

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2026

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Gathering of God's People

Please note that online worshippers join the livestream at 9:50 a.m.

We invite you to prepare for worship in quiet reflection.

PRELUDE

Fantasie Chorale in D-flat major
James Kealey, organist

Percy Whitlock

WELCOME

Melanie Hardison

Please stand, if able.

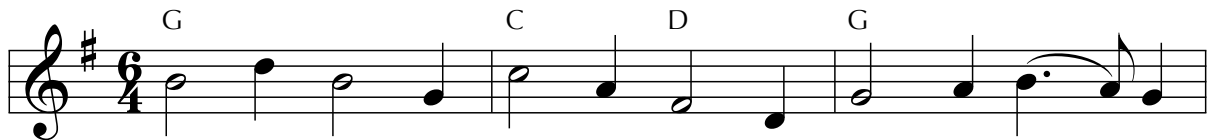
CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148:1,7a,11-13

- All** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heaven; praise him in the heights!
- One** Praise the LORD, from the earth,
- All** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- One** Young men and women alike, old and young together!
- All** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is excellent;
- One** God's glory is above earth and heaven.

HYMN 394 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Am B7 Em E A

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

D G C D G Dsus D G

help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

Glo-ry be to God: cre - a - tor Christ and
Ho ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gi - nning is now and ev - er shall be.
World with - out end. A - men! A - men!

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

Following the Children's Moment, children K - grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.

SENDING HYMN Go Now Children With Our Blessing

Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Melanie Hardison

FIRST LESSON Psalm 100

(pg. 552 in pew Bible)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of

his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

ANTHEM The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson

Christ, He requires still, wheresoever He comes, To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms: Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

SECOND LESSON Luke 2:41-52

John Willingham

(pg. 59 in pew Bible)

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and

asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SERMON Our Central Task

John Willingham

Response to the Word


Please stand, if able.

HYMN 385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

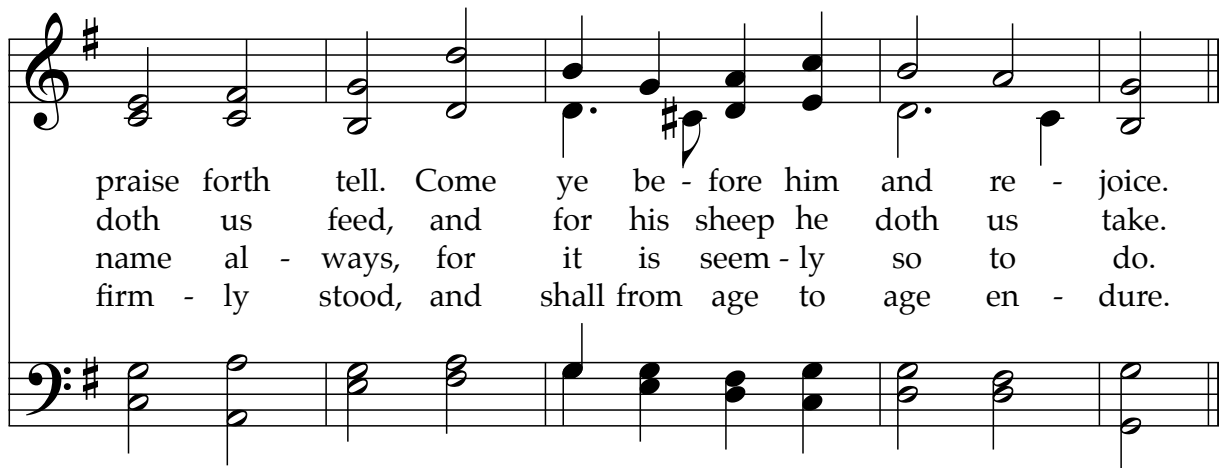
OLD HUNDREDTH



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

All We teach that the true God alone is to be adored and worshipped. This honor we impart to none other, according to the commandment of the Lord, “You alone shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Indeed, all the prophets severely inveighed against the people of Israel whenever they adored and worshipped strange gods, and not the only true God. But we teach that God is to be adored and worshipped “in spirit and in truth.”

- *The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.023*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All 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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy. Walk beside us down the years, 'till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights. Turning in a new direction. Entering a lonely place. Welcoming a friend or stranger. *I am here, I am with you. I have called, do you hear me? I am here, I am here, I am with you.* Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value. Jewels sparkle for a while. What you long for is not lasting. *I am here, I am with you...* Rulers govern under me. With my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love. Those who seek me find their answer. *I am here, I am with you...*

Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew; pass it down your row and back again.

Please stand, if able.

DOXOLOGY 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

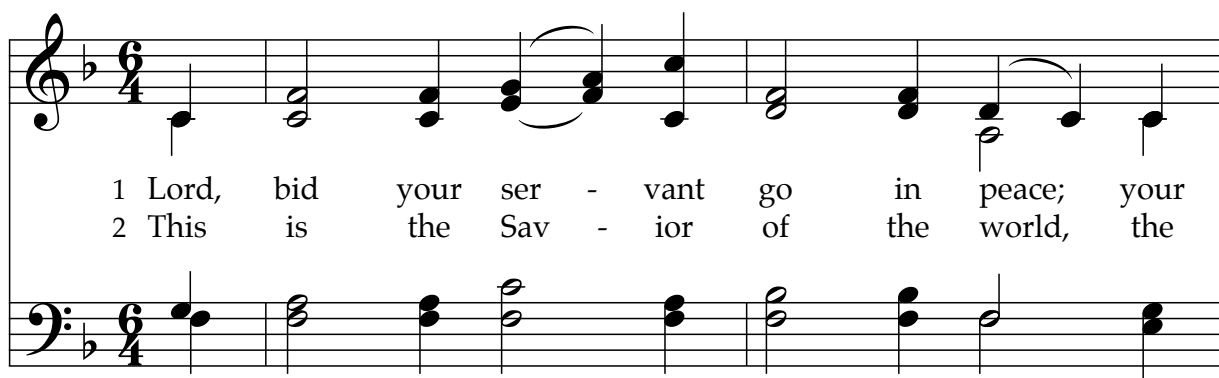
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

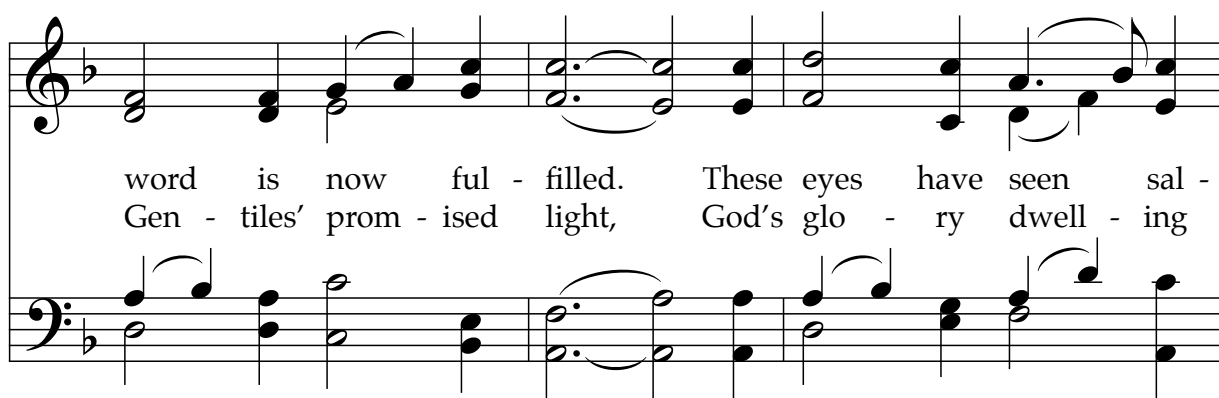
Andy Greenhow

HYMN 545 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

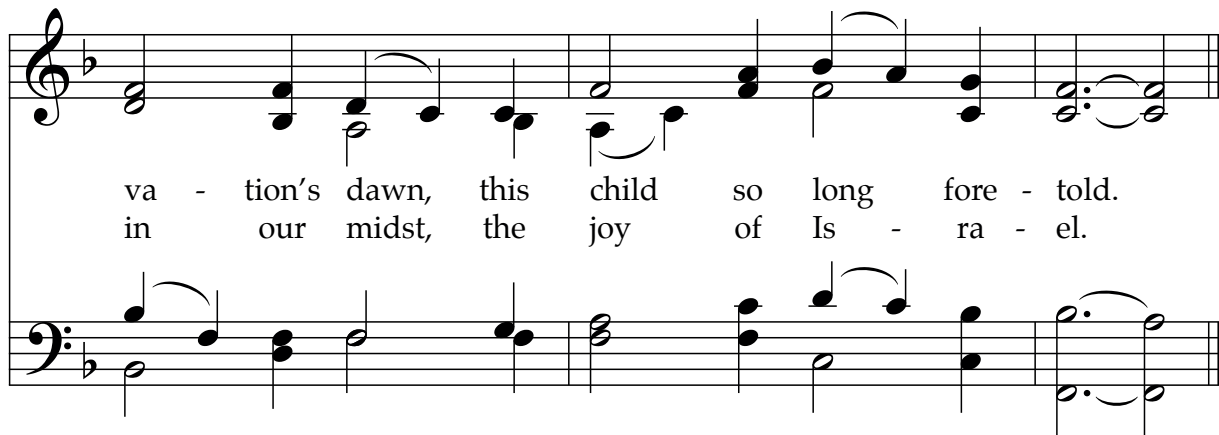
LAND OF REST



1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the



word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing



va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

John Willingham

POSTLUDE Final (Symphonie No. 6)

Charles-Marie Widor

James Kealey, organist

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Claire P. Swarr.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts, volume 59.1

TODAY'S MUSIC

Though we all worship one God, we could create ten thousand different impressions of God from within this congregation on a Sunday morning. Through prayer to God, the praise of God, thanks be to God, and countless other ways, our scripture lessons today remind us of the gratitude we bestow onto God, and the focus we place on Worship. Though unsurprising, it is the only time we truly all stop and come together in a week. Our anthems this morning help reinforce these themes, first with a lovely work by the 20th century American composer, Randall Thompson. The Best of Rooms takes its text from Robert Herrick's "Christ's Part" (1647), reminding us of the importance of this Sanctuary, and the work we are called to do from within its hallowed walls. The second anthem reminds us of God's wisdom and understanding in a new work, The Call of Wisdom by the British composer, Will Todd, commissioned for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

-James Kealey, Director of Music & Fine Arts

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

BULLETIN COVER

Jesus in the Temple (also known as Christ in the Temple). Heinrich Hofmann. 1884. Public Domain.

WELCOME TO BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church! The start of a new year is an ideal opportunity to explore. Perhaps you are seeking a church home. Or maybe, you've been part of BMPC for a long time, but are sensing a tug to get involved in more significant ways. In either case, I hope this time of worship will inspire you to take the next step and explore how God is nudging you to grow in faith, service, and meaning. We're honored to share in the journey with you!



John M. Willingham
Interim Senior Pastor

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Learn more at bmpc.org

T-COIL HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

BMPC's Sanctuary and Congregational Hall are equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop system to enhance sound clarity for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil ("T" setting). Portable receiver units are also available in the Sanctuary upon request. We hope this technology enriches your worship experience!

CHILDCARE ON SUNDAY

Childcare is available on Sundays from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

Our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed and can be viewed at www.bmpc.org/live or on our YouTube channel. A recording of the service will also be available on our Worship Services website page and Vimeo channel starting Monday. If you are attending in person and prefer not to be on camera, please speak with an usher who will seat you in an area off camera.

Announcements

TODAY

New Director of Music and Fine Arts. It is with joy that we announce James Kealey as our new Director of Music and Fine Arts, effective January 12. Many of you have already experienced James's exceptional musical gifts and welcoming spirit through his service as Co-Director since the summer. During his time at BMPC, James has shown himself to be a gifted musician, thoughtful leader, and collaborative presence. We are excited to welcome him into this new role.

Faith in Action: Responding to a Changing World. Sun., Jan. 18, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for an open, hope-filled conversation about the challenges facing our world, especially as they connect to our church's longstanding commitments to social justice. This gathering invites all who care deeply to share concerns, listen, and imagine faithful next steps together. Come help shape our community's path forward. Contact RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org

High School Spirituality in College Retreat. Register by Sun., Jan. 18. High school students are invited to a retreat at Davis & Elkins College in wild and wonderful West Virginia Fri., Feb. 27 - Sun., Mar. 1. Students will have a chance to tour the campus, meet current students, stay in on-campus housing, explore artsy small towns, and connect with God and each other in the wilderness. Registration cost is \$200, with scholarships available. Register at: bit.ly/HighSchoolRetreat2026 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

UPCOMING & ONGOING

Are You Receiving The Messenger? The Lent and Easter edition of BMPC's quarterly magazine, The Messenger, will be arriving in mailboxes before Ash Wednesday. If you are not receiving the Messenger by mail or inbox and would like to, please reach out to Communications@bmpc.org

Journeys: Richard Ranck. Jan. 4 – Feb. 22, Gallery. Journeys showcases a selection of works by painter and sculptor Richard Ranck, whose four-decade career is rooted in a deep engagement with materials and an intuitive, process-driven approach. His paintings and sculptures blur boundaries, exploring immediacy, transformation, and the layered histories revealed through texture and form. The exhibition invites viewers to slow down and encounter each piece beyond conventional narratives, reflecting on the shifting, ephemeral nature of artistic expression.

MLK Day Speaker Event. Mon., Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Join Eastern University and BMPC's Anti-Racism Committee for a special MLK Day talk with the Rev. Dr. Greg Thompson, author of *Blood From the Ground: Racial Healing and Public Memory*. He will share insights from his forthcoming book, a companion to his co-authored work *Reparations: A Christian Call to Repentance and Repair*.

God's Voice Within: The Ignatian Way to Discover God's Will. Tues., Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 7:00 p.m., Virtual. Join Patricia Danzon, Spiritual Director at the Middleton

Counseling Center, as we explore *God's Voice Within*, written by spiritual director Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ. We will discover how to use Ignatian discernment to access our own spiritual intuition and understand that the most trustworthy wisdom of all comes not from outside sources, but from God working through us. *God's Voice Within* is intended for people who know that there is more to the spiritual life than they are currently experiencing and are ready to take the next step in their walk of faith by making effective discernment—specifically Ignatian discernment—a daily practice. To register, KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Congregational Meeting. Sun., Jan. 25, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary. A congregational meeting is called by the Session following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a brief meeting to elect church officers and at-large members of the Nominating Committee while also voting on changes to pastors' terms of call.

Dr. Wendy Cadge, President, Bryn Mawr College. Sun., Jan. 25, 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us in welcoming Dr. Wendy Cadge, President of Bryn Mawr College and a leading scholar of religion in public life. Her work on chaplaincy, spiritual care, and community well-being brings fresh insight to how people seek meaning today. All are invited to this engaging and thoughtful conversation.

Installation of Our New Associate Pastor. Sun., Jan. 25, 4:00 p.m., Chapel. Join us as we joyfully celebrate the installation of the Rev. Melanie Hardison as our Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. All are warmly invited to attend and to stay for a reception following the service.

Singing for Life Spring 2026. Thursdays, Jan. 29 - Apr. 16, 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., Fine Arts Center. Join us for the Spring 2026 semester of Singing for Life, a weekly program of singing and physical/vocal exercises for those aged 55 and older. Open to all, membership does not require BMPC affiliation. Registration is \$75 and can be paid at bit.ly/S4LSpring2026 or by mailing a check payable to BMPC with "Attn: Music & Fine Arts Dept." on the envelope. Contact ToriFisher@bmpc.org

Oil Painting Class. Fridays, Jan. 30 - Mar. 6, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center. A welcoming, hands-on course taught by Alice Dustin for both beginners and experienced artists. Learn essential techniques, get personalized guidance, and grow your creative skills in a supportive studio environment. A supply list will be provided. Registration is \$150. Sign up: bit.ly/BMPCOilPaintingClass

Holy Leisure Potluck. Fri., Jan. 30, 6:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion led by the Rev. Melanie Hardison, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. Melanie will share her journey of discerning God's call to ministry—from ordained deacon to elder, and ultimately to Minister of Word and Sacrament— and reflect on listening for God amid our hopes, dreams, and realities. She will also speak about her call to BMPC and her transition here, offering a preview of the Digging Deeper series she will lead this spring on navigating major life transitions. RSVP for Holy Leisure online with a shared food item at: bit.ly/HolyLeisureJan2026 Contact bmpc.holy.leisure@gmail.com

Sharing the BMPC Story with John

Willingham. Sun., Feb. 1, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. You are invited to join our Interim Senior Pastor for a fun, interactive session sharing the story of BMPC through animal imagery. What makes you proud as a peacock about this body of faith? What are the sacred cows here, and what are the elephants in the room that need to be addressed? John is eager to learn your perspective on those questions and other animal-related themes about our shared life. These insights will be essential for him to understand during this time of transition as we prepare the landscape for our next installed pastor.

Youth Positive Parenting Series. Sun., Feb. 1, 6:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for this month's session of our Youth Positive Parenting Series, led by experts from the Middleton Counseling Center. This month's focus is on understanding adolescent identity. Learn about gender, orientation, and how youth understand and express themselves. Designed for parents of 6th–12th graders, the series offers practical strategies for positive parenting and concurrent programming for youth. Registration requested. Email KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Collection.

Sun., Feb. 8, Narthex. This year, BMPC donations will be distributed among six of our local partners located from Lower Merion to Chester, serving their communities' needs. Donations should be brought to the Narthex on Feb. 8 before worship. If you need to bring donations prior to the 8th, please bring them to the Church office reception desk. Suggested donations include cold cereals,

pasta and sauce, soups, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, beans or fruit, and mac & cheese. To promote sustainability and at the request of our partner pantries, we encourage you to bring your donations in reusable grocery bags. Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Summer Camp at Montreat. Register by Sun., Mar. 17. 6th - 12th Graders are invited to the Montreat Summer Youth Conference in Montreat, NC, Sat., Aug. 1 - Sat., Aug. 8, 2026. Youth will learn about Jesus, connect with new and old friends from across the country, worship, and have lots of time to play in a beautiful mountain setting. Registration Cost: \$650. Scholarships are available. Register at: bit.ly/BMPCYouthCamp2026 Contact AndyGreenhow@bmpc.org

Vacation Bible Camp. Mon., June 22 - Fri., June 26, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., BMPC Campus. Join us for a week of faith, fun, and friendship during Vacation Bible Camp! VBC is open to children entering PreK (must be 4 years by May 1) through 5th grade and offers engaging, age-appropriate activities rooted in God's love and community. Register at: bit.ly/VBCRegistration2026 Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

Volunteer at Vacation Bible Camp. Mon., June 22 - Fri., June 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., BMPC Campus. This summer, we will welcome over 150 children to Vacation Bible Camp, and we need YOU to make camp special for each one. You can volunteer to help with a specific station (like games), work with a small group, or help "behind the scenes." Camp is from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00

p.m., and we'll ask volunteers to arrive by 8:30 a.m. each day. Register at: bit.ly/VBCVolunteer2026 Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org

CARING AND SHARING

Code Blue Volunteers Needed. For the month of January, BMPC will host a Code Blue Shelter to house up to five men sleeping outside in Lower Merion on the coldest nights. Volunteers will work in teams of two over two shifts each night the shelter is open:

8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m. Visit bit.ly/LMCodeBlue to sign up! Contact JenniferMcArthur@bmpc.org to receive the training video and more information.

Sanctuary Flower Donations. Openings are available in January and February for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. After Sunday services, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the flowers to homebound church members. Contact SusanThorkelson@mac.com

Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare (infant - age 5), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Cannon Room
- 8:45 a.m. Art@9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 105
- 9:00 a.m. Journeys by Ricard Ranck, Gallery
- 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Families (Gr. 6-12), Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary & Livestreamed**
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. Faith in Action: Responding to a Changing World, Congregational Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Church offices are closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

- 7:00 p.m. MLK Day Event with the Rev. Dr. Greg Thompson, Sanctuary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga for Life (hybrid), Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (hybrid), Gymnasium

- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Bryn Mawr Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Book Group: God's Voice Within, Virtual
- 7:00 p.m. Hunger Committee Meeting, Cannon Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study, Cannon Room
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Piano Class A, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room
- 5:00 p.m. Junior Chorister Rehearsal, Ed. Bldg. Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Piano Class B, Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Environmental Justice Committee, Gym Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. LGBTQ@BMPC, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Council Meeting, Cannon Room
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Gym Youth Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fullerton Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 2:00 p.m. Visual Arts Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Rehearsal Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:30 a.m. Foundation Investment Committee Meeting, Virtual

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 7:00 a.m. Fit4Mom, Gymnasium
- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. **Varney Truscott Memorial Service, Chapel**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary and Livestreamed**
The Rev. Dr. John M. Willingham will preach.

Giving

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