



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 23, 2018
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Fourth 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

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

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Cara Guernsey

One: Whenever God does amazing things,

All: Angel messengers are sent from heaven.

One: God sent angels to Abraham, Sarah and Hagar,
To Moses, David and Zechariah.

**All: From the throne of God, angels herald a new heaven
And a new earth.**

One: Today the Angel Gabriel visits Mary with good news of great joy!

**All: Mary prepares us to welcome the coming of Christ
With great rejoicing.**

One: As Mary's trust fills us with joy and peace in believing,
May this small but abiding flame of joy

All: Give light to the world.

One: Prepare us, O God to rejoice at your coming!

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

† HYMN 348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Great God, we celebrate the gift of your child again,

yet we are also mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift.

You invite us to join mother Mary's faithful response,

but we struggle to trust the angel's promise of your near presence.

We are distracted and focused on things that matter little,

and we have overlooked the good news of great joy.

Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven.

Tell us again that life can be abundant in faith, hope and love,

not because of who we are, but because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

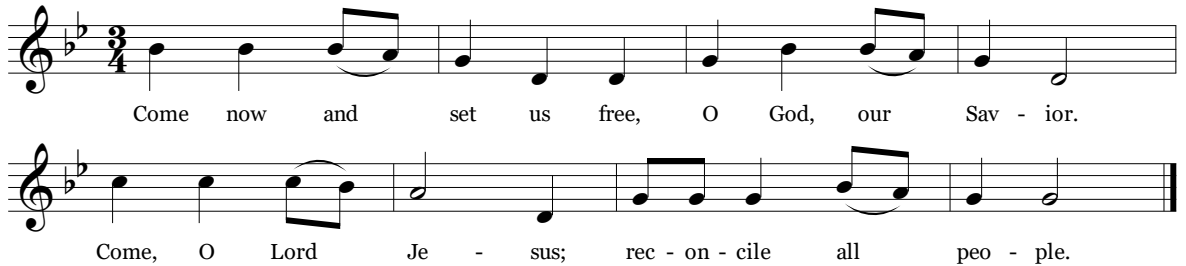
A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Please stand, if able.

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, G minor. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior." The second staff contains the lyrics: "Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all peo - ple." The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats and a 3/4 time signature.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cara Guernsey

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a (*p. 865 in pew Bible*)

Cara Guernsey

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:26-38 (*p. 56 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Mary's Let it Be
Preparing the Way Advent Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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 100** My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Sally Skillman Odiorne
Mr. and Mrs. Sydney A. Skillman
Susan A. Skillman

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM at 10:00 a.m. Service

Grant Edward Kelly, son of Stephanie & Ryan Kelly
Sloane Elizabeth Small Poulos, daughter of Maggie Poulos

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Cara Guernsey

USHERING

Elder Tom Willcox

Announcements

THIS TIME, THIS PLACE. Capital Campaign pledge cards can be found in the pew racks and Narthex for those who have not yet had the opportunity to make a commitment. DerrickSmith@bmpc.org.

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.” 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 following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service to check it out.

ONE BOOK ONE CHURCH. “*After Ten Years*” – *Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Our Times* by Dr. Victoria Barnett of Washington, D.C., a renowned Bonhoeffer scholar as well as director of the United States Holocaust Museum’s programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust. Dr. Barnett leads us in a discussion of her book on Sun., March 10. 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 Court for purchases. Any orders dropped off or placed online at www.agm-2018.squarespace.com after today can be picked up after Christmas. [MarianChitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net](mailto:MarianChitester@verizon.net).

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Today. This PC(USA) Special Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Envelopes are in the pew holders or write “Christmas Joy” on the memo line of your check. To learn more: specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.

This Week

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. Worship Services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

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.

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, Haynes.walsh@gmail.com, or 610-667-0972.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Family Service with Nativity Tableau (infant and toddler childcare available without reservations in the Ed. Bldg.). Carol sing precedes at 4:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE. 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Candlelight Service with Communion by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet (childcare available without reservations in the Ed. Bldg.). Prelude begins at 8:10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS. 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet. Prelude begins at 10:40 p.m.

Save the Date

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Jan. 2, 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 5. Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY. Sundays, Jan. 6-20, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Dr. Patricia Danzon leads this course about the distinctive aspects of Celtic spirituality, its origins, evolution and lessons for our times. Basic text *Listening to the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality* by J. Philip Newell is available in the Book Center.

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.

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 28, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers are needed to donate blood and to assist with scheduling appointments. Sherri Shields, 610-449-3351 or ShieldsS1@email.chop.edu.

Caring & Sharing

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.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE. Help those who are outside by contributing to the collection for Broad Street Ministry during the month of January. Men's thermal underwear, gloves, hats, and scarves are urgently needed. Collection bins are located in the Ministries Center and Education Building.

WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES GRANTS. Deadline: Feb. 27. Criteria and application at www.bmpc.org/ministries/mission/grants.

Christmas Eve Services **in the Sanctuary**

4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Service

8:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Additional parking is available at Harcum College
for all Christmas Eve services.

Childcare is available in the Education Building
for the 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. services.

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 23

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
9:15 a.m. Confirmation, Coffee & Conversation, Gloucester Room
9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2-4
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Holiday Worship Together for Youth in Grades 6 - 12
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
11:15 a.m. Café in the Court, Ministries Center
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, December 24

- 2:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators Call Time, Fine Arts Center, Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Children's Choir and Youth Chorale Call Time, Fine Arts Center
4:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service with Tableau, Sanctuary**
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
8:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, Sanctuary**
9:30 p.m. Youth Alumni Christmas Party, Witherspoon Parlor
10:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
11:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary**

Tuesday, December 25

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

Wednesday, December 26

No scheduled activities.

Thursday, December 27

9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

Friday, December 28

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, December 29

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center

10:15 a.m. Serving at Our Brother's Place

Sunday, December 30

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**

The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.

Holiday Worship Together for Children & Youth in Grades K - 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

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The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • info@middletoncenter.org

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840