



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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November 10, 2019  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# WELCOME TO BMPC

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Childcare (infant - age 5)**

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

### **10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary**

#### **Age 2 - PreK Classes**

10:00 a.m., Ministries Center

#### **Grades K - 5 Classes**

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ministries Center

#### **Grades 6 -12**

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

10:30 a.m., Connection Groups

#### **Coffee & Fellowship**

11:00 a.m., Gymnasium

### **The Rev. Dr. George Sabra, President, Near East School of Theology**

11:15 a.m., Chapel

**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 coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for Coffee and Fellowship in the Gym after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

**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 Ministries Center.

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

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# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

“Allegro” from *Concerto in G, BWV 592*

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;

**All: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations;  
Proclaim that God's name is exalted.**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**All: For great in our midst is the Holy One.**

## † HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

God of the whole human family,  
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that often our sin and pride hide the goodness of your light.

Too often we ignore cries for justice and do not strive for your peace.

We see difference as a source of division

and use language that tears down rather than builds up community.

In your mercy, hear our confession and forgive us.

Renew us to be transformed to show forth your love

revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.

*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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick  
Mary Bond

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 Grades K - 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.*

**FIRST LESSON**      Psalm 19 (*p. 498 in pew Bible*)      Brian K. Ballard

**ANTHEM**      The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee      Jean Berger  
Sanctuary Choir  
The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

**SECOND LESSON**      James 3:1-10 (*p. 230 in pew Bible*)      Agnes W. Norfleet  
One: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      *Acceptable Words*      Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN** 714      God of the Fertile Fields      ITALIAN HYMN



# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*~ The Apostles' Creed*

## 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

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Be Joyful in the Lord  
Sanctuary Choir

William Selby

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord, He is God, it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, and His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

*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**

Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN 757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE**

Exultate

Bryan Kelly

**Worship Notes**

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of the baptism of  
Van Henry Reiner,  
and in loving memory of his grandfather,  
Van R. Reiner

**RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

James Howard Milo, son of Louise & Michael Milo  
Van Henry Reiner, son of Sarah & David Reiner

**GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Advent Gift Market Committee

**PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Rob Mygatt

**BULLETIN COVER**

*Te Deum* ~ Photo by Bill Kemmerer

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*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

Virginia Mulligan ~ November 1, 2019

# **Announcements**

**BRYN MAWR GIVES: STEWARDSHIP 2020.** Thank you for sending your pledges in! We are off to a strong start in this campaign and want everyone to know that most of the elected leaders of our church have pledged as a sign of their commitment to our campaign. This week we note that our youth program is supported by your stewardship gifts.

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center. These two classes provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome, and childcare available with advance notice. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org](mailto:FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org).

**PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE.** Calling all actors and readers! Children 4 years and older are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve family service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Deadline is Mon., Nov. 11. Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org) with the ages of children and if they would like to speak, read, or act.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS.** Contributions may be given in three categories for listing in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org). Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Nov. 24.

**DO YOU LOVE BOOKS?** Volunteers are needed for the Converse House Library! Shelving, sorting, etc. can be done at whatever time suits your schedule. Kat MacMurray, [katrmac2@icloud.com](mailto:katrmac2@icloud.com).

## **Today**

**NEAR EAST SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.** 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Presentation by the Rev. Dr. George Sabra, President of NEST. Located in Beirut, Lebanon, it is one of the preeminent Christian seminaries in the Middle East. A long-term mission partner of BMPC, its staff works faithfully to train the next generation of clergy serving in Presbyterian Churches in Lebanon and Syria who face one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our generation.

**STEEL CONTEMPLATION – ART IN THE CHILDREN’S CHAPEL.** Today you are invited to view a series of art pieces by BMPC member George Robert (Bob) Overhiser Jr., based on his first-hand experiences in New York City on September 11, 2001.

## **This Week**

**Y-GROUP STOCKING DECORATION.** Tues., Nov. 12, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Share the joy of Christmas by decorating Christmas stockings for children and youth served by theVillage. Abby Pottorff, [ygroupbmpe@gmail.com](mailto:ygroupbmpe@gmail.com).

## **Next Sunday**

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Sun., Nov. 17, 11:00-12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening Market Festival where representatives from the various committees and councils explain about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives are taking orders on successive Sundays in the gymnasium. Orders also may be placed online at [www.bmpe.org](http://www.bmpe.org).

**EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RELIGION BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.** Sun., Nov. 17, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads an informal conversation on the basics of Christian theology, the Bible and tradition, based on questions that participants bring to the class.

**ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR.** Sun., Nov. 17, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families, is to be ordained and installed in a special worship service. Reception follows. Childcare is available by emailing [childcare@bmpe.org](mailto:childcare@bmpe.org) with your request.

## **Upcoming**

**URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP.** Tues., Nov. 19, noon, Converse House Parlor. Discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. [JoanneHanna3@comcast.net](mailto:JoanneHanna3@comcast.net).

**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Tues., Nov. 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Please note new time and location. Join us as we discuss this award-winning novel, *The Remains of the Day*, by Nobel Prize winner Kazuo Ishiguro. Light refreshments will be served. [Erichthorjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:Erichthorjohnson@gmail.com).

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Entertainment Center. Discuss the war on drugs, immigration, and trade issues that have pressured the United States and Mexico Partnership. Marilyn Irwin, [marirwin@aol.com](mailto:marirwin@aol.com).

**BIBLE FROM SCRATCH.** Thurs., Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m., Loft. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. If you're ready to think about scripture in new and creative ways, this class is for you.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Thurs., Nov. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for "Pancakes for a Purpose," and enjoy fellowship and food at this annual event. All proceeds (\$5 per person) support the youth mission projects and trips.



**ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP.** Sun., Dec. 1, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Families are invited to a festive event to create craft projects to help prepare for the Advent season. Join us for hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages! MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

**THE PROPHETS IN ADVENT.** Sundays, Dec. 1-15, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Tim Horner, Assistant Professor at Villanova University, offers three classes on the Season of Advent and how the prophets called for justice then and now.

**ADVENT HARPSICORD RECITALS.** Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 12:00 p.m. Temple University harpsichord students Silvanio Reis and Anna Kislitsyna, and their professor, Joyce Lindorff, perform 30-minute recitals on BMPC's William Dowd Memorial Harpsichord. A free-will offering supports theVillage, one of BMPC's mission partners making great strides to promote the healing of the spirits of children, families, and communities broken by violence, neglect, addiction, poverty, mental illness, racism, and other serious societal problems.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT: MAGNIFICAT.** Sun., Dec. 8, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Celebrate the Christmas season with all of BMPC's choirs, accompanied by the Brandywine Brass. This concert also features works by Anton Bruckner, Paul Halley, Gerald Finzi, Franz Biebl, Elizabeth Poston, William Dawson as well as congregational carol singing. A free-will offering supports Prevention Point Philadelphia, a nonprofit organization working to fight the opioid crisis by providing harm-reduction services in the Philadelphia area.

**PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+.** Sun., Dec. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., New location: Merion Tribute House (directions to be mailed). Register by Dec. 4 online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$18 per person that includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. attn: Monica Devane.

## **Caring & Sharing**

**TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION.** Frozen turkeys and hams may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November. Freezer is located next to the food cupboard near the elevators in the Ministries Center.

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS.** Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (five to eight gifts per child). Contact Betty Wu: [bmpcangels@gmail.com](mailto:bmpcangels@gmail.com), stop by the Angel Tree in the Ministries Center, or sign up online: <http://bit.ly/2019BMPCAngels>. Gifts are due by Sun., Dec. 8.

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED.** Donations have been *low*, and the need is *great*. Place donations in baskets in the Narthex or in the food cupboard in the hallway next to the elevators in the Ministries Center. Financial donations may be made with Hunger Envelopes in the pew holders or by noting "Hunger" on the memo line of your check.

# **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, November 10**

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room  
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Main Line Adult Day Center, First Floor Living Room  
Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor  
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall  
Art @ 9, Conference Room  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism & Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
Sunday School for age 2, Gloucester Room  
Sunday School for age 3, Witherspoon Parlor  
Sunday School for Pre-K, Middleton Center, Rm. 200  
Grades K - 5 Begin Worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Gymnasium  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School for Grade K, Middleton Center, Rm. 202  
Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Congregational Hall  
Sunday School for Grade 3, Middleton Center, Rm. 301  
Sunday School for Grades 4-5, Converse House Parlor  
10:30 a.m. Grades 6 & 7 Connection Group, Main Line Adult Day Center  
Grade 8 Confirmation, Loft  
Grades 9 & 10 Connection Group, Gymnasium Stage  
Grades 11 & 12 Connection Group, Pastors' Conference Room  
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gymnasium  
11:15 a.m. The Rev. Dr. George Sabra, President, Near East School of Theology, Chapel  
Confirmation Retreat, Event is Off Campus  
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

## **Monday, November 11**

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

## **Tuesday, November 12**

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium  
9:15 a.m. Y-Group Stocking Decorating, Congregational Hall  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Congregational Hall  
6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Chapel

### **Wednesday, November 13**

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall  
Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
- 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together (Grades K-5), Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale (Grades 6-12), Fine Arts Center
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room  
Property Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft  
Trustee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

### **Thursday, November 14**

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 9:45 a.m. Winterthur Distinctive Collections Tour & The Crown, Event is Off Campus
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium  
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

### **Friday, November 15**

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

### **Saturday, November 16**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. **Mary Jane Kleckner Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel**

### **Sunday, November 17**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.  
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12
- 4:00 p.m. **Ordination & Installation of Leigh DeVries, Sanctuary**

## **Renovations Update**

**Daytime Traffic Patterns:** Each weekday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the driveway between the Chapel and the Sanctuary will be *one way*, with cars exiting onto Montgomery Avenue. This adjustment allows for the safe movement of children from the Weekday School during drop-off and pick-up. Please use the driveway between the Ministries Center and the Sanctuary to enter the campus from Montgomery Avenue during these weekday hours.

For more renovation updates, please visit us at:  
**[www.bmpc.org/welcome/renovation-updates](http://www.bmpc.org/welcome/renovation-updates)**

*This box will be updated regularly to keep you informed about how the renovation process is impacting our ministries and programs.*



## **Worship Staff**

**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Brian K. Ballard**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

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