



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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December 4, 2016  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Second Sunday of Advent

## ***Welcome to BMPC***

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased that you have joined us as we gather to worship God. Our programs and ministries are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests. Questions? Please introduce yourself to a pastor after the service or contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809, during the week.

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### **TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

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**Children age 2 to PreK:** 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

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(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)

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**Grades 4 - 12:** 10:00 a.m., Worship Together Sunday, Sanctuary

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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathy Whiteside

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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**All: With righteousness, the poor will be judged  
and the meek given honor.**

One: The wolf will live with the lamb.

**All: The cow and the bear will graze;  
their young will lie down together.**

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† **HYMN 83**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

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Forgive us for setting our affections on things of this world,  
rather than in trusting you to be our guiding comfort  
as we face an uncertain future.

By your Spirit, quicken us to trust your promise  
to bring true joy and peace,  
and to follow your call to love you  
with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

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



## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Musical notation for a congregational response in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody is written on two staves. The lyrics are: Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!

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## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Whiteside

**FIRST LESSON**      Isaiah 11:1-10 (*p. 640 in pew Bible*)

Cathy Whiteside

**SECOND LESSON**      Matthew 3:1-12 (*p. 2 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One:    The Word of the Lord.

All:    **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*The Light of Peace*  
Second in Advent Series *Christ, Be Our Light!*

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 84**

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

*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 morning offering to the offering plates 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 *(in unison)*

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.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 105

People, Look East

BESANÇON

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

## **Worship Notes**

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Elder Cathy Whiteside

### **USHERING**

Tom Willcox

### **ADVENT SERMON SERIES**

The sermon series during Advent, *Christ, Be Our Light!*, explores the themes of readings from both the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew: the light of hope, peace, holiness and Emmanuel, God with us. As we light the candles of the Advent wreath each week, we pray also that the light of God will grow in us and emanate from us.

### **BULLETIN COVER**

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### **10:00 a.m. Service**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

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

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Worship Committee

# Today

**GATHERING WITH THE PASTORS.** 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. - noon, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 208. Our pastors present an orientation about BMPC so newcomers or those interested in BMPC can learn more about our church and ask questions. Childcare available. DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

**ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES.** 11:00 a.m. following worship, Congregational Hall. A festive event with hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages.

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:00 a.m. - noon, Ministries Center Court. As a community, let us celebrate God's gifts to us by sharing with others. Order at AGM table on Sundays or online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Outreach > Advent Gift Market. Marian Chitester, [mmcthistle@verizon.net](mailto:mmcthistle@verizon.net).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR OPEN AUDITIONS.** 11:00 - 11:30 a.m., Choir Loft. If you would like to be a part of our Sanctuary Choir, attend our open auditions.

**FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY: GOSPEL OF MARK.** Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray walks us through this Gospel that gives us the very essence of Jesus' life and ministry. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE.** Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The idea of religious freedom runs counter to most of history. What are the origins, present contours, and global prospects for a robust and just practice of "religious freedom?" Led by Dr. Jon Pahl, LTSP. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**FAITH INBETWEEN.** 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. Parents of children in grades 3 - 7 share dinner and an opportunity to discuss friendships. There will be a homework room (Rm. 202) available for children. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

## Announcements

**2017 STEWARDSHIP.** We hope everyone will consider *Growing in Generosity* with us this year. Any gift, no matter how large or small, is needed and appreciated it. Share what you can and feel the joy that comes from altruistic giving. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

**WALKING THE LABYRINTH DURING ADVENT.** The Story Path labyrinth is in our Chapel during Advent for prayer and meditation. The labyrinth is open on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. A weekly written reflection is available. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

**ART EXHIBIT.** On view through Sun., Jan. 1, in our Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor. The colorful and varied works of art by traditionalist Mary French to the more illusional art of Maria Schneider represent different techniques and materials and are available for purchase as holiday gifts. Artists' Reception on Sun., Dec. 11, after our Christmas choir concert. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

## **This Week**

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger leads our study of *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, Chapter 4. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@erols.com.

**Y-GROUP EVENT: THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Wed., Dec. 7, 5:00-7:30 p.m., the Village. Share the Christmas spirit with other parents and children at the Village's annual Christmas party. Volunteers needed to help children make bookmarks and to hand out books. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

**ADVENT CLASS: HANDEL'S MESSIAH.** Wednesdays through Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Jeffrey Brillhart and Edward Landin. Together we study the texts that Handel used to create his most iconic work. Our gathering includes performances by our Sanctuary Choir section leaders. CarolSchmidt@bmpe.org, ext. 8819.

## **Upcoming**

**CARILLON TOUR.** Sun., Dec. 11, 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and sends you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. Rob Mygatt, Rob.Mygatt@gmail.com.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING.** Sun., Dec. 11, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Youth and parents are invited to learn about our exciting middle school (Philadelphia) and high school (New Mexico) mission trips planned for summer 2017. AmyBauer@bmpe.org, ext. 8821.

**SWEET SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS.** Sun., Dec. 11, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This concert celebrates the joys of the Advent and Christmas seasons and features the entire family of BMPC choirs as well as one of the great brass ensembles in America, the Philadelphia Brass. Thirty minute carillon prelude by Lisa Lonie. Free-will offering. StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org, ext. 8836.

**ANNUAL YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Sun., Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse (127 Radnor St.). KellenSmith@bmpe.org, ext. 8822.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion of *Cuba and the United States – How will efforts to normalize relations with Cuba evolve in the 21st century?* Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

**BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS.** Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, using *The Bible From Scratch: New Testament for Beginners* by Donald Griggs. Anita Iyengar aciyengar@gmail.com.



**Y-GROUP COOKIE EXCHANGE.** Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., home of Krista Vaughan. Celebrate the season at the Y-Group cookie exchange. Guests are asked to bring five dozen cookies - four to share and one to donate. Register: KristaVaughan@yahoo.com.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY.** Sun., Dec. 18, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Wynnewood Lanes. A night of bowling and fun. Cost: \$15/person includes dinner, shoes and bowling. Register by Dec. 18 to AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## ***Save the Date***

**CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI RECEPTION.** Sat., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by seeing friends who grew up at BMPC and are back for the holidays. We welcome all former youth after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. worship services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**CLEAN OUT YOUR BOOKSHELVES.** Y-Group is collecting new and used books to distribute at the theVillage Christmas Party. Please place your books in the collection bin in the Ministries Center by Tues., Dec. 6. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

**FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION.** Bring frozen turkeys and hams for the holiday season to the freezers in the Ministries Center for our Hunger Committee to deliver to families in need. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS COLLECTION.** Share the spirit of Christmas with children of theVillage by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (5 - 8 gifts per child). Sign up online (<http://bit.ly/2ePhUBF>) or in the Ministries Center Court and bring gifts to collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building through next Sun., Dec. 11. Betty Wu, [efwu01@gmail.com](mailto:efwu01@gmail.com), 610-449-8059.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING.** Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, one of the four Special Offerings of the PC(USA), provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Envelopes are available in the pews Dec. 11 and 18, or note "Christmas Joy" on the memo line of your check. <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.html>

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Family-friendly event to prepare casseroles for homeless shelters. [sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

**HOSPITAL INFORMATION.** Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

# **This Week's Calendar**

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call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, December 4, 2016**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201  
Gathering with the Pastors/Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Choirs, Sanctuary**  
Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 12, Sanctuary  
Age 4 - grade 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 202  
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center  
Advent Workshop for Families, Congregational Hall  
Advent Gift Market Sales, Ministries Center Court  
Sanctuary Choir Auditions, Choir Loft  
11:15 a.m. Religious Freedom: Past, Present, and Future, Witherspoon Parlor  
Fullerton Bible Study: Gospel of Mark, Fullerton Room  
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
Gathering with the Pastors/Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206  
6:00 p.m. Prime Time Advent Party, home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer  
6:30 p.m. Faith inbeTWEEN, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205

## **Monday, December 5, 2016**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor  
APNC Meeting, Fullerton Room

## **Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.  
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

### **Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet at BMPC's Back Parking Lot
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together Program for grades K - 5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Light the Night (Weekday School Event), Playground
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Advent Class: Handel's *Messiah*, Sanctuary

### **Thursday, December 8, 2016**

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, December 9, 2016**

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

### **Saturday, December 10, 2016**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Raingutter Regatta, Cub Scout Troop 110, Gymnasium
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Barbara Merin Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel & Congregational Hall

### **Sunday, December 11, 2016**

- 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.

## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

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

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

**Kellen A. Smith**, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

**Richard Wohlschlaeger**, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music and Fine Arts

**Edward L. Landin**, Assistant Director of Music

## ***Contact Information***

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[www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) (for program information, calendar, and staff directory)

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24/7 Answering Service for Pastoral Emergencies: 610-525-2821

Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • [KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org](mailto:KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org)

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840





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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

Sonata in G minor

J.S. Bach

David DiGiacobbe, flute and Jeffrey Brillhart, harpsichord

## WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

## ADVENT INTROIT

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our

light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

12th Grade Youth

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: A shoot will come out of the stump; a branch shall grow from the root.

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and the meek given honor.**

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By your Spirit, quicken us to trust your promise  
to bring true joy and peace,  
and to follow your call to love you  
with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### † GLORIA PATRI

Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un - wea - ried prais - es be.  
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,  
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

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## ANTHEM

Sing a Song of Advent  
Children's Choir and Youth Chorale

Hal H. Hopson

Sing a song of Advent, sing a song of joy. God soon comes to live among us - God, Emmanuel. Long ago the prophets spoke, they told us signs to see: bright flowers blooming by the road, a star to lead the way. John the Baptist preached the word, his voice was loud and clear: "Get ready for the Lord to come, the day of God draws near." How can we prepare the way, the way for God to come? We'll watch and wait, we'll sing and pray, Lord Jesus, come, come soon!

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND SENDING HYMN

Rachel Pedersen

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 presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10 (*p. 640 in pew Bible*)

Kellen A. Smith

## SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12 (*p. 2 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

## SERMON

*The Light of Peace*

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† HYMN 84

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

Jesus came as a child

born of a woman as is every child,

yet born of God's power as was no other child.

He lived as a Jew among Jews.

He announced to his people

the coming of God's rule of justice and peace on earth.

We believe that the coming of Jesus

was itself the coming of God's promised rule.

Through his life, death, and resurrection

he initiates the relationship between God and the human race

that God always intended.

~ from *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 AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
Sanctuary Choir

Hugo Distler

Text: Hymn 129, verses 1-2

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

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

† **HYMN** 105 People, Look East BESANÇON

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE** Savior of the Nations, Come J.S. Bach

### **Worship Notes**

#### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
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#### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of the Worship Committee

#### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Bob Holmes

#### **ADVENT SERMON SERIES**

The sermon series during Advent, *Christ, Be Our Light!*, explores the themes of readings from both the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew: the light of hope, peace, holiness and Emmanuel, God with us. As we light the candles of the Advent wreath each week, we pray also that the light of God will grow in us and emanate from us.

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

Today's flute accompaniment by David DiGiacobbe is made possible by  
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#### **BULLETIN COVER**

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# Today

**GATHERING WITH THE PASTORS.** 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. - noon, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 208. Our pastors present an orientation about BMPC so newcomers or those interested in BMPC can learn more about our church and ask questions. Childcare available. DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

**ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES.** 11:00 a.m. following worship, Congregational Hall. A festive event with hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages.

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:00 a.m. - noon, Ministries Center Court. As a community, let us celebrate God's gifts to us by sharing with others. Order at AGM table on Sundays or online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Outreach > Advent Gift Market. Marian Chitester, [mmcthistle@verizon.net](mailto:mmcthistle@verizon.net).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR OPEN AUDITIONS.** 11:00 - 11:30 a.m., Choir Loft. If you would like to be a part of our Sanctuary Choir, attend our open auditions.

**FULLERTON BIBLE STUDY: GOSPEL OF MARK.** Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:15 a.m., Fullerton Room. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray walks us through this Gospel that gives us the very essence of Jesus' life and ministry. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE.** Sundays through Dec. 18, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The idea of religious freedom runs counter to most of history. What are the origins, present contours, and global prospects for a robust and just practice of "religious freedom?" Led by Dr. Jon Pahl, LTSP. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**FAITH INBETWEEN.** 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 205. Parents of children in grades 3 - 7 share dinner and an opportunity to discuss friendships. There will be a homework room (Rm. 202) available for children. MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

## Announcements

**2017 STEWARDSHIP.** We hope everyone will consider *Growing in Generosity* with us this year. Any gift, no matter how large or small, is needed and appreciated it. Share what you can and feel the joy that comes from altruistic giving. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

**WALKING THE LABYRINTH DURING ADVENT.** The Story Path labyrinth is in our Chapel during Advent for prayer and meditation. The labyrinth is open on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. A weekly written reflection is available. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

**ART EXHIBIT.** On view through Sun., Jan. 1, in our Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor. The colorful and varied works of art by traditionalist Mary French to the more illusional art of Maria Schneider represent different techniques and materials and are available for purchase as holiday gifts. Artists' Reception on Sun., Dec. 11, after our Christmas choir concert. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

## **This Week**

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Richard Wohlschlaeger leads our study of *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, Chapter 4. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@erols.com.

**Y-GROUP EVENT: THEVILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Wed., Dec. 7, 5:00-7:30 p.m., theVillage. Share the Christmas spirit with other parents and children at theVillage's annual Christmas party. Volunteers needed to help children make bookmarks and to hand out books. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

**ADVENT CLASS: HANDEL'S MESSIAH.** Wednesdays through Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Jeffrey Brillhart and Edward Landin. Together we study the texts that Handel used to create his most iconic work. Our gathering includes performances by our Sanctuary Choir section leaders. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

## **Upcoming**

**CARILLON TOUR.** Sun., Dec. 11, 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and sends you out. Tours of the carillon are held on the second Sunday of each month; meet in the Choir Loft following the postlude to climb the tower stairs and see the bells. Rob Mygatt, Rob.Mygatt@gmail.com.

**YOUTH MISSION TRIPS INFO MEETING.** Sun., Dec. 11, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Youth and parents are invited to learn about our exciting middle school (Philadelphia) and high school (New Mexico) mission trips planned for summer 2017. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**SWEET SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS.** Sun., Dec. 11, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This concert celebrates the joys of the Advent and Christmas seasons and features the entire family of BMPC choirs as well as one of the great brass ensembles in America, the Philadelphia Brass. Thirty minute carillon prelude by Lisa Lonie. Free-will offering. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**ANNUAL YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Sun., Dec. 11, 6:00 p.m., Pastor Kellen's Manse (127 Radnor St.). KellenSmith@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion of *Cuba and the United States – How will efforts to normalize relations with Cuba evolve in the 21st century?* Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

**BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS.** Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, using *The Bible From Scratch: New Testament for Beginners* by Donald Griggs. Anita Iyengar aciyengar@gmail.com.

**Y-GROUP COOKIE EXCHANGE.** Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., home of Krista Vaughan. Celebrate the season at the Y-Group cookie exchange. Guests are asked to bring five dozen cookies - four to share and one to donate. Register: KristaVaughan@yahoo.com.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS BOWLING PARTY.** Sun., Dec. 18, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Wynnewood Lanes. A night of bowling and fun. Cost: \$15/person includes dinner, shoes and bowling. Register by Dec. 18 to AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## ***Save the Date***

**CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI RECEPTION.** Sat., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by seeing friends who grew up at BMPC and are back for the holidays. We welcome all former youth after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. worship services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**CLEAN OUT YOUR BOOKSHELVES.** Y-Group is collecting new and used books to distribute at the theVillage Christmas Party. Please place your books in the collection bin in the Ministries Center by Tues., Dec. 6. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

**FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION.** Bring frozen turkeys and hams for the holiday season to the freezers in the Ministries Center for our Hunger Committee to deliver to families in need. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS COLLECTION.** Share the spirit of Christmas with children of theVillage by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (5 - 8 gifts per child). Sign up online (<http://bit.ly/2ePhUBF>) or in the Ministries Center Court and bring gifts to collection bins in the Ministries Center and Education Building through next Sun., Dec. 11. Betty Wu, [efwu01@gmail.com](mailto:efwu01@gmail.com), 610-449-8059.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING.** Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, one of the four Special Offerings of the PC(USA), provide assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develop our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Envelopes are available in the pews Dec. 11 and 18, or note "Christmas Joy" on the memo line of your check. <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.html>

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Family-friendly event to prepare casseroles for homeless shelters. [sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

**HOSPITAL INFORMATION.** Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

# **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 4, 2016**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg. Rm. 104  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201  
Gathering with the Pastors/Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Choirs, Sanctuary**  
Worship Together Sunday for grades 4 - 12, Sanctuary  
Age 4 - grade 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for age 4 - grade 3, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 202  
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center  
Advent Workshop for Families, Congregational Hall  
Advent Gift Market Sales, Ministries Center Court  
Sanctuary Choir Auditions, Choir Loft  
11:15 a.m. Religious Freedom: Past, Present, and Future, Witherspoon Parlor  
Fullerton Bible Study: Gospel of Mark, Fullerton Room  
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
Gathering with the Pastors/Membership Orientation, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 206  
6:00 p.m. Prime Time Advent Party, home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer  
6:30 p.m. Faith inbeTWEEN, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 205

## **Monday, December 5, 2016**

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium  
Clergy Colleague Group, Converse House Parlor  
APNC Meeting, Fullerton Room

## **Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor  
6:30 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.  
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Witherspoon Parlor

### **Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

- 9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet at BMPC's Back Parking Lot
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together Program for grades K - 5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Light the Night (Weekday School Event), Playground
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Advent Class: Handel's *Messiah*, Sanctuary

### **Thursday, December 8, 2016**

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, December 9, 2016**

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg.
- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

### **Saturday, December 10, 2016**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Raingutter Regatta, Cub Scout Troop 110, Gymnasium
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- Divorce Support Group, Witherspoon Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Barbara Merin Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel & Congregational Hall

### **Sunday, December 11, 2016**

- 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.



## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

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

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

**Kellen A. Smith**, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

**Richard Wohlschlaeger**, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music and Fine Arts

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