



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

November 18, 2018
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Youth Gathering
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Gym
Connection Groups
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.,
Ministries Center

Advent Gift Market

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

Family Thanksgiving

Worship Service

4:00 p.m., Chapel

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.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Peter McConnell, Paul McConnell, Rob Mygatt

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Hymn and Dance
Quartet Ringers

John C. Dare

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;
And whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy
To the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
Singing joyful songs of praise.**

† HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious Giver of all our many blessings,
we confess that we are slow to give thanks for your goodness to us.
You have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us in love.
Yet often we are found seeking our own way and meeting our own needs.
We are hesitant to be grateful and neglect to share our abundance.
Challenge us to live with a more profound spirit of gratitude,
that we may commit our lives to your mission in and for our world.

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 AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Agnes W. Norfleet
Elders Cindy Pierce & Howard West, Jr.
with Cameron Liggett

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?

All: We do.

SENDING HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 100 (*p. 552 in pew Bible*)

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

ANTHEM

Greater Love Hath No Man
Sanctuary Choir

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16 (*p. 193 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*The Church: United in Thanksgiving
The Art and Architecture of Faith Series*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: We return thanks for our good earth, which sustains us.

**All: We return thanks for the rivers and streams,
which supply us with water.**

One: We return thanks for all herbs,
which furnish medicines for the cure of our diseases.

**All: We return thanks for the corn, and for her sisters,
the beans and squashes, which give us life.**

One: We return thanks for the wind,
which, moving the air has banished pestilence.

**All: We return thanks for the moon and stars,
which have given to us their light when the sun was gone.**

One: We return thanks for the sun,
that has looked upon the earth with a benevolent eye.

**All: Lastly, we return thanks to the Great Spirit,
in whom is embodied all goodness,
and who directs all things for the good of God's children.**

~ from an Iroquois Prayer

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

Witness
Sanctuary Choir

Jack Halloran

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Oh, I'll be a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man who desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again." He said, "Marvel not if you want to be wise, repent, believe, and be baptized." Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. You read about Samson, from his birth he was the strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times he killed ten thousand of the Phillistines.

Then old Samson went awandering about. Samson's strength was never found out. 'Til his wife sat upon his knee. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please!" Samson's wife, she talk so fair. Samson said, "Cut off my hair! Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will come like a natural man." Samson was a witness for my Lord, soul is a witness for my Lord. There's another witness for my Lord! My soul is a witness for my Lord!

*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** Franklyn C. Pottorff
- † **HYMN 643** Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOT
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet
- POSTLUDE** Carillon du Longpont Louis Vierne

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In celebration of today's baptism of Bryson John Norrett
and in loving memory
of his great-grandfather, Robert Scott Woodcock

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
John R. Cranford

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY

Hazel Whitney Gongwer, daughter of Amy Foster and Thomas Gongwer (8:00 a.m. service)
George Branin Hollowell III, son of Lauren and Samuel Hollowell
Henry Truitt Hollowell, son of Lauren and Samuel Hollowell
Catherine Micozzie Tyre, daughter of Nina and Douglas Tyre
Bryson John Norrett, son of Kelsey and Michael Norrett
William Hudson West, son of Ashley and Addison West

GREETING

Members of our Music & Fine Arts Council

Announcements

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 Narthex, or at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Nov. 25.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” class on Sat., Dec. 1 at 10:00 a.m. or Mon., Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Building. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

ART EXHIBIT: SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIPS PHOTOLOG. On view through Sun., Nov. 25. Team experiences, interactions, and travels are highlighted with photographs and other media in the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor.

Today

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. The Opening Market Festival features representatives from the various committees and councils who can answer questions about their individual mission projects. On the following Sundays, AGM representatives are present in the Ministries Center Court for additional purchases. You also may drop off orders during the week for pickup on the following Sundays. Orders for pickup also may be placed online at www.agm-2018.squarespace.com. Marian Chitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net.

THE RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE. Sundays through Dec. 16, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. During Café in the Court the Renovations Committee shares renderings proposed for the Capital Campaign work.

FAMILY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE. 4:00 p.m., Chapel. All ages are invited to an interactive worship service led by children, youth and our children’s choir.

This Week

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Nov. 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Discuss *A Piece of the World*, by Christina Baker Kline, inspired by Andrew Wyeth’s iconic painting “Christina’s World.” Erichthorjohnson@gmail.com.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 22, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for “Pancakes for a Purpose” and enjoy fellowship and food at this annual event. All proceeds (\$5 per person) support the youth mission projects and trips. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Next Sunday

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RELIGION BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK. Sun., Nov. 25, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads an informal conversation on the basics of Christian theology, the Bible and tradition, based on the questions that participants bring to the class.

Upcoming

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE OPEN FORUM. Wed., Nov. 28, 6:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor, and Sun., Dec. 2, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. The APNC invites you to join them for the Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults Open Forum. Your input will help define the needs and hopes of this ministry at BMPC as we begin our search for the next Associate Pastor in this role.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS. Thurs., Nov. 29, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Together we will wrestle with the questions that Presbyterians are asked to answer as followers of Jesus. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick.

THE POLITICS OF ADVENT. Sundays, Dec. 2-16, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Jesus of Nazareth was born into a very particular political moment as first-century Palestinian Jews were navigating the oversight of the Roman Empire as well as the leadership of the Herodian Kings of Judah. Dr. Joshua Yoder leads us in exploring how the early church understood its relationship with the world.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+). Sun., Dec. 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne (directions to be mailed). Register by Nov. 26 online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$15/person (includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages), attn: Amy Bauer. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

ADVENT HARPSICHORD SERIES. Tuesdays in December, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Temple University harpsichord students and their professor Joyce Lindorff present a series on our William Dowd French double harpsichord. Dec. 4 - Kaishu Zhao; Dec. 11 - Joyce Lindorff; and Dec. 18 - Qiao Chu. Free admission.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Drew Mann leads our study of *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland, chapter 4. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@gmail.com.

Save the Date

A WEE CHRISTMAS. Tues., Dec. 18, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Designed for children ages 2 - 5 and their families, this special retelling of the Christmas Story allows our youngest members to hear and participate in the story of Jesus' birth. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Sat., Jan. 19-21, 2019, Camp Kirkwood, Poconos. A weekend away at Camp Kirkwood where you can enjoy a hike, snowtubing, small group fellowship, Sunday morning worship and time to explore the surrounding area. Early bird registration due by Nov. 30. Cost: \$225. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION. During the month of November you may put turkeys and hams in freezer located in Ministries Center hallway next to the elevator to be distributed to those in need for Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (five to eight gifts per child). Contact Betty Wu at bmpcangels@gmail.com, stop by the Angel Trees in the Ministries Center and Education Building, or sign up online: <http://bit.ly/BMPCAngels2018>. Gifts are due by Sun., Dec. 9.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Join the Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles for Philadelphia shelters. Great family activity (children over 4). Register: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

LIBRARY HELP NEEDED. A volunteer position where you can choose your own hours! Enjoy some quiet time with a purpose doing shelving, data entry, labels, seasonal displays and inventory. Our Librarian Kat MacMurray is available to train new volunteers. katrmac2@icloud.com.

HUNGER FUND. The work of the Hunger Committee is supported entirely through donations that finance the casserole blitzes and grants to over 19 different programs in Greater Philadelphia. Envelopes are in the pew holders or mark "Hunger" on the memo line of your check.

This Week's Calendar

*For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, November 18

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Digging Deeper Bible Study, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Middle School Connections Group (Grades 6 - 7), Loft
Confirmation (Grade 8) Connections Group, Gloucester Room
Grades 9 - 10 Connections Groups, Converse House Parlor
Grades 11 - 12 Connections Groups, Fullerton Room
11:15 a.m. Advent Gift Market, Congregational Hall
BMPC Renovations Committee: Campaign Meeting, Conference Room
4:00 p.m. Family Thanksgiving Worship Service, Chapel

Monday, November 19

- 3:30 p.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
1:30 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, November 21

No scheduled activities.

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving

- 8:30 a.m. Youth-sponsored Pancake Breakfast, Congregational Hall
Church Campus Closed: *For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

Friday, November 23

Church Campus Closed: *For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

Saturday, November 24

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room & Middleton Center
11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for John MacMurray, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Memorial Reception for John MacMurray, Congregational Hall

Sunday, November 25

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 5.
Youth in Worship for Grades 6 - 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

David B. Smith, Interim Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

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