

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

10:00 AM, SANCTUARY

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



“My eyes have seen God’s salvation!”

~ from Luke 2:30

Order of Worship

As we gather for worship, some prepare by greeting each other with words of peace, others with meditation and prayer. Please be respectful of how those around you prepare. Kindly refrain from taking photos or videos and please silence cell phones.

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE The Old Year Has Passed; the New Year Has Come J.S. Bach

WELCOME Joanne Fong

CALL TO WORSHIP R. Charles Grant

One: My eyes have seen God’s salvation,
All: **Which God has prepared in the presence of all peoples:**
One: A light for revelation,
All: **A light for glory to your people.**
One: Let us worship God!

† **HYMN 28** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) R. Charles Grant

O God, in the beginning you spoke and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON R. Charles Grant

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 579*)

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 Joanne Fong

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with our Blessing
(See *Worship Notes* section for Sending Hymn.)

FIRST LESSON Psalm 148 (*p. 582 in pew Bible*) R. Charles Grant

ANTHEM Infant Holy, Infant Lowly David Willcocks
(See *Worship Notes* section for text.)

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:22, 25-38 (*p. 58 in pew Bible*)
Louisa Watkins Umphres

SERMON *Ordinary Days* Louisa Watkins Umphres

† **HYMN 55** That Boy-Child of Mary BLANTYRE
(Please remain standing for the Affirmation of Faith.)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*) Joanne Fong

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. ~ The Apostles’ Creed

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.)

OFFERING Joanne Fong

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Torches John Joubert
(See *Worship Notes* section for text.)

† **DOXOLOGY** (*in unison*) (*Hymnal 592*)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*in unison*) R. Charles Grant

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.

† **HYMN 36** In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE Louisa Watkins Umphres

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *Torches* Jeffrey Brillhart

† *Please stand, if able.*

❖ Worship Notes ❖

Go now, Children, with our Blessing



Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and may
God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.



ANTHEM Infant Holy, Infant Lowly David Willcocks
Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, nowells ringing,
tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new; saw the glory,
heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises
voicing, greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you! Christ the Babe was
born for you!



OFFERTORY ANTHEM Torches John Joubert
Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and
now lies sleeping; Come and sing your song to him! Ah, Ro-ro, Ro-ro, my baby,
ah, Ro-ro, my love, Ro-ro; Sleep you well, my heart's own darling, while we sing
you our Ro-ro. Sing, my friends, and make you merry, joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, he lives, the King of heaven, now and evermore. Amen.



Alan Willoughby will play the carillon following the service.



Due to HVAC construction, parking in back is limited.
Those who are able to walk across the street comfortably
are encouraged to park in the Harcum College lot.



If you are an elder or deacon
interested in serving communion at the 8:00 a.m. service
please contact
Bill Matthai, William.Matthai@uphs.upenn.edu or 610-668-1842
or
Anita Iyengar, aniiye@comcast.net or 610-645-6044.



Pastor's Brown Bag Bible Study,
which normally meets at noon on Tuesdays,
will reconvene on January 3, 2012.



Two Sunday worship services
8:00 a.m. in the Chapel with Holy Communion
and
10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with the Senior Choir
will recommence on January 8, 2012.



Hearing devices are available for your use. You will find them in a black case on the shelf in the Narthex. Take an instruction card to learn the simple steps to turn on the device and plug in the earpiece. Large print resources are available for you at the same location.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Clergy and Staff

MINISTERS

All the members of the church

PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. James L. Carter, D.Min.; Interim Pastor, Head of Staff

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The Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet, M.Div.; Pastoral Associate
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The Rev. Joanne Shum Fong, M.Div.; Pastoral Resident 2010-12

The Rev. Louisa Watkins Umphres, M.Div.; Pastoral Resident 2010-12

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The Week of January 1 - January 8, 2012

WELCOME TO BMPC! We are glad you have joined us for worship, where we express our gratitude for God's goodness in the gift of the Christ child. We invite you to rediscover what "God with us" might mean for *you* in this new year. May God's blessings be upon you and yours in 2012.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS or are new to us, stop at the Welcome Center to the left of the main doors.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Meet our staff and become better acquainted with our Reformed beliefs, our denomination, and our sense of Christian ministry at our membership orientation on Sun., Feb. 5, 8:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (includes worship and lunch). Childcare is available with advance notice. For more information or to register, indicate your interest on the fellowship register or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

BMPC ONLINE: Check our website, www.bmpc.org, for our church calendar, pastors' columns, sermon files, newsletters and more. To receive our electronic newsletter, BMPC eNews, subscribe via our website or add your email address to the fellowship register when it is passed.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TOMORROW, MON., JAN. 2: The BMPC Office is closed in celebration of the New Year's holiday. For pastoral emergencies, call the church office at 610-525-2821.

DID YOU KNOW:

...that Borderlinks focuses on cross-border relationship-building opportunities, issues of immigration, community formation and development, and social justice in the borderlands between Mexico, the U.S., and beyond? On average, nearly 1,000 individuals participate annually in BorderLinks learning opportunities. Its programs provide 100 of the neediest children in the surrounding neighborhood(s) with a healthy and nutritious meal every day of the school year, and also sponsor week-long educational children's camps, classes and sports. Classes are available for adults who are unemployed, in which participants learn computer and English skills. Your pledges help to sustain this important work.



NEW! ONLINE GIVING: Our new *Online Giving* function gives you multiple payment options and the ability to set up recurring payments. Visit www.bmpc.org and click on the "Give Now" link in the top right-hand corner. If you haven't done so yet, you may also pledge for 2012 by clicking the "Pledge Now" link in the top right-hand corner of the BMPC website. Your commitment is vital to support the many ministries of BMPC. Together, we can make a difference!

WEEKLY CALENDAR: January 1 - 8, 2012

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - New Year's Day

- 10:00 a.m. *Worship with Senior Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Louisa Watkins Umphres will preach.
- 10:00 a.m. Children and Youth in Worship. No Church School.

Monday, January 2, 2012

Office closed in celebration of the New Year's holiday.
For pastoral emergencies, call the church office: 610-525-2821

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Mtg. Room
- 11:00 a.m. Walking the Labyrinth in Prayer, Congregational Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Preacher's Brown Bag Bible Study, Conference Room
- 4:00 p.m. Session Priorities Committee, Pastors Conference Room
- 6:50 p.m. Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Converse House Mtg. Room
- 7:30 p.m. Career Counseling, Conference Room

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. PW Coffee Cup Bible Study, Converse House Mtg. Room
- 10:30 a.m. PW Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Prebyterian Village Ballroom
- 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 4:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center
- 4:00 p.m. Session Priorities Committee, Pastors Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Boy Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Weekly Wednesday Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Membership Council, Fullerton Room
- 6:50 p.m. Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Fine Arts Council, Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Thursday, January 5, 2012

- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Torah Study, Main Line Reform Temple
- 4:00 p.m. Engagement/Spiritual Foundations Task Force, Pastors Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 6, 2012

No Events Scheduled.

Saturday, January 7, 2012

- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Ed. Bldg, Room 201
- 5:30 p.m. Sacred Shelter Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102

Sunday, January 8, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion in the Chapel*
The Rev. Joanne Fong will preach.
- 10:00 a.m. *Worship with Senior Choir in the Sanctuary*
The Rev. Dr. James Carter will preach.

Childcare for infants and toddlers, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.

- 8:00 a.m. Parish Nurse Search Committee, Pastors Conference Room
- 8:30 a.m. Adult Class: *The Case for God* Book Discussion, Conference Room
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir School, Fine Arts Center
- 9:00 a.m. Art @ 9 for age 3 and older, Ed. Bldg., Room 201
- 9:45 a.m. Pre-Baptism Meeting, Converse House Porch & Library
- 10:00 a.m. BLINK: Grades K-5 begin worship with families in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Church School for children age 2 (by 9/1/2011) - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation, Witherspoon Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Middle School Sunday School, Crypt
- 10:00 a.m. High School Sunday School, Loft
- 10:15 a.m. Grades K-5 classes meet in Ed. Bldg.
- 11:15 a.m. Strategic Planning Committee, Pastors Conference Room



CHILDCARE INFO/RESERVATIONS other than on Sunday morning, contact childcare e-mail: childcare@bmpc.org or childcare line: 610-520-8850. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Education Building.

THE SEARCH FOR BMPC'S NEXT PARISH NURSE is now underway. This part-time position offers competitive compensation and the church's benefits package (retirement, medical and dental); PA lic RN required; five years nursing experience preferred. If you know someone who would be a good fit for this position, encourage them to send inquiries or their resume to PNSearch@BMPC.org

HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for the pastors to know when our members have been admitted to a hospital. Call BMPC if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

The Book Center and Library

LABYRINTHS: WALKING TOWARD THE CENTER by Gernot Candolini, \$12. The author will be with us as a guest of the Middleton Center at the end of March. Book available at the Book Center in the Court, which is open following services and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Key available at the Reception Desk.

DONATE TO THE CONVERSE HOUSE LIBRARY. Donate a book in honor or memory of someone by going to the Amazon.com "Wish List" of our church Librarian, Kathleen MacMurray.

Sunday Adult Education

A CASE FOR GOD BOOK DISCUSSION. Sundays, Jan. 8-29, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room. Led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray.

VISIT FAITH COMMUNITIES IN WEST PHILADELPHIA. Sun., Jan. 8, 10:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Tour White Rock Baptist Church. Attend service, reflect and ask questions with community members. For more information: www.interfaithcenterpa.org/involved/gateway-reg.php

OUR STORIES, MUSLIM STORIES, AND GOD'S STORY. Begins Sun., Jan. 15, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Popular facilitator Dr. Jon Pahl returns to lead a study of how Christians, Muslims, and Jews share in being "people of the

book." Where do our stories intersect and where do they diverge?

Adult Weekday Classes

PREACHER'S BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY. Tuesdays, noon, Conference Room. Bring your lunch and discuss the sermon text with the preaching pastor for the following Sunday. On Jan. 3, Dr. Carter will lead.

WOMEN'S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY. Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Meeting Room. Led by the Rev. Louisa Watkins Umphres. Discuss *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament* by Ellen F. Davis. Book available in The Book Center. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women (PW).

TORAH (OLD TESTAMENT) STUDY OF JOEL. Thursdays, 11:00 a.m., led by Rabbi Franzel, Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood. BMPC Contact: Phoebe Sheftel, pasheftel@comcast.net, 610-526-1802.

Congregational Care

DEACONS ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 30, 1:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood and assist with scheduling appointments. Contact: William.Matthai@uphs.upenn.edu, 610-668-1842.

REPOSE YOGA. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Church of the Redeemer, Parish House Assembly Room, 9:00-10:15 a.m. Donations accepted for hunger fund. Contact: kcgagnier@verizon.net, 610-520-2595.

WALKING GROUP. Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.; meet in BMPC back parking lot. Contact: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

Middleton Center

For information about support groups, events, counseling services, spiritual direction, or the events that follow, contact the Rev. Joyce Krajian at 610-525-0766 or mail@middletoncenter.org, or visit our website: www.middletoncenter.org. Calls are confidential; scholarships available.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Jan. 3, 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join others in this ancient symbol and prayer form. The theme for the month of January is *Prayer*. A printed prayer reflection will be available.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Jan. 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Middleton Center. This ongoing support group is for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. Led by David Reed and Mary Joan Walheim. No cost. New and previous group members welcome.

PARENTING ON THE MAIN LINE: LEARNING AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT. Thurs., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Guest: Dr. Robert Zeitlin from Main Line Psychological & Educational Associates. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.parentingonthemainline.com

Senior Adults

SENIORS CLUB LUNCH. Wed., Jan. 18, noon, Congregational Hall. Ring in the new year with a lively lunch and hear Karl Rickels, M.D., talk about his autobiography, *A Serendipitous Life: From German POW to American Psychiatrist*. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and sweets provided. All welcome. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Children & Family Ministries

NO CHURCH SCHOOL today. Children may remain in worship with their families in the Sanctuary.

ART @ 9. Sundays, 9:00-9:50 a.m., Rm. 201, Ed. Bldg, for children ages 3 and older (Resumes Jan. 8). Nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children whose parents are attending BMPC classes.

BLINK: BMPC (love + inspire + nurture) Kids. To welcome children into our faith community and embrace them on their spiritual journeys, we invite children K-5 to begin worship with their families at the 10:00 a.m. service, Sanctuary.

REMINDER TO PARENTS: To help your children feel more welcome and "at home"

during worship, children's Bible storybooks and age-specific children's bulletins with crayons may be found in the Narthex and in the Transepts. Please feel free to use these during the service, returning the Bible storybooks and crayons as you leave.

Youth Ministries, Grades 6-12

YOUTH-IN-WORSHIP today in the Sanctuary. Sunday School classes resume on Jan. 8.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION CLASS begin on Sun., Jan. 8, 10:00 a.m. Meet Pastor Kellen and fellow confirmands in the Gym, then High School will move to the Loft, Middle School to the Crypt and Confirmation to Witherspoon Parlor. Contact: KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

ATTENTION SKI TRIPPERS: Final ski trip payment is due in the church office by Sun., Jan. 22. Please contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org with your rental information, skis or snowboards, and whether you will be taking a lesson.

SWELL WORSHIP SERVICE. Sun., Jan. 22, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Contemporary worship service for all ages with a message by Pastor Kellen and special music from the Youth Chorale. Come as you are to meet the Spirit!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS. Stay tuned for upcoming special youth fellowship events this spring, including a February ski trip, a March talent show and Labyrinth build, and an April Good Friday Service and casserole blitz. Questions or suggestions? Contact: KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

SUMMER CAMP AND MISSION TRIPS 2012. Register now for youth summer trips! Return registration form and \$100 deposit for each trip to Pastor Kellen. Forms and information about trips are available online: www.bmpc.org/youth/summer/summer.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Youth opportunities, check our website: www.bmpc.org/youth

Presbyterian Women (PW)

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Jan. 4, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom, led by the Rev. Charles Grant. Discuss *Confessing the Beatitudes* by Margaret Aymer, Chapter 5. Contact: Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com, 610 525-4469.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m., Converse House Porch. Discuss *Hungers of the Heart* by Richard Watts. Leader: Eric Johnson. The work offers a spirituality that attempts to free people from the bonds of organized religion while retaining the core of religious tradition. Contact: Johnson@cpenow.com

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 20, 6:00 p.m. Fun, food and fellowship at a member's home. RSVP by Jan. 13 to Valerie Craig, valeriecraig2@verizon.net, 610 688-3113.

SAVE THE DATE for the PW Annual Retreat, *Their Story, Our Story*. Fri., Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m., potluck dinner and discussion at a member's home; Sat. Feb. 25, 9:00 a.m. at BMPC. Led by the Revs. Louisa Watkins Umphres, Jacqui Van Vliet and Joanne Fong. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Y-Group

Y-Group is a PW group principally for women with elementary school-aged and younger children, but all women are welcome. Contact: JenniferHuth@comcast.net

Y-GROUP MONTHLY MEETING. Tues., Jan. 10, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall and Kitchen. Prepare casseroles for shelters in Philadelphia. Contact: JenniferHuth@comcast.net. Childcare available; reserve three days in advance: childcare@bmpc.org, 610-520-8850.

Y-GROUP BOOK GROUP. Tues., Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m., at home of Sarah Burke. Discussion of *Mrs. Kimble* by Jennifer Haigh. Contact: Sarah.M.Burke@comcast.net

Worldwide Ministries

HANDS ALONG THE NILE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. develops partnerships

between Americans and Egyptians to increase intercultural understanding and to support Egyptians in their efforts to raise the quality of life for all in their land. For more information about this mission partner, visit www.handsalongthenile.org

Outreach

EUGENE C. BAY FUND. This fund was established to support projects and programs that enhance the lives of residents of urban areas of Philadelphia. Please encourage organizations that would qualify to submit a proposal by Jan. 31 to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819. Details at www.bmpc.org/ECB.htm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service will take place on Sat., Jan. 21. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Hunger Committee

THANK YOU. The Hunger Committee thanks everyone who contributed in any way this past year to its mission of feeding the hungry. Your donations are crucial to the ability of the Hunger Committee to fulfill its goals.

HUNGER ENVELOPES. Your contributions in the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters and hunger relief organizations.

FOOD BASKETS are located in the church Narthex. Please consider bringing a can to worship each Sunday.

HUNGER FACT. "Food insecurity" means one's limited ability to secure adequate and nutritious food for an active and healthy lifestyle. Please give generously for those who are hungry.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Join us on Sat., Jan. 21, 8:30-10:30 a.m., for this family-friendly event to prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia-area food cupboards and homeless shelters. Contact: BobWeber,b2mw@aol.com, 610-519-9966.