

***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 23, 2018
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fourth 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

Holiday Worship Together

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

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

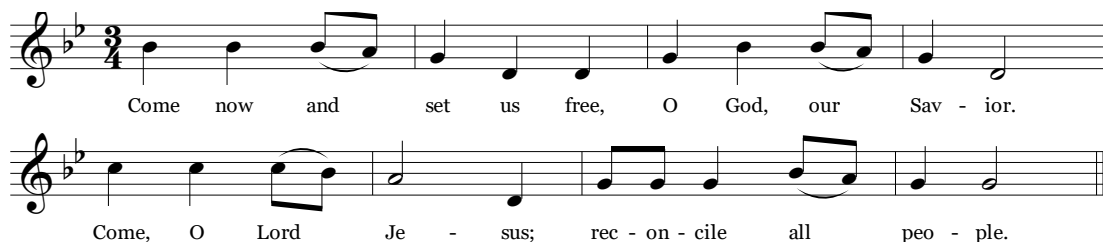
Pastoral

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

ADVENT INTROIT *(please remain seated)*



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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Cathy and Sid Pinch

One: Whenever God does amazing things,

All: Angel messengers are sent from heaven.

One: God sent angels to Abraham, Sarah and Hagar,
To Moses, David and Zechariah.

**All: From the throne of God, angels herald a new heaven
And a new earth.**

One: Today the Angel Gabriel visits Mary with good news of great joy!

**All: Mary prepares us to welcome the coming of Christ
With great rejoicing.**

One: As Mary's trust fills us with joy and peace in believing,
May this small but abiding flame of joy

All: Give light to the world.

One: Prepare us, O God to rejoice at your coming!

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

† **HYMN 348**

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Great God, we celebrate the gift of your child again,
yet we are also mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift.
You invite us to join mother Mary's faithful response,
but we struggle to trust the angel's promise of your near presence.
We are distracted and focused on things that matter little,
and we have overlooked the good news of great joy.

† *Please stand, if able.*

Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven.
Tell us again that life can be abundant in faith, hope and love,
not because of who we are, but because of what you have given us in 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 AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rachel Pedersen
Elders Peter Haldy & Laura Getty
with Amanda Hauptfuhrer

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church?

All: We do.

SENDING HYMN 188 Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1) JESUS LOVES ME

During the Sending Hymn, children depart for their Sunday School classes

FIRST LESSON Micah 5:2-5a (*p. 865 in pew Bible*) Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

ANTHEM Prelude Ola Gjeilo
Sanctuary Choir

Rejoice, resound with joy. O you blessed souls, rejoice, resound with joy, The Great Trinity is revealed and everywhere adored; Give glory, give It glory, The Great Triad is adored, give It glory. You, O crown of virgins, grant us peace, console our feelings, from which our hearts sigh. Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:26-38 (*p. 56 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Mary's Let it Be

Agnes W. Norfleet

Preparing the Way Advent Series

† **HYMN** 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

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.

~ 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

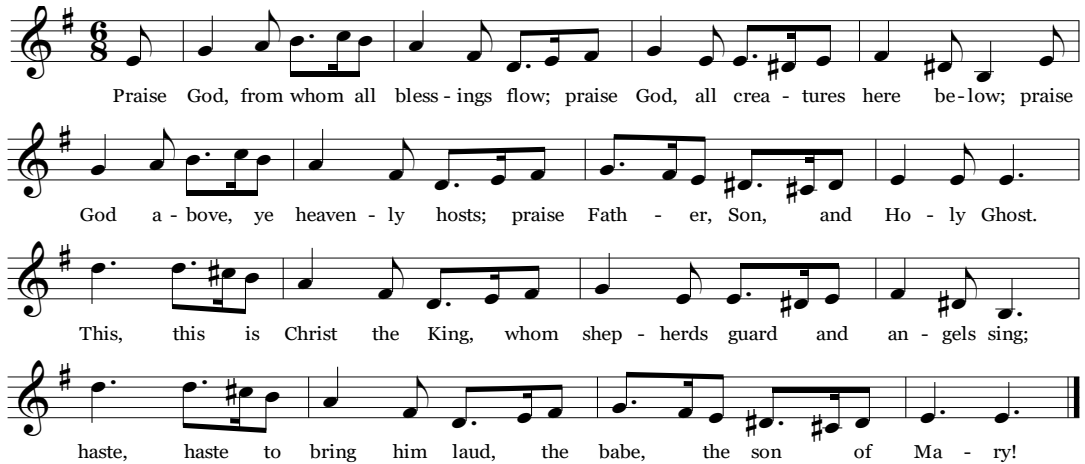
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Sanctuary Choir

Benjamin C. S. Boyle

Low, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung. It came a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.

*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**

Andrew H. Mann, Jr.

† **HYMN 100** My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout **STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN**

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Paeon on “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

John Cook

Worship Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Sally Skillman Odiorne

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney A. Skillman

Susan A. Skillman

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY

Grant Edward Kelly, son of Stephanie & Ryan Kelly

Sloane Elizabeth Small Poulos, daughter of Maggie Poulos

GREETING AND HOSTING

BMPC Deacons

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.” 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. Dr. Barnett leads us in a discussion of her book on Sun., March 10. 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. Any orders dropped off or placed online at www.agm-2018.squarespace.com after today can be picked up after Christmas. [MarianChitester, mmcthistle@verizon.net](mailto:MarianChitester@mmcthistle.com).

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Today. This PC(USA) Special Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Envelopes are in the pew holders or write “Christmas Joy” on the memo line of your check. To learn more: specialofferings.pcusa.org/christmasjoy.

This Week

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. Worship Services. AmyBauer@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.

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 Brother's Place homeless shelter. Return at 2:00 p.m. Register: Pam Haynes Walsh, Haynes.walsh@gmail.com, or 610-667-0972.

Save the Date

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Jan. 2, 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 Sutherlun, Chapter 5. Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

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

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.

Christmas Eve Services **in the Sanctuary**

4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Service

8:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Communion Service

11:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols

Additional parking is available at Harcum College
for all Christmas Eve services.

Childcare is available in the Education Building
for the 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. services.

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 23

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 201
- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 9:15 a.m. Confirmation, Coffee & Conversation, Gloucester Room
- 9:25 a.m. Reflective Bible Study, Middleton Center
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptisms and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
 - Sunday School for age 2-4
 - Grades K - 5 begin worship in the Sanctuary
 - Holiday Worship Together for Youth in Grades 6 - 12
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grades K - 5, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:15 a.m. Café in the Court, Ministries Center
 - Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center
 - Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, December 24

- 2:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators Call Time, Fine Arts Center, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Choir and Youth Chorale Call Time, Fine Arts Center
- 4:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service with Tableau, Sanctuary**
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 8:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve Worship with Communion, Sanctuary**
- 9:30 p.m. Youth Alumni Christmas Party, Witherspoon Parlor
- 10:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Call Time, Sanctuary Choir Loft
- 11:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary**

Tuesday, December 25

Church Campus Closed: *For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.*

Wednesday, December 26

No scheduled activities.

Thursday, December 27

9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room

Friday, December 28

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, December 29

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

10:00 a.m. Community Orchestra, Fine Arts Center

10:15 a.m. Serving at Our Brother's Place

Sunday, December 30

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**

10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**

The Rev. Franklyn C. Pottorff will preach.

Holiday Worship Together for Children & Youth in Grades K - 12.

Worship Staff

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

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