesday, January 3

10:00	a.m.	Monthly Chartres Indoor Labyrinth, Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Gymnasium & Virtual

Wednesday, January 4

10:00	a.m.	Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room Yoga206 Bone Boost, Gymnasium
5:30	p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

Thursday, January 5

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

Friday, January 6

10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Virtual

Saturday, January 7

11:00 a.m. **Elia Buck Memorial Service, Sanctuary**

Sunday, January 8

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

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

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