

For a
child
is born to us
a son is given to us
AND THE GOVERNMENT
WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS
THESE WILL BE HIS ROYAL TITLES

Wonderful
counselor
Mighty God
E V E R L A S T I N G F A T H E R
prince of peace

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 10, 2017
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Education Building, Rm. 102

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Art @ 9

Age 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201

Filling the Well

Women's Bible Study
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

Adult Study
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

Morning Prayer

Lectio Divina
9:25 a.m., Middleton Center

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School, Adult Education
See calendar for a complete schedule.

Bach Christmas Concert

4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The mornings of Sunday, December 24 & 31 will have only one worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Mary Steege

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Tim Bickhart

One: Last Sunday we lit the candle of hope to remember God's promise to send a Son.

All: The prophet Isaiah named him Mighty God.

One: Today we light the candle of peace.

All: Christ brought peace through a mighty gentleness and inclusive welcome.

One: Jesus said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. Jesus will bring everlasting peace when he comes again.

**All: Peace is like a light shining in a dark place,
as we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.**

One: May this candle of peace give light to the world.

† HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Mighty God, have mercy on us.

We trust you to be powerful,

and yet your companion attribute of humility confounds us.

During this season of holy preparation, we fill our days with distractions.

Forgive us for wandering from the path of your holy way.

Help us hear your words of comfort

that speak into the wilderness of our busy lives.

Help us prepare our hearts to receive your coming in power and glory,

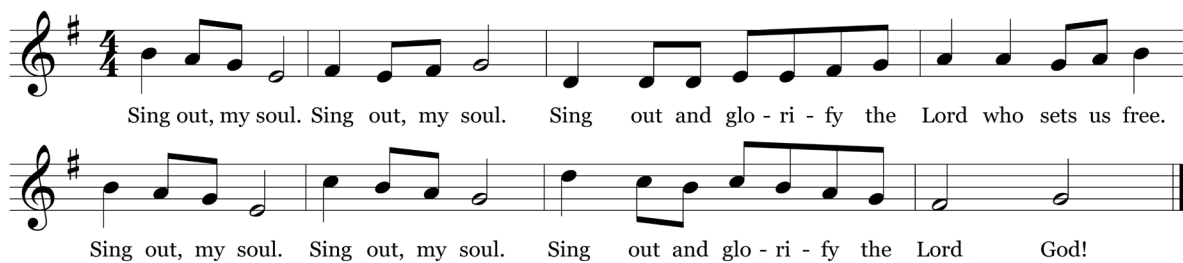
and to live into your promises that a new day is dawning

of peace and goodwill for all.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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 Tim Bickhart

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11 (*p. 667 in pew Bible*) Tim Bickhart

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:1-8 (*p. 34 in pew Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

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

SERMON *Mighty God* Agnes W. Norfleet
Second in Advent Series The Names of Jesus

† **HYMN 87** Comfort, Comfort Now My People GENEVAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle. Gluten- and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM,
DER HEIDEN HEILAND

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Maurice L. Clancy

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

New members received by Session today
and recognized during the 10:00 a.m. worship service:

Christopher Cobb
Natalie Hoepp
Robert Krueger
Karen J. Scott
Thomas K. Whitford

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Tim Bickhart

USHERING

Elder Tom Willcox

BULLETIN COVER

Isaiah 9:6

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Announcements

GATHER US IN: STEWARDSHIP 2018. It is a blessing to witness Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church thriving! Today, we welcome new members, enjoy fellowship after worship with coffee in the Ministries Center Court, and celebrate the season at our annual Christmas concert this afternoon. These are just a few of the ways we connect here at our church home. Your stewardship dollars make this possible, and we thank you! If you have yet to pledge, please consider doing so by placing your completed pledge card in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, or pledging or donating online: www.bmpc.org/pledge. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

GRAPHIC NOTATION: VISUALIZING THE MUSIC OF J.S. BACH. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Philadelphia artist Melinda Steffy interprets the music of J.S. Bach as color patterns, blending music theory, color theory, mathematical structures, and meticulous handiwork to create vibrant works of art. In addition to selections from the *Well-Tempered Clavier*, *Cello Suite in G Major*, and more, her exhibit features new works commissioned by BMPC based on Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, to be performed at the Christmas concert today at 4:00 p.m. A reception and artist's talk follows the concert.

BOOK CENTER IN MINISTRIES CENTER. Select Christmas books for children, Advent books for adults, book-themed ornaments and special keepsakes (made in Germany) for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Book Center is open following worship and on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kat MacMurray, katrmac2@icloud.com.

Today

TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE. Sundays during Advent, 9:25-9:50 a.m., Middleton Center. The traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer is known as "lectio divina," and Advent offers the opportunity to pause and reflect on the birth of Christ. info@middletoncenter.org.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sundays through Dec. 24, 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center Court. AGM provides an opportunity for you to do your holiday shopping for family, friends, teachers, co-workers, babysitters, anyone you wish to honor, by donating to a charitable project you chose. Cashiers are available following worship to help you place, purchase or pick up your order. You may also shop online at www.bmpc.org. Marian Chitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net.

CARILLON TOURS. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads 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.

“IT’S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT”: STUDYING APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

Sundays through Dec. 17, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The season of Advent invites us to await with anticipation the coming of Christ, not just as a child, but coming again in a future yet to be known. Dr. Joshua Yoder leads us through a study of the biblical roots of what theologians have imagined the new heaven and new earth might be like.

BACH CHRISTMAS CONCERT. 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia performing Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Magnificat* and *Christmas Oratorio, Part I*. Tickets: \$15.00 for adults; \$5.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

This Week

STORYPATH LABYRINTH. Weekdays during Advent, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Chapel; Wednesdays during Advent, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Chapel. Anne Schmid, schmonty@comcast.net.

NOONTIME HARPSICHORD RECITALS. Tuesdays through Dec. 19, noon, Sanctuary. Featuring harpsichord students from Temple University, Jeffrey Brillhart, and Edward Landin on BMPC’s William Dowd harpsichord. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. A discussion on “Nuclear Security: Given nuclear threats from North Korea, Iran and terrorist access to weapons materials, what is the future of U.S. nuclear security?” Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Wed., Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., Chapel. A simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence, led by the pastors.

DECK THE HALLS. Thurs., Dec. 14, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary. Help our Flower Committee decorate the church with boughs of holly, wreaths, poinsettias, and greens. Patti Hallowell, augustehallowell@mac.com.

Y-GROUP CHRISTMAS EVENT. Thurs., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., home of Sharon Garlepp. Join mothers and caregivers of young children for a cookie exchange and children’s gift collection to donate to theVillage. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Adults and children (over age four) are invited to make casseroles for homeless shelters. This is a wonderful way to spread goodwill during the Advent season. Register: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

Next Sunday

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY. Sun., Dec. 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Arnold’s Family Fun Center in Oaks. Join us for a joyful night of laser tag and go-karts. \$15/person includes dinner. Registration is due by Dec. 15. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

CARING CORNER. Sun., Dec. 17, Ministries Center Court. Our parish nurse and social worker will be available before and after the 10:00 a.m. service. Look for Carol and Renee by the Caring Ministries banner in the Ministries Center Court. We look forward to meeting everyone!

Upcoming

A WEE CHRISTMAS. Tues., Dec. 19, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Designed for children ages 2 to 5 and their families, this special retelling of the Christmas Story allows our youngest members to hear and participate in the story of Jesus' birth. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI: CHRISTMAS EVE ALUMNI RECEPTION. Sat., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by seeing those who grew up at BMPC and now are home for the holidays. We welcome back all former youth to join old friends after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. worship services. All are encouraged to attend! AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Jan. 13-15, 2018, Camp Kirkwood, Poconos. Join us for a weekend away at Camp Kirkwood where you may enjoy hiking, snowtubing, discussion groups, Sunday morning worship and time to explore the surrounding area. Cost: \$275. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY SMALL GROUP. Begins Tues., Jan. 16, 10:00 a.m., Fullerton Room. It's impossible to become spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Come be part of a spiritual and emotional growth small group based on Peter Scazzero's book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. Invest in your spiritual, emotional and relationship health in this eight-week offering led by the Rev. Mary Steege. Register and order books: MarySteege@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Envelopes are available today and next Sun., Dec. 17. A cherished tradition since the 1930s, gifts to this fund are distributed to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. You may use the envelopes or note "Christmas Joy Offering" on the memo line of your check. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Join the BMPC Flower Team on Sunday mornings to create small flower arrangements for our Deacons to deliver to selected church members. We work in teams of two and serve once every seven to eight weeks. MargoBennett@comcast.net.

This Week's Calendar

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call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, December 10

- 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
9:00 a.m. Session Meeting to Receive New Members, Gloucester Room
9:25 a.m. Lectio Divina, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Middle School Connections Group (Grades 6 - 7), Loft
Confirmation (Grade 8) Connections Group, Gloucester Room
Grades 9 - 10 Connections Groups, Converse House Parlor
Grades 11 - 12 Connections Groups, Fullerton Room
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Court
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft
11:15 a.m. "It's the End of the World as We Know It" Adult Education, Witherspoon Parlor
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
11:30 a.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Loft
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center
4:00 p.m. Bach Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Art Exhibit and Concert Reception, Ministries Center Court

Monday, December 11

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. Music Committee Meeting, Conference Room
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Harpsichord Recital, Sanctuary

- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, December 13

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
Property Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service, Chapel
Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, December 14

- 8:30 a.m. Laurel House Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, December 15

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 16

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 12:00 p.m. Havens/Mount Wedding, Chapel

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir and Baptisms, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

David B. Smith, Interim Director, Youth Ministry

Mary Steege, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts

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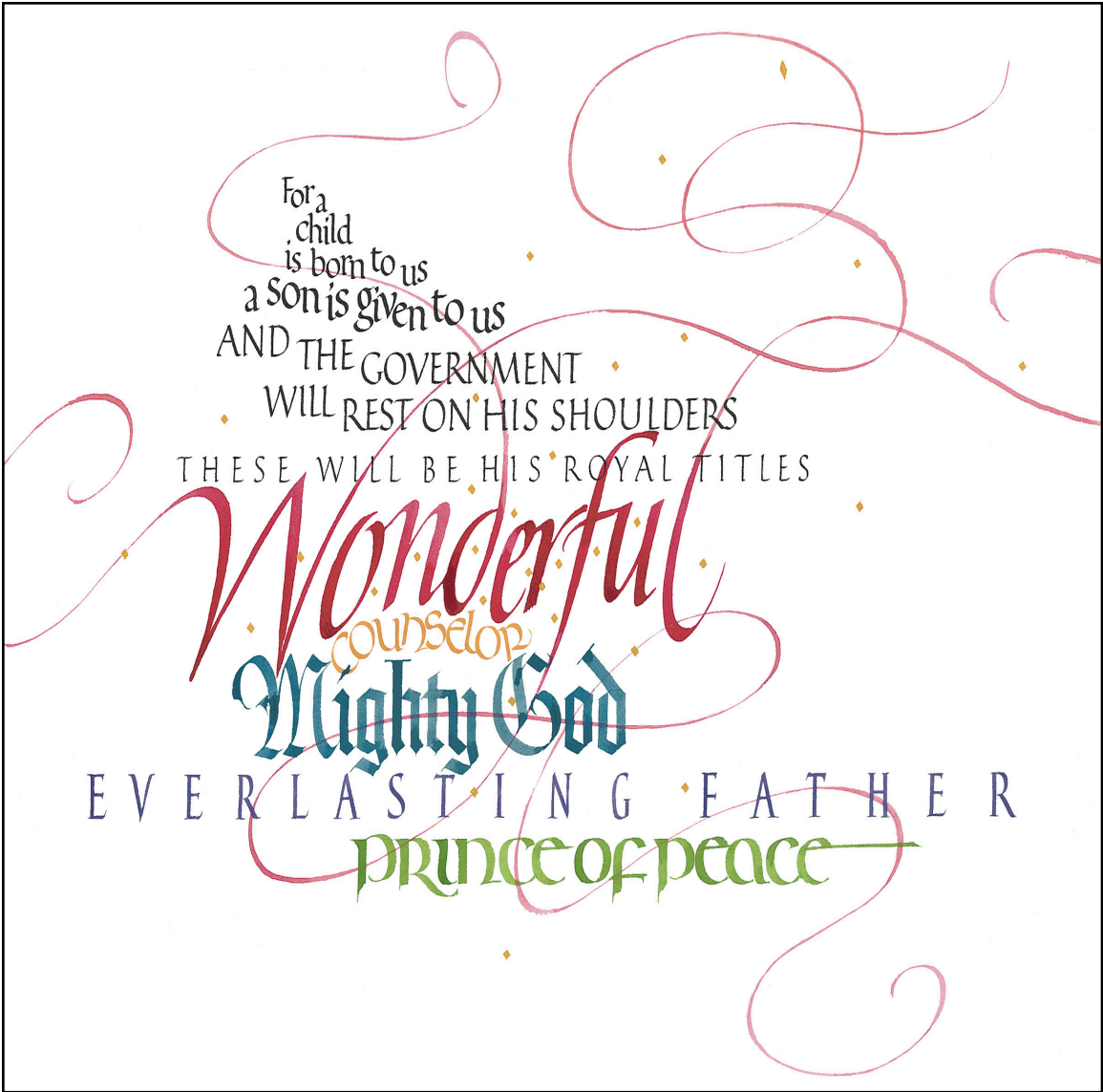
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The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • info@middletoncenter.org

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



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Grades 6 -12

Youth Gathering
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Gym
Connection Groups
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.,
Ministries Center

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GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ADVENT INTROIT *(please remain seated)*



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A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† **GLORIA PATRI** (*in unison*)

Hymn 581

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

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, children 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 gracious 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

Isaiah 40:1-11 (*p. 667 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding
Sanctuary Choir

Eric Thiman

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh" it seems to say; "Cast away the dreams of darkness, o ye children of the day!" Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earthbound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected comes with pardon down from Heaven. Let us in haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven; that when next he comes with glory and the world is wrapped in fear, with his mercy He may shield us and with words of love draw near. Christ, to Thee be endless glory, from all men on earth be praise, who from heaven wilt come to save us and redeem from sinful ways. Honour, glory, might and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the everlasting Spirit while eternal ages run. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:1-8 (*p. 34 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

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SERMON

Mighty God

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GENEVAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Mary Steege

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.

~ A Declaration of Faith

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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

The Morning Star
Sanctuary Choir

Andrew Carter

Our hearts and minds come now prepare, the call of Advent fills the air;
Behold the light that shines afar, awake! and greet the Morning Star. Come
seek the Lord upon the way, the prophet cries 'Prepare the day'. Behold the
light that shines afar, awake! and greet the Morning Star. O come amongst
us, mighty Lord, and grant us grace to do your word; And in your mercy,
Lord, we pray be gentle on our Judgment Day. So fire me, Lord, to take my
part, Your day star rising in my heart. Arise! Awake! and come from afar,
your Lord draws near: The Morning Star.

*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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

† BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

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GREETING AND HOSTING

Members of our Coffee Cup Bible Study

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

Announcements

GATHER US IN: STEWARDSHIP 2018. It is a blessing to witness Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church thriving! Today, we welcome new members, enjoy fellowship after worship with coffee in the Ministries Center Court, and celebrate the season at our annual Christmas concert this afternoon. These are just a few of the ways we connect here at our church home. Your stewardship dollars make this possible, and we thank you! If you have yet to pledge, please consider doing so by placing your completed pledge card in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, or pledging or donating online: www.bmpc.org/pledge. SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

GRAPHIC NOTATION: VISUALIZING THE MUSIC OF J.S. BACH. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Philadelphia artist Melinda Steffy interprets the music of J.S. Bach as color patterns, blending music theory, color theory, mathematical structures, and meticulous handiwork to create vibrant works of art. In addition to selections from the *Well-Tempered Clavier*, *Cello Suite in G Major*, and more, her exhibit features new works commissioned by BMPC based on Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, to be performed at the Christmas concert today at 4:00 p.m. A reception and artist's talk follows the concert.

BOOK CENTER IN MINISTRIES CENTER. Select Christmas books for children, Advent books for adults, book-themed ornaments and special keepsakes (made in Germany) for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Book Center is open following worship and on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kat MacMurray, katrmac2@icloud.com.

Today

TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE. Sundays during Advent, 9:25-9:50 a.m., Middleton Center. The traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer is known as "lectio divina," and Advent offers the opportunity to pause and reflect on the birth of Christ. info@middletoncenter.org.

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sundays through Dec. 24, 11:00 a.m., Ministries Center Court. AGM provides an opportunity for you to do your holiday shopping for family, friends, teachers, co-workers, babysitters, anyone you wish to honor, by donating to a charitable project you chose. Cashiers are available following worship to help you place, purchase or pick up your order. You may also shop online at www.bmpc.org. Marian Chitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net.

CARILLON TOURS. 11:05 a.m., Choir Loft. Come see the instrument that welcomes you to worship and leads 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.

“IT’S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT”: STUDYING APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

Sundays through Dec. 17, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. The season of Advent invites us to await with anticipation the coming of Christ, not just as a child, but coming again in a future yet to be known. Dr. Joshua Yoder leads us through a study of the biblical roots of what theologians have imagined the new heaven and new earth might be like.

BACH CHRISTMAS CONCERT. 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia performing Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Magnificat* and *Christmas Oratorio, Part I*. Tickets: \$15.00 for adults; \$5.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

This Week

STORYPATH LABYRINTH. Weekdays during Advent, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Chapel; Wednesdays during Advent, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Chapel. Anne Schmid, schmonty@comcast.net.

NOONTIME HARPSICORD RECITALS. Tuesdays through Dec. 19, noon, Sanctuary. Featuring harpsichord students from Temple University, Jeffrey Brillhart, and Edward Landin on BMPC’s William Dowd harpsichord. Free admission. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. A discussion on “Nuclear Security: Given nuclear threats from North Korea, Iran and terrorist access to weapons materials, what is the future of U.S. nuclear security?” Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Wed., Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., Chapel. A simple service of music, prayer, scripture and silence, led by the pastors.

DECK THE HALLS. Thurs., Dec. 14, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary. Help our Flower Committee decorate the church with boughs of holly, wreaths, poinsettias, and greens. Patti Hallowell, augustehallowell@mac.com.

Y-GROUP CHRISTMAS EVENT. Thurs., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., home of Sharon Garlepp. Join mothers and caregivers of young children for a cookie exchange and children’s gift collection to donate to theVillage. AmyBarrickman@gmail.com.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Adults and children (over age four) are invited to make casseroles for homeless shelters. This is a wonderful way to spread goodwill during the Advent season. Register: Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

Next Sunday

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY. Sun., Dec. 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Arnold’s Family Fun Center in Oaks. Join us for a joyful night of laser tag and go-karts. \$15/person includes dinner. Registration is due by Dec. 15. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

CARING CORNER. Sun., Dec. 17, Ministries Center Court. Our parish nurse and social worker will be available before and after the 10:00 a.m. service. Look for Carol and Renee by the Caring Ministries banner in the Ministries Center Court. We look forward to meeting everyone!

Upcoming

A WEE CHRISTMAS. Tues., Dec. 19, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Designed for children ages 2 to 5 and their families, this special retelling of the Christmas Story allows our youngest members to hear and participate in the story of Jesus' birth. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI: CHRISTMAS EVE ALUMNI RECEPTION. Sat., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by seeing those who grew up at BMPC and now are home for the holidays. We welcome back all former youth to join old friends after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. worship services. All are encouraged to attend! AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Save the Date

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT. Jan. 13-15, 2018, Camp Kirkwood, Poconos. Join us for a weekend away at Camp Kirkwood where you may enjoy hiking, snowtubing, discussion groups, Sunday morning worship and time to explore the surrounding area. Cost: \$275. Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance is available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY SMALL GROUP. Begins Tues., Jan. 16, 10:00 a.m., Fullerton Room. It's impossible to become spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Come be part of a spiritual and emotional growth small group based on Peter Scazzero's book *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. Invest in your spiritual, emotional and relationship health in this eight-week offering led by the Rev. Mary Steege. Register and order books: MarySteege@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Envelopes are available today and next Sun., Dec. 17. A cherished tradition since the 1930s, gifts to this fund are distributed to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. You may use the envelopes or note "Christmas Joy Offering" on the memo line of your check. CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Join the BMPC Flower Team on Sunday mornings to create small flower arrangements for our Deacons to deliver to selected church members. We work in teams of two and serve once every seven to eight weeks. MargoBennett@comcast.net.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, December 10

- 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
9:00 a.m. Session Meeting to Receive New Members, Gloucester Room
9:25 a.m. Lectio Divina, Middleton Center
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.
Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Gathering (Grades 6 - 12), Gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
10:30 a.m. Middle School Connections Group (Grades 6 - 7), Loft
Confirmation (Grade 8) Connections Group, Gloucester Room
Grades 9 - 10 Connections Groups, Converse House Parlor
Grades 11 - 12 Connections Groups, Fullerton Room
11:00 a.m. Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Court
11:05 a.m. Carillon Tours, Sanctuary Choir Loft
11:15 a.m. "It's the End of the World as We Know It" Adult Education, Witherspoon Parlor
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
11:30 a.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Loft
12:15 p.m. Carillon Lessons, Fine Arts Center
4:00 p.m. Bach Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Art Exhibit and Concert Reception, Ministries Center Court

Monday, December 11

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Conference Room
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. Music Committee Meeting, Conference Room
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Tuesday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg, Rms. 101 & 102
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Harpsichord Recital, Sanctuary

- 1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
- 2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Gloucester Room

Wednesday, December 13

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
Property Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Evening Prayer Service, Chapel
Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, December 14

- 8:30 a.m. Laurel House Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 11:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium

Friday, December 15

- 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Out, Ed. Bldg., Rms. 101 & 102
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 16

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Main Kitchen
- 12:00 p.m. Havens/Mount Wedding, Chapel

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir and Baptisms, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship

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