



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 9, 2018
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Education Building, Rm. 102

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Art @ 9

School 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

Filling the Well

Women's Study
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

Adult Study
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

Reflective Bible Study

9:25 a.m., Middleton Center

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School, Adult Education
See calendar for a complete schedule.

Advent Gift Market

11:15 a.m., Ministries Center Court

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

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. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register.
For additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Nancy Taylor

One: We light today's candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

All: During Advent we wait to welcome the Light of the World.

One: The prophet Isaiah prepares the way saying:

All: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

One: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

All: On them light has shined."

One: May this small but abiding flame of hope

All: Give light to the world.

One: Prepare us, O God, to wait with hope in our hearts.

All: Come, O Lord, Jesus; reconcile your people!

† HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving God, you send us messengers
to cleanse and refine us for your coming.

You have sent us prophets and we have not listened.

We have not always determined what is best

or made way for your coming kingdom

in our lives, our church, and our world.

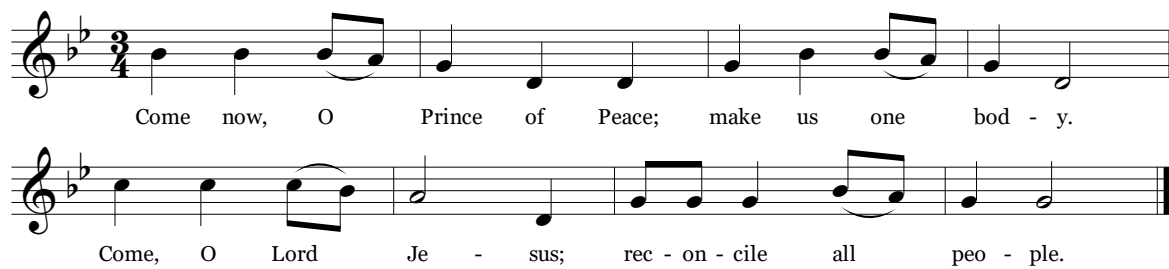
Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all peo - ple.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Taylor

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4 (p. 889 in pew Bible)

Nancy Taylor

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:2-6, 10-16 (p. 60 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wilderness Waiting

Preparing the Way Advent Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 96

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

This Time, This Place

Paul Bergsteinsson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle. Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND 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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 104** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Maurice L. Clancy

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Jean Taylor

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Nancy Taylor

USHERING

Elder Tom Willcox

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TODAY

New members received by Session today
and recognized during this morning's 10:00 a.m. service:
Dorothy and Frank Bowen
Shelley and Jeff Smallwood



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Joshua Thompson ~ November 30, 2018

Announcements

ART EXHIBIT: SUPPOSED REALITIES. Through Sun., Jan. 27. Artist Richard Watson of Bryn Mawr was born and raised in North Carolina where he developed his artistic abilities before training at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He describes his creativity as “supported by memories of the past and suggested realities.” A reception follows the Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 16. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

GREAT GIFT IDEAS AT THE BOOK CENTER. It’s more than just books! Advent and Christmas books for all ages and reading-themed ornaments. Stop by Café in the Court today to check it out.

ONE BOOK ONE CHURCH. *“After Ten Years” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Our Times* by Dr. Victoria Barnett of Washington, DC, a renowned Bonhoeffer scholar as well as director of the United States Holocaust Museum’s programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust. Cost: \$5 in Book Center.

Today

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Ministries Center Court. Representatives are present in the Ministries Center Court for purchases. Additionally, you may drop off orders or place orders online at www.agm-2018.squarespace.com during the week for pickup on the following Sunday. Marian Chitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net.

THE POLITICS OF ADVENT. Sundays through Dec. 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.

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.

This Week

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK. Weekdays during Advent, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Chapel. Experience the small labyrinth in this quiet space throughout the holiday season. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

INTERFAITH CONVERSATION ON ISRAEL/PALESTINE. Mon., Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join an ecumenical and interfaith conversation about the language we use around the issues of Israel and Palestine; led by faculty from St. Joseph’s University’s Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Dec. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Annie Kilbride, professional organizer and owner of Life Simplified, leads our discussion, “Advent Pause,” with strategies for slowing down and enjoying the Christmas season. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

ADVENT HARPSICHORD SERIES. Tuesdays through Dec. 18, 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. 11 - Joyce Lindorff; Dec. 18 - Qiao Chu. Free admission.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discuss Global Health: Progress and Challenges. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com, 484-380-3685.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS: NEW TIME. Thursdays, 9:15-10:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Program for strength training, flexibility and enhanced well-being. First class is free, then \$10 for every four classes. CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

Y-GROUP COOKIE SWAP AND GIFT COLLECTION. Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., home of Haley Erdlen. Annual cookie swap and gift collection for children and youth served by theVillage. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

Next Sunday

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: “O WONDROUS MYSTERY.” Sun., Dec. 16, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. All BMPC’s choirs and The Brandywine Brass present a concert centered on the “O Magnum Mysterium” text. Free-will offering; 25% of proceeds goes to support the Welcome Church’s ecumenically-sponsored program “The Well,” which provides a place where homeless women may sleep and share meals together in a safe environment. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY. Sun., Dec. 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Wear a tacky sweater and join us for a joyful night of food, fellowship and fun for grades 6-12. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

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.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE. Thurs., Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This special service acknowledges the darkness we experience even during this festive season. Scripture readings, the singing of carols, a brief meditation by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Mann Jr., and a time of prayer to express our yearnings for healing and wholeness are intended to lead us from the darkness into light. A labyrinth for walking before or after the service will be set up on the front lawn.

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI RECEPTION. Mon., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by meeting with those who grew up at BMPC and now are home for the holidays. Join old friends after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

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. Cost: \$275. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

CHRISTMAS ANGELS. Unwrapped gifts are due today and may be placed in collection boxes in the Ministries Center and Education Building or you may deliver gifts by Fri., Dec. 14 to the Village, 452 S. Roberts Rd., Rosemont. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (five to eight gifts per child). Tags are still available on the Angel Trees in the Ministries Center and Education Building, or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/2018ChristmasAngels>. Betty Wu, bmpcangels@gmail.com.

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.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Sun., Dec. 23. This PC (USA) Special Offering honors the faithfulness of current and/or retired needy church workers and their families. Envelopes are in the pew holders or write "Christmas Joy" on the memo line of your check. To learn more: specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.

HUNGER COMMITTEE: OUR BROTHERS' PLACE. Sat., Dec. 29, 10:15 a.m., Meet at BMPC Ministries Center. Volunteers (age 18 or older) prepare and serve lunch at Our Brothers' Place homeless shelter. Return at 2:00 p.m. Register: Pam Haynes Walsh 610-667-0972, Haynes.walsh@gmail.com.

FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION. Through December you may put turkeys and hams in freezer located in Ministries Center hallway next to the elevator for distribution to those in need during the holiday season.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, December 9

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
Session Meeting to Receive New Members, Gloucester Room
9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with 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 Connection Groups (Grades 6 - 7), Loft
Confirmation (Grade 8) Connection Groups, Gloucester Room
Grades 9 - 10 Connection Groups, Converse House Parlor
Grades 11 - 12 Connection Groups, Fullerton Room
11:00 a.m. Café in the Court, Ministries Center
11:15 a.m. Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Court
Politics of Advent Class, Witherspoon Parlor
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
5:00 p.m. Middle School Sunday Night Fellowship, Loft
6:00 p.m. Middle and High School Fellowship Dinner, Loft
6:30 p.m. High School Sunday Night Fellowship, Loft

Monday, December 10

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Interfaith Partners for Peace, Congregational Hall

Tuesday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
9:15 a.m. Y-Group Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Advent Harpsichord Recital, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
6:45 p.m. Tutoring Holiday Party, Ed. Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. Prenatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, December 13

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Court of Honor, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Y-Group Cookie Swap & Gift Collection, home of Haley Erdlen
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, December 14

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Postnatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday, December 15

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pack 110 Raingutter Regatta, Gymnasium
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 9:30 a.m. Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center
- 1:30 p.m. Susan Howard Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Concert: "O Wondrous Mystery," Sanctuary

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

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