



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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December 1, 2019  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
First Sunday of Advent

# WELCOME TO BMPC

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Childcare (infant - age 5)**

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

### **10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary**

#### **Age 2 - PreK Classes**

10:00 a.m., Ministries Center

#### **Grades K - 5 Classes**

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ministries Center

#### **Grades 6 -12**

10:00 a.m., Ministries Center

#### **Coffee & Fellowship**

Advent Gift Market

11:00 a.m., Ministries Center

Balcony

### **The Prophets in Advent Class**

11:15 a.m., Chapel

### **Advent Craft Workshop**

11:20 a.m., Congregational Hall

**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 coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for coffee and fellowship on the Ministries Center Balcony after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

**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 Ministries Center.

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## **ADVENT INTROIT**

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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

ADVENT INTROIT *(please remain seated)*



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, that  
mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re -  
joice! Re - rejoice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The McConnell Family

One: The Advent wreath is made of evergreens  
To remind us of the never-ending love of God.

**All: We trust in God to make all things new.**

One: Because Jesus promised to be with us when we gather in his name,

**All: Our worship celebrates God's presence in our midst.**

One: We await the coming of the Christ in full glory,

**All: The Lord God who does awesome deeds we do not expect.**

One: Jesus said, "While you have the light, believe in the light,  
So that you may become children of Light."

**All: We are ready to welcome the Light of the World!**

One: We join our voices in praise and rejoicing as we sing with expectation.

**All: May this candle shine in our midst as joy to the world.**

† HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, who comes to us, we rejoice that through the ages you have given your people messages of hope which have brought us confidence and joy. Forgive us when we fail to discern your presence with us, or when we have doubted your love for the whole world. Illumine this season with the light of Christ's resurrection, the assurance that you are with us, and the faith that enables us to live joyfully and expectantly as we celebrate your coming.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

† Please stand, if able.

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## 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**

Rachel Pedersen

**SENDING HYMN**     Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

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

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 98 (*p. 551 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

**ANTHEM**

People, Look East!  
Youth Chorale; Owen Yoder, baritone

arr. Craig Phillips

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth, and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the guest is on the way. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way. Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen, he for fledging time has chosen. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the bird is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth, Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**SECOND LESSON**     Matthew 24:36-44 (*p. 27 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One:    The Word of the Lord.

All:    **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Joy to the World*  
First in Advent Series on the Radical Hope of the Carols

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 134**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## OFFERING OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Franklyn C. Pottorff

O Clap Your Hands  
Sanctuary Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

*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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### 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, then pass it to your neighbor in the pew. Gluten- and casein-free bread is available in the small container located on each plate.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Savior of the Nations, Come                      Balthazar Resinarius  
Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Savior of the nations, come, virgin's Son, make here thy home! Marvel now,  
O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

“Sleepers Awake!” from *Cantata 140*                      J.S. Bach  
Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Zion hears the watchmen sing, her heart leaps for joy within her, she awakens and hastily arises. Her glorious Friend comes from heaven, strong in mercy, powerful in truth, her light becomes bright, her star rises. Now come, precious crown, Lord Jesus, the Son of God! Hosannah! We all follow to the hall of joy and hold the evening meal together.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† HYMN 82                      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus                      HYFRYDOL

† BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE                      Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE                      Joy to the World                      Pamela Decker

### **Worship Notes**

#### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Cdr. George C. and Esther Ann McFarland

#### **GREETING**

Children & Family Ministry and Youth

#### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Jonathan Jones

#### **ADVENT SERMON SERIES**

In the sweet familiarity of the carols we sing, do we still hear the radical hope they proclaim? This series considers how the biblical texts and carols together prepare us to receive the amazing in-breaking power of God, as we attend anew to *Joy to the World*, *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* and *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

## **Announcements**

**BRYN MAWR GIVES: STEWARDSHIP 2020.** Thank you to those of you who have made such generous and thoughtful commitments to this church! “Give, and it will be given to you...” Luke 6:38. There is still time to get those pledges in online, by mail or by plate. Thank you! We are currently at 75 percent of our goal.

**BOOK CENTER CHRISTMAS SPECIALS!** Great selection of books for children and adults! Visit our table during coffee and fellowship in the Gymnasium.

**PARK 'EM AT HARCUM.** For 10:00 a.m. worship, we invite members who are able, to park across Montgomery Avenue at Harcum College, making parking available in our lot for those who need to be closer to church, and for visitors. Please also note that Baldwin School parking lots should not be used on Sunday mornings out of courtesy to their residential staff.

## **Today**

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** 11:00-12:30 p.m., Ministries Center Balcony. Representatives are available to receive AGM orders. To order online, visit <http://bit.ly/2019AdventGiftMarket>.

**ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP.** 11:20 a.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to a festive event to create craft projects that help prepare for the Advent season. Join us for hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages!

**THE PROPHETS IN ADVENT.** Today through Dec. 15, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Tim Horner, Assistant Professor of Center for Peace and Justice Education at Villanova University, offers three classes on the Season of Advent and how the prophets called for justice then and now.

## **This Week**

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** A “Discover BMPC” orientation class is being offered on Mon., Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center. This class provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**ADVENT STORY PATH LABYRINTH.** Offered in the Chapel during December. Chapel is open for walkers Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**ADVENT HARPSICHORD RECITALS.** Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 12:00 p.m. Temple University harpsichord students Silvanio Reis and Anna Kislitsyna, and their professor, Joyce Lindorff, perform 30-minute recitals on BMPC’s William Dowd Memorial Harpsichord. A free-will offering supports theVillage, one of BMPC’s mission partners that promote the healing of the spirits of children, families, and communities broken by violence, neglect, addiction, poverty, mental illness, racism, and other serious societal problems.



**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Brian Ballard leads Lesson 4, “Words of Love: Honor the Life-Givers” in *Love Carved in Stone*. Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

**EVENINGS OF QUIET PRAYER.** Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and 11, 6:00-6:45 p.m., the Middleton Center, Rm. 202, second floor of Converse House. Join us for two evenings of gentle prayer, candlelight and thoughtful conversation. Patricia Danzon, spiritual director, along with the Rev. Brian Ballard and Deacon David Heaton, facilitate prayers, readings, contemplative music and a time of sharing. BBallard@bmpc.org.

**BIBLE FROM SCRATCH.** Thurs., Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m., Loft. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. If you’re ready to think about scripture in new and creative ways, this class is for you.

## **Next Sunday**

**GATHERING OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.** Sun., Dec. 8, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The BMPC Mission Council invites all medical professionals, including those who are retired, for a brainstorming session on how our church might engage in medical mission and outreach to the local community. This is part of a larger conversation on what mission and outreach might look like in our newly-renovated spaces. A light lunch follows. RSVP to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org to confirm attendance.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT: ”MAGNIFICAT.”** Sun., Dec. 8, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Celebrate the Christmas season with all BMPC choirs, accompanied by the Brandywine Brass. This concert also features works by Anton Bruckner, Paul Halley, Gerald Finzi, Franz Biebl, Elizabeth Poston, William Dawson as well as congregational carol singing. A free-will offering supports Prevention Point Philadelphia, a nonprofit organization working to fight the opioid crisis by providing harm-reduction services in the Philadelphia area.

**PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+.** Sun., Dec. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Merion Tribute House (directions to be mailed). Register by Dec. 4 online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$18 per person (includes heavy hors d’oeuvres and beverages.) attn: Monica Devane.

## **Upcoming**

**Y-GROUP MEETING.** Tues., Dec. 10, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for fellowship during our Gratitude Coffee Hour. Abby Pottorff, [ygroupbmpc@gmail.com](mailto:ygroupbmpc@gmail.com).

**Y-GROUP COOKIE SWAP AND GIFT COLLECTION.** Thurs., Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m., home of Annie Lee. Annual cookie swap and gift collection for children and youth served by theVillage. Abby Pottorff, [ygroupbmpc@gmail.com](mailto:ygroupbmpc@gmail.com).



**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Tues., Dec. 17, 2:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Discuss *Mrs. Sherlock Holmes: The True Story of New York City's Greatest Female Detective and the 1917 Missing Girl Case That Captivated a Nation* by Brad Ricca. EricThorJohnson@gmail.com.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Entertainment Center. Discuss the "State of the State Department and Diplomacy." Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

**A WEE CHRISTMAS.** Tues., Dec. 17, 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@bmpe.org.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE.** Wed., Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This special worship service is for anyone who finds joy and celebration difficult to experience during the Christmas season. Scripture readings, the singing of carols, a brief meditation by the Rev. Brian K. Ballard, and a time of prayer to express our yearnings for healing and wholeness are intended to lead us through the long darkness. A labyrinth set up on the front lawn, invites walkers following the service, weather permitting.

## **Caring & Sharing**

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS.** Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (five to eight gifts per child). Contact Betty Wu: [bmpeangels@gmail.com](mailto:bmpeangels@gmail.com); stop by the Angel Trees in the Ministries Center; or sign up online: <http://bit.ly/2019BMPCAngels>. Gifts are due by Sun., Dec. 8.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. 'Tis the season to cook! Join the Hunger Committee in the Ministries Center to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Families are welcome; children must be at least 4 years old. Register with Sandie Nicholson, [sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING.** Support 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. 15 and 22, or note "Christmas Joy" on the memo line of your check.

**COLD WEATHER IS UPON US! UPCOMING COLLECTIONS OF WINTER CLOTHES.** Broad Street Ministry has a great need for winter coats. In addition, we are collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for children who attend the Tutoring Program. In January, Donations may be placed in the collection bins located near the entrance to the Ministries Center.

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED.** Donations have been *low*, and the need is *great*. Place donations in baskets in the Narthex or in the food cupboard in the hallway next to the elevators in the Ministries Center. Financial donations also may be made using Hunger Envelopes in the pew holders or by noting "Hunger" on the memo line of your check.

## **This Week's Calendar**

*For more information, visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org), call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

### **Today, December 1**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor  
Art @ 9, Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Youth Chorale, Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Sanctuary**  
Joint Sunday School for age 2-PreK, Ministries Center Court  
Grades K-5 Begin Worship in the Sanctuary  
Joint Sunday School for Grades 6-12, Ministries Center Court
- 10:15 a.m. Joint Sunday School for Grades K-5, Ministries Center Court
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Ministries Center Balcony  
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Balcony
- 11:15 a.m. The Prophets in Advent Class, Chapel
- 11:20 a.m. Advent Craft Workshop, Congregational Hall

### **Monday, December 2**

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. "Discover BMPC" Class, Converse House Parlor

### **Tuesday, December 3**

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
- 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, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room

### **Wednesday, December 4**

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Grades K-5), Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale (Grades 6-12), Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Quiet Prayer, Middleton Center, Room 202
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Event is Off Campus

### **Thursday, December 5**

- 8:00 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, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Bible from Scratch, Loft
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Christmas Concert Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, December 6**

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

### **Saturday, December 7**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pack 110 Raingutter Regatta, Gymnasium
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 1:00 p.m. **Benjamin Jones Memorial Service, Chapel**

### **Sunday, December 8**

- 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.

## Renovations Update

**Daytime Traffic Patterns:** Each weekday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the driveway between the Chapel and the Sanctuary will be *one way*, with cars exiting onto Montgomery Avenue. This adjustment allows for the safe movement of children from the Weekday School during drop-off and pick-up. Please use the driveway between the Ministries Center and the Sanctuary to enter the campus from Montgomery Avenue during these weekday hours.

For more renovation updates, please visit us at:  
[www.bmpc.org/welcome/renovation-updates](http://www.bmpc.org/welcome/renovation-updates)

*This box will be updated regularly to keep you informed about how the renovation process is impacting our ministries and programs.*



## Worship Staff

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

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

**Leigh DeVries**, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick**, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

**Franklyn C. Pottorff**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

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