



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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December 2, 2018  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
First 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 Study  
8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

#### **Sunday Morning Discussion Group**

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

#### **Reflective Bible Study**

9:25 a.m., Middleton Center

### **10:00 Worship, Sanctuary**

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

#### **Advent Gift Market**

11:15 a.m., Ministries Center Court

**NEW HERE?** We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP.** Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and for refreshments and fellowship after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Families with young children are invited to gather for refreshments in the Education Building Lobby after Sunday School.

**TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP.** Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

David B. Smith

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jeff Swarr

One: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

**All: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

One: Fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah, John the Baptist was sent by God

**All: To prepare us for the coming of Jesus.**

One: John prepares us to turn toward Christ, saying:

**All: “If you have two coats, give one away; if you have enough food, share with the poor.”**

One: May this small but abiding flame of peace

**All: Give light to the world.**

One: Prepare us, O God, to be peacemakers for the sake of the world.

**All: Come, O Lord, Jesus; reconcile your people!**

## † HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

O God, upon whom we wait with eager longing, we are not ready for your coming.

We look for signs of your presence, but see mostly indications of our own sinfulness.

Your prophetic voice summons us to work for justice

and yet we are easily overwhelmed by the needs of the world.

Forgive us, we pray, and help us prepare anew for surprising power and peace.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all peo - ple.

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## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeff Swarr

### FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (*p. 738 in pew Bible*)

Jeff Swarr

### SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:25-36 (*p. 85 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Prophetic Expectations*  
Preparing the Way Advent Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 84

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

David B. Smith

*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

### MINISTRY MOMENT

This Time, This Place

George McFarland

### 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  
Cdr. George C. and Esther Ann McFarland

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Deacon Jeff Swarr

### **USHERING**

Tom Hays

## **Announcements**

**GREAT GIFT IDEAS AT THE BOOK CENTER.** It's more than just books! Advent and Christmas books for all ages and reading-themed ornaments. Stop by Café in the Court to check it out.

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our "Discover BMPC" class on Mon., Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Building. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**ART EXHIBIT: SUPPOSED REALITIES.** Through Sun., Jan. 27. Artist Richard Watson of Bryn Mawr was born and raised in North Carolina where he developed his artistic abilities before training at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He describes his creativity as "supported by memories of the past and suggested realities." A reception follows the Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 16. [StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org](mailto:StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org).

**PARK 'EM AT HARCUM.** For 10:00 a.m. worship, we invite members who are able to park at Harcum College, thereby making parking available at BMPC parking lots for visitors and those who need a closer space.

## **Today**

**CARING CORNER.** Renee and Carol, our social worker and parish nurse, are available in the Ministries Center before the 10:00 a.m. worship service, and also during the Advent Workshop in the gym, starting at 11:15 a.m.

**ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP.** 11:15 a.m., Gymnasium. Enjoy a festive event creating crafts that help to prepare for the Advent season.

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Ministries Center Court. Representatives are present in the Ministries Center Court for purchases. Additionally, you may drop off orders or place orders online at [www.agm-2018.squarespace.com](http://www.agm-2018.squarespace.com) during the week for pickup on the following Sunday. [Marian Chitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net](mailto:MarianChitester@verizon.net).

**THE POLITICS OF ADVENT.** Today through Dec. 16, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Jesus of Nazareth was born into a very particular political moment as first-century Palestinian Jews were navigating the oversight of the Roman Empire as well as the leadership of the Herodian Kings of Judah. Dr. Joshua Yoder leads us in exploring how the early church understood its relationship with the world.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE OPEN FORUM.** 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. The APNC invites you to join them for the Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults Open Forum. Your input helps define the needs and hopes of this ministry at BMPC as we begin our search for the next Associate Pastor.

**THE RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE.** Sundays through Dec. 16, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. During Café in the Court, the Renovations Committee shares renderings proposed for the Capital Campaign work.

**PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+).** 6:00-8:00 p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer.

## ***This Week***

**CANDLELIT LABYRINTH WALK.** Tues., Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Surround yourself with warmth and peace as the large labyrinth glows all day and evening in candlelight. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

**ADVENT HARPSICORD SERIES.** Tuesdays in December, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Temple University harpsichord students and their professor Joyce Lindorff present a series on our William Dowd French double harpsichord. Dec. 4 - Kaishu Zhao; Dec. 11 - Joyce Lindorff; Dec. 18 - Qiao Chu. Free admission.

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Drew Mann leads our study of *God's Promise: I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland, chapter 4. Joyce Malott, 610-525-4469, okf405@gmail.com.

## ***Upcoming***

**INTERFAITH CONVERSATION ON ISRAEL/PALESTINE.** Mon., Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join an ecumenical and interfaith conversation about the language we use around the issues of Israel and Palestine; led by faculty from St. Joseph's University's Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

**Y-GROUP MEETING.** Tues., Dec. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Annie Kilbride, professional organizer and owner of Life Simplified, leads our discussion, "Advent Pause," with strategies for slowing down and enjoying the Christmas season. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Discuss Global Health: Progress and Challenges. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com, 484-380-3685.

**Y-GROUP COOKIE SWAP AND GIFT COLLECTION.** Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m., home of Haley Erdlen. Annual cookie swap and gift collection for children and youth served by theVillage. Sarah Reiner, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT: "O WONDROUS MYSTERY."** Sun., Dec. 16, 4:00 p.m. All BMPC's choirs and The Brandywine Brass present a concert centered on the "O Magnum Mysterium" text. Free-will offering; 25% of proceeds goes to support the Welcome Church's ecumenically-sponsored program "The Well," which provides a place where homeless women may sleep and share meals together in a safe environment. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Sun., Dec. 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Gymnasium. A joyful night of food, fellowship and fun. Register: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**A WEE CHRISTMAS.** Tues., Dec. 18, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Designed for children ages 2 - 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.

## ***Save the Date***

**CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI RECEPTION.** Mon., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by meeting with those who grew up at BMPC and now are home for the holidays. Join old friends after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. services. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RETREAT.** Sat., Jan. 19-21, 2019, Camp Kirkwood, Poconos. A weekend away at Camp Kirkwood where you can enjoy a hike, snowtubing, small group fellowship, Sunday morning worship and time to explore the surrounding area. Cost: \$275. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS.** Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (five to eight gifts per child). Contact Betty Wu at [bmpcangels@gmail.com](mailto:bmpcangels@gmail.com); stop by the Angel Trees in the Ministries Center and Education Building; or sign up online: <http://bit.ly/2018ChristmasAngels>. Gifts are due by next Sun., Dec. 9.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m., Main Kitchen. Join the Hunger Committee in making 130 casseroles for Philadelphia shelters. Great family activity (children over 4). Register: SandieNicholson, [sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING.** Sun., Dec. 23. This PC (USA) Special Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired needy church workers and their families. Envelopes are in the pew holders or write "Christmas Joy" on the memo line of your check. To learn more: [specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy](http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy).

**HUNGER COMMITTEE: OUR BROTHERS' PLACE.** Sat., Dec. 29, 10:15 a.m., Meet at BMPC Ministries Center. Volunteers (age 18 or older) prepare and serve lunch at Our Brothers' Place homeless shelter. Return at 2:00 p.m. Register: Pam Haynes Walsh 610-667-0972, [Haynes.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:Haynes.walsh@gmail.com).

**FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION.** Through December you may put turkeys and hams in freezer located in Ministries Center hallway next to the elevator for distribution to those in need during the holiday season.

# ***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 2**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well (for women), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Conference Room  
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201  
9:00 a.m. Choirs Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft  
Caring Corner, Ministries Center Court  
9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Choirs, Sanctuary**  
Sunday School for age 2 - PreK, Ed. Bldg.  
Grades K - 3 begin worship in the Sanctuary  
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 3, Ed. Bldg.  
11:00 a.m. Café in the Court, Ministries Center  
11:15 a.m. APNC Open Forum, Gloucester Room  
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Court  
Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
Advent Craft Workshop, Gymnasium  
Politics of Advent, Witherspoon Parlor  
5:00 p.m. Middle School Sunday Night Fellowship, Loft  
6:00 p.m. Middle and High School Fellowship Dinner, Loft  
Prime Time Advent Party, home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer  
6:30 p.m. High School Sunday Night Fellowship, Loft

## **Monday, December 3**

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel  
7:00 p.m. "Discover BMPC" Class, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 104

## **Tuesday, December 4**

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
Advent Labyrinth, Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
Candlelit Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall  
12:00 p.m. Advent Harpsichord Recital, Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor

- 5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball: Evaluation Night, Gymnasium
- 6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 19 Committee Meeting, Conference Room

### **Wednesday, December 5**

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 12:30 p.m. Prenatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:45 p.m. "Wednesdays Together" program for Grades K-5, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft  
Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Fullerton Room

### **Thursday, December 6**

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center  
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:30 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, December 7**

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. WePAC Volunteer Celebration and Training, Congregational Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Postnatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Ed. Bldg.

### **Saturday, December 8**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center  
Bereavement Group, Fullerton Room & Middleton Center

### **Sunday, December 9**

- 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 & Mission

**Andrew H. Mann, Jr.**, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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

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

**David B. Smith**, Interim Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

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

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