

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2020 8:00 a.m., Chapel Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Filling the Well

8:45 a.m., Converse House Parlor

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall

Art @ 9

Ages 3 - Grade 5 8:45 a.m., Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

See calendar at back of bulletin for a complete schedule.

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 coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gymnasium after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

All: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

One: Sing to God, sing praises to God;

All: Tell of the wonderful works of the Lord.

One: Give thanks to God, for the Lord is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

† **HYMN** 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to turn from the ways of earthly powers, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your reign on earth.

We confess we fall short of a ready response to follow in word and deed, and pray for help to be more faithful disciples.

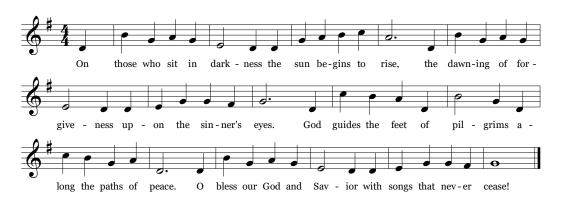
Like Christ's first followers, may we hear your call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Please stand, if able. Page 3

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marian Chitester

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 40:1-5 (p. 513 in pew Bible)

Marian Chitester

SECOND LESSON

John 1:29-42 (p. 92 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Let's Go See"

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

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** 379

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

† Please stand, if able. Page 5

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judith MacFeely

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Marian Chitester

USHERING

Tom Hays

BULLETIN COVER

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Announcements

SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENING. For those interested in dedicating flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an important milestone, we have space available for a flower arrangement in our Sanctuary on Sundays, Feb. 9 and 16. Following the Worship Service, flowers are used to create smaller arrangements that our Deacons to deliver members who are unable to attend Worship. If you wish to dedicate flowers in memory of a loved one or celebrate an important milestone, contact Doreen Petrovitch, DKPetrovitch@gmail.com.

INVITATION TO JOIN SANCTUARY FLOWER TEAM. We have openings for volunteers to join our team on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, to create small flower arrangements for Deacons to deliver to members. If interested, contact MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

KNITTERS NEEDED. Caring Ministries has an active prayer shawl ministry which, facing a current shortage of shawls, needs new volunteers. If you knit or crochet, your help would be much appreciated. CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

Today

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. 8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads a study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), one of Jesus' most important teachings.

FILLING THE WELL. 8:45 a.m., Converse House Parlor. The Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick leads the discussion of *Listening is an Act of Love*. Each week the class listens to and discusses one of the many stories collected by the Story Corps Project as a way to reflect on relationships, meaning and connection in our families and community.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, the Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing church officers (Elders, Deacons and Trustees) and members of the 2020 Nominating Committee, as well as approving 2020 Pastoral Terms of Call.

This Week

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Endurance* by Scott Kelly. Joanne Hanna, joannehanna3@comcast.net.

BIBLE FROM SCRATCH. Thurs., Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m., Loft. Explore both the basic content and interpretative practices of reading and following scripture with the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick using the book *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World.* RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SABBATH RETREAT. Fri., Jan. 24 - Sun., Jan. 26. NorthBay Adventure Camp, Md., offers a weekend where youth can enjoy hiking, zip lines, small group fellowship, and worship together. Cost: \$299. Feel free to invite friends! Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance readily available for all trips and events. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Theologian-in-Residence Weekend

BMPC WELCOMES THE REV. DR. SERENE JONES. In honor of the leadership of David and Ruth Watermulder, our Adult Education Committee has invited the Rev. Dr. Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary, to be our Theologian-In-Residence. This weekend also will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Middleton Center for Pastoral Care and Counseling.

SATURDAY: JAN. 25, Congregational Hall. Dr. Jones is presenting a lecture, "Theology is a Place," at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and light refreshments available at 9:30 a.m. The Middleton Center Anniversary Luncheon follows at 11:30 a.m. with special guests, the Rev. Drs. Margaret Anne Fohl and Eugene C. Bay. Luncheon reservation requested: KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

SUNDAY: JAN. 26. At the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary, Dr. Jones preaches and later, presents a second lecture, "Theology is a Story," at 11:15 a.m. in Congregational Hall.

Upcoming

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 27, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood and assist with scheduling appointments. Sherri Shields, 610-449-3351 or ShieldsS1@email.chop.edu.

YOUTH SUNDAY & "SOUPER BOWL" OF CARING. Sun., Feb. 2, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., Chapel and Sanctuary. The youth are leading both Sunday services with preaching, liturgy and worship. And it's the "Souper Bowl" of Caring, so don't forget to bring canned goods for us to donate to our friends in need in our community!

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC ART. Sun., Feb. 2, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Patricia Danzon, Middleton Center Spiritual Director, leads us through an introduction to Islamic art which is radically different than Christian art. Whereas the Church often uses art as a visual reminder of Bible stories, Islamic art for religious contexts bans the representation of humans/animals, and simply seeks to create a sense of the infinite nature of Allah.

SUPER BOWL PRE-GAME LUNCH. Sun., Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Leigh's Manse. All youth (Grades 6-12) and their families are invited to come and get hyped for the Super Bowl, celebrating with delicious food, music and fun!

SINGING FOR LIFE. BMPC's choir for adults age 55+ is open for spring registration! Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m., beginning Feb. 6. Registration fee is \$75 per semester; scholarships available. To register, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

BOOK STUDY: *LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK*. Thursdays, Feb. 6 - March 12, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Within the Christian tradition, a time of darkness often is associated with God's absence. Yet, in *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Barbara Brown Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us *in the dark*. In this book, we are invited into a spirituality of the nighttime, where God teaches us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and gives us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments. This class is led by the Rev. Brian Ballard, and books are available directly from Brian. BrianBallard@bmpc.org.

COUNTERING SLANDER: FETHULLAH GULEN'S LIFE BEYOND

PROPAGANDA. Sun., Feb. 9, 11:15 a.m., Chapel, Dr. Jon Pahl, speaker. The Turkish preacher Fethullah Gulen, who has lived in a retreat center in the Poconos since 1999, is one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the contemporary world. He has inspired a global movement known as "Hizmet" (service), which is dedicated to education, social enterprise and interreligious dialogue. Dr. Pahl, a faculty member at United Lutheran Seminary, has recently published the first critical biography of this controversial figure: Fethullah Gulen: A Life of Hizmet — Why a Muslim Scholar in Pennsylvania Matters to the World.

TWO PIANO CONCERT. Sun., Feb. 9, 2:00 p.m. Laura Ward and Jeffrey Brillhart return to our musical series with a concert featuring the world premiere of Benjamin Boyle's "Suite d'hiver," commissioned for this concert. Fifty percent of the free-will offering collected supports the Homeless Advocacy Project, which meets the legal and advocacy needs of homeless individuals and families in Philadelphia.

Caring & Sharing

COLD WEATHER IS UPON US! COLLECTION OF WINTER CLOTHES. In January we are collecting men's winter coats for Broad Street Ministry, and hats, gloves and scarves for children who attend the Tutoring Program. Donations may be placed in the collection bins located near the entrance to the Ministries Center.

"SOUPER BOWL" OF CARING. Sun., Feb. 2. The Hunger Committee and BMPC Youth are collecting donations of cash and/or canned soups, stews, ravioli and other high-protein canned goods following Worship on "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Baskets are in the Narthex and Ministries Center.

SERVICE DAY AT ARCH STREET PRESCHOOL. Sat., Feb. 8, 9:00 a.m. Join us for a day of sorting, organizing and cleaning at Arch Street Preschool (Outreach Committee Mission Partner). Carpool leaves BMPC at 8:30 a.m. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations.

This Week's Calendar

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

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7:45	a.m.	Childcare, Fullerton Room
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8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor

Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall

Art @ 9, Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion & Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

Sunday School for age 2, Gloucester Room Sunday School for age 3, Witherspoon Parlor

Sunday School for Pre-K, Middleton Center, Rm. 200

Grades K - 5 Begin Worship in the Sanctuary

Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Gymnasium

10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grade K, Middleton Center, Rm. 202

Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Congregational Hall Sunday School for Grade 3, Middleton Center, Rm. 301

Sunday School for Grades 4-5, Converse House Parlor

10:30 a.m. Grades 6 & 7 Connection Group, Main Line Adult Day Center

Grade 8 Confirmation, Loft

Grades 9 & 10 Connection Group, Gymnasium Stage

Grades 11 & 12 Connection Group, Ministries Center 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gymnasium

Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium

10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium

1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium

6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Urban Suburban Book Group, Event is Off Campus

Wednesday, January 22

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft

Outreach Committee Meeting, Event is Off Campus

Thursday, January 23

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Bible from Scratch, Loft

Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee, Converse House Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. High School Sabbath Retreat, Event is Off Campus
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

Saturday, January 25

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Middleton Center, Rm. 202 Theologian in Residence - Dr. Serene Jones, Congregational Hall
- 11:00 a.m. High School Sabbath Retreat, Event is Off Campus

Sunday, January 26

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones 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

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



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