

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

December 16, 2018
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Third 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

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Age 2 - PreK Classes

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5 Classes

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 a.m., Education Building

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

The Politics of Advent

11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor

Advent Gift Market

11:15 a.m., Ministries Center Court

NEW HERE? We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

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. Large print bulletins, back pillows and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed in this bulletin. **Grades K-5** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to Sunday School. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Education Building.

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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

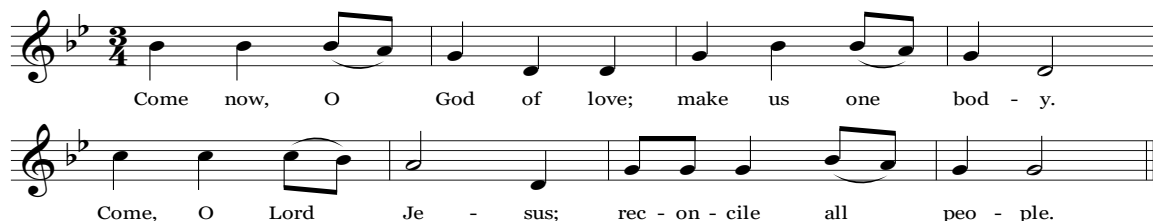
Rorate Caeli
Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Jeanne Demessieux
Pamela Decker

WELCOME

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

ADVENT INTROIT *(please remain seated)*



Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.

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

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jean and Carl Reynolds,
Sarah and Maggie

One: The Lord God says: "I will be the shepherd of my sheep.

**All: I will seek the lost, bring back the strayed,
And bind up the injured.**

One: When Jesus was born, the angels appeared first to the shepherds.

**All: They ran across fields of promise to see Jesus,
The Good Shepherd.**

One: The shepherds prepare us to love just as they cared for their sheep;

**All: Just as Jesus sought the lost, welcomed the outcast,
And healed the sick.**

One: May this small but abiding flame of love

All: Give light to the world.

One: Prepare us, O God, to love as Christ has shown us.

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

† HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, the days are getting shorter, the nights are getting longer,
and we huddle against the darkness of our world.

We remember that your birth was first announced to lowly shepherds
keeping watch over their flocks by night.

Come to us as you came to them, take away our fear, and free us from sin.
For our part in the persecution of the weak, for our part in the oppression of the poor,
for our part in the loneliness of our neighbors, we ask forgiveness.
Help us make known the joy and peace that has been revealed to us
through Jesus Christ.

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.

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 80:1-7 (*p. 540 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

Shine Forth

Zebulon M. Highben

Sanctuary Choir men with Evan Ocheret, oboe

Now the grace of God has shone forth, healing and wholeness are brought to all.
Telling us: all that is wicked, disown; Showing us: all that is worldly, deny. Teaching
us: all that is tempered, embrace; Urging us: all that is upright, uphold; Guiding us:
all that is godly, shine forth! Oh, shine forth; here in this present age; Shine forth: for
salvation has come. This is Christ whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word. Now he shines, the
long-expected. Let creation praise her Lord, evermore and evermore. Shine forth!

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:8-20 (*p. 58 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Shepherds Prepare
Preparing the Way Advent Series

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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*

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

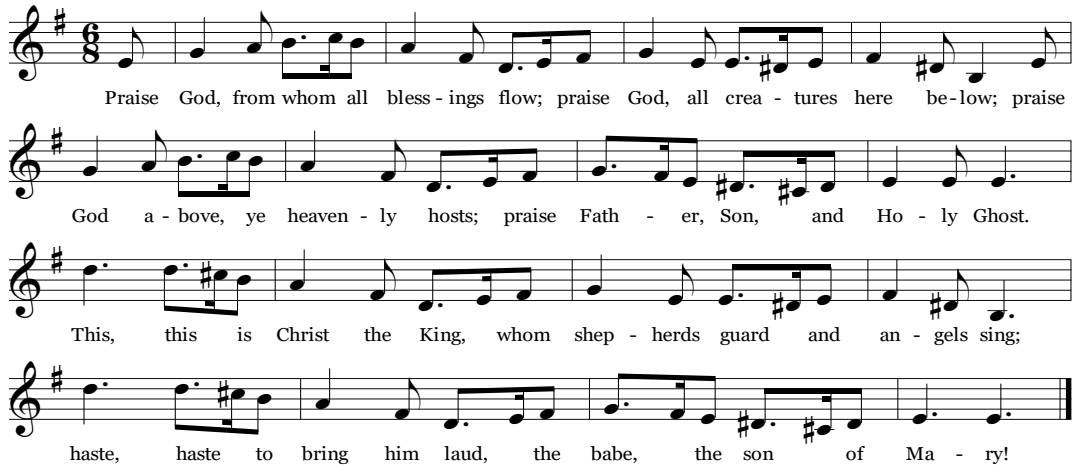
Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
 Sanctuary Choir

Gustav Holst

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand, Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand. King of Kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of Lords in human vesture in the Body and the Blood, He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way as the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day; That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherabim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluya Lord most High." Amen.

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

† **DOXOLOGY**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be-low; praise
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly hosts; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† **HYMN 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Helmsley”

James Vivian

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Lore Kephart

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Sigrid Heydemann Iparraguirre
Eugene Kendrick Wolf

GREETING

Members of our Personnel Committee

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Bob Holmes

Announcements

THIS TIME, THIS PLACE. Capital Campaign pledge cards can be found in the pew racks and Narthex for those who have not yet had the opportunity to make a commitment. DerrickSmith@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 in the Ministries Center follows this afternoon’s Christmas concert. StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

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 today following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to check it out.

ONE BOOK ONE CHURCH. *“After Ten Years” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Our Times* by Dr. Victoria Barnett of Washington, D.C., a renowned Bonhoeffer scholar as well as director of the United States Holocaust Museum’s programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust. Cost: \$5 in Book Center.

Today

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

THE POLITICS OF ADVENT. 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.

THE RENOVATIONS COMMITTEE. 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. During Café in the Court, the Renovations Committee shares renderings proposed for the Capital Campaign work/remodeling.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: “O WONDROUS MYSTERY.” 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. 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.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Gymnasium. Wear a “tacky” sweater and join us for a joyful night of food, fellowship and fun for grades 6-12.

This Week

ADVENT LABYRINTH WALK. Weekdays during Advent, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Chapel. Experience the small labyrinth in this quiet space throughout the holiday season. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

ADVENT HARPSICHORD SERIES. Tues., Dec. 18, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Temple University harpsichord student Qiao Chu presents a recital on our William Dowd French double harpsichord. Free admission.

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.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS: NEW TIME. Thursdays, 9:15-10:00 a.m., Gymnasium. Program for strength training, flexibility and enhanced well-being. First class is free, then \$10 for every four classes. CarolCherry@bmpc.org.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE. Thurs., Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This special service acknowledges the darkness we experience even during this festive season. Scripture readings, the singing of carols, a brief meditation by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Mann Jr., and a time of prayer to express our yearnings for healing and wholeness are intended to lead us from the darkness into light. A labyrinth for walking before or after the service will be set up on the front lawn.

Upcoming

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.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Family Service with Nativity Tableau (infant and toddler childcare available without reservations in the Ed. Bldg.). Carol sing precedes at 4:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE. 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Candlelight Service with Communion by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet (childcare available without reservations in the Ed. Bldg.). Prelude begins at 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS. 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet. Prelude begins at 10:40 p.m.

Save the Date

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY. Sundays, Jan. 6-20, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Dr. Patricia Danzon leads this course about the distinctive aspects of Celtic spirituality, its origins, evolution and lessons for our times. Basic text *Listening to the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality* by J. Philip Newell is available in the Book Center.

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 > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance available for all trips and events. AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

DEACONS' ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 28, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers are needed to donate blood and to assist with scheduling appointments. Sherri Shields, 610-449-3351 or ShieldsS1@email.chop.edu.

Caring & Sharing

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Next Sun., Dec. 23. This PC (USA) Special Offering honors the faithfulness of current and/or 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.

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, Haynes.walsh@gmail.com, or 610-667-0972.

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.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE. Help those who are outside by contributing to the collection for Broad Street Ministry during the month of January. Men's thermal underwear, gloves, hats, and scarves are urgently needed. Collection bins are located in the Ministries Center and Education Building.

WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES GRANTS. Deadline Feb. 27. Criteria and application at www.bmpc.org/ministries/mission/grants.

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 16

- 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. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
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 Connection Group (Grades 6 - 7), Loft
Confirmation (Grade 8) Connection Group, Gloucester Room
Grades 9 - 10 Connection Group, Converse House Parlor
Grades 11 - 12 Connection Group, Fullerton Room
11:00 a.m. Café in the Court, Ministries Center
11:15 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Court
Politics of Advent Class, Witherspoon Parlor
2:30 p.m. Choirs Call Time, Fine Arts Center
4:00 p.m. Christmas Concert: "O Wondrous Mystery," Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Concert and Art Exhibit Reception, Ministries Center Court
6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party, Gymnasium

Monday, December 17

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
3:30 p.m. Senior Adult Council Meeting, Fullerton Room
7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Council Meeting, Loft

Tuesday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium
Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Advent Harpsichord Recital, Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester Room & Witherspoon Parlor
4:00 p.m. A Wee Christmas, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 19

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 12:30 p.m. Prenatal Yoga, Gymnasium
- 4:45 p.m. Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, December 20

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service, Sanctuary
Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- 8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Choir Loft

Friday, December 21

- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Postnatal Yoga, Gymnasium

Saturday, December 22

- 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 23

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 5.
Holiday Worship Together for Youth in Grades 6 - 12.

Worship Staff

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