



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2020
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Third 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

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., Gymnasium

10:30 a.m., Connection Groups

Coffee & Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Theologian-in-Residence -

Dr. Serene Jones

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

Family Worship Service:

Baptism Celebration

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 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. 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.

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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Psalm-Prelude

Herbert Howells

Based on Psalm 37:11: But the meek shall inherit the earth;
and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship

All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,

All: And who walks with us on the road of our world's suffering.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts,

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us,

All: And God has promised never to turn us away.

† HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God in Christ, you call us to trust in you, but as your followers,
we confess our lack of willingness to go where you would lead us.

You call us into your good company, but we find companionship in lesser things.

You challenge us to go to risky places among the least, the lost and the stranger,
and we seek the safety and security of our own plans.

You invite us to live in praise and devotion,

but we become overwhelmed with anxiety and worry.

Forgive us, we pray, and renew us for faithful service in your name.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† GLORIA PATRI *(in unison)*

Hymn 581

Glorify 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 K - Grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.



Go now, child-ren with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u-pon you, and may
God be gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 19 (*p. 498 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

My Eyes for Beauty Pine
Sanctuary Choir

Herbert Howells

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace, no other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'Tis
named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart
that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:38-39 (*p. 158 in pew Bible*)

Serene Jones

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Call it Grace

Serene Jones

† **HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Agnes W. Norfleet

God has made humankind part of creation.
God included human beings among the creatures he made
and charged them to care for other living things.
We acknowledge we are kin to the other creatures.
We are dependent on the systems that sustain all life.
Yet God gives us power to rule and tame,
to order and reshape the world.
We hold the earth in trust
for future generations of living things.
The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy it.
The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce
in ways that make the world's goodness available to all people
and reflect God's love for all creatures.
The Lord bids us use our technical skills
for beauty, order, health, and peace.

~ A Declaration of Faith

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Almighty And Everlasting God
Sanctuary Choir

Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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		Rebecca Kirkpatrick
†	HYMN 649	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	AMAZING GRACE
†	BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE		Serene Jones
	POSTLUDE	Toccata in 7	John Rutter

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Lewis V. and Jane Ellen Chamberlin
Dr. Robert and Edith Madden

GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Communications Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

THEOLOGIAN-IN-RESIDENCE

Our annual Theologian-in-Residence lectures are made possible through generous donations given in honor of The Rev. Dr. David and Mrs. Ruth Watermulder. We are delighted to welcome our 2020 Scholar this morning, the Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. Prior to serving at Union, Dr. Jones was the Titus Street Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School for 17 years. Dr. Jones is the author of several books including her recently published theological memoir, *Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World*.

BULLETIN COVER

Sanctuary photograph by Dave Tavani

Announcement

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@bmpe.org.

Today

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

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE: BAPTISM CELEBRATION. 4:00 p.m., Chapel. Bring your baptism memories and join us for a special worship service celebrating and remembering our baptisms! This service is designed for families with young children and will be led primarily by children in our Wednesdays Together program.

This Week

DEACONS' ANNUAL RED CROSS 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.

Next Sunday

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!

Upcoming

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Brian Ballard leads Lesson 6, “Words of Love: Hold Your Marriages Sacred” from *Love Carved in Stone*. Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

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 “Hizmet” (service), which is dedicated to education, social enterprise and interreligious dialogue. Dr. Pahl, a faculty member at United Lutheran Seminary, 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., Sanctuary. 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 (HAP), which meets the legal and advocacy needs of homeless individuals and families in Philadelphia. With a legal staff of nine and a corps of 350 volunteer lawyers, paralegals and law students, HAP engages in direct outreach to homeless individuals who need legal services.

Y-GROUP UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECT) PARTY. Tues., Feb. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Y-Group invites all ages to bring an unfinished project to work on in community: knitting, cards, updating your calendar for 2020. Enjoy fellowship, encouragement, and even some inspiration. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

THE BASICS OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH. Sun., Feb. 16, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Asheq Fazlullah, Islamic Chaplain at Villanova University and leader of interfaith initiatives in the Philadelphia area, introduces us to the basics of Islam as we seek to better understand our neighbors and connections among the world's religions.

YOUTH SABBATH. Sun., Feb. 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Loft. Come join us for an evening of fellowship over dinner, followed by a discussion led by Youth Music Director Timothy Wotrung about resting in God in the midst of our busy lives.

Caring & Sharing

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: www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations.

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE WINTER CLOTHES. Drop off men's winter coats for Broad Street Ministry, and hats, gloves and scarves for children who attend the Tutoring Program. Collection bins are located near the entrance to the Ministries Center. Collection ends Jan. 31.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, January 26

- 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 & 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
11:15 a.m. Theologian-in-Residence - Dr. Serene Jones, Congregational Hall
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
4:00 p.m. **Family Worship Service: Baptism Celebration, Chapel**

Monday, January 27

- 2:00 p.m. Deacons' Annual Blood Drive, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Y-Group Book Group, Loft

Tuesday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Congregational Hall
6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall

Wednesday, January 29

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
- 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

Thursday, January 30

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 31

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

Saturday, February 1

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, February 2

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Youth Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 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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