



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2019
8:00 a.m., Chapel
First Sunday of Christmas

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

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

Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

See calendar for a complete schedule.

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 coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gymnasium after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

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

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: We who have lived in darkness — on us light has shined.

One: For unto us a Child has been born:

He is named Wonderful Counselor and Mighty God.

All: He is the Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

One: Let us worship the Child who was born.

All: Let us worship our Lord who redeems.

† HYMN 147

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Holy Incarnate God,

you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,

to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride

hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor;

we ignore cries for justice;

we do not strive for peace.

Forgive us, O God;

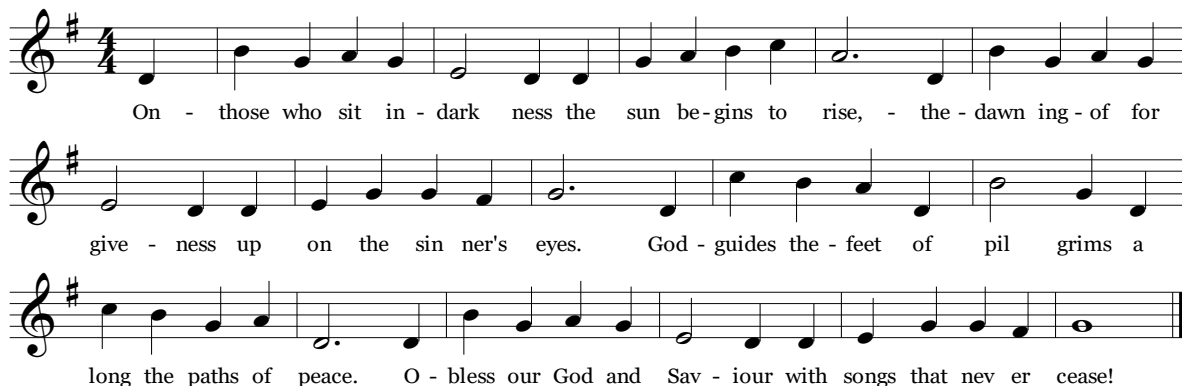
that we may show forth your glory,

shining in the face of our Emmanuel.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



On - those who sit in - dark ness the sun be-gins to rise, - the - dawn ing - of for
give - ness up on the sin ner's eyes. God - guides the - feet of pil grims a
long the paths of peace. O - bless our God and Sav - iour with songs that nev er cease!

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sally Nelson

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9 (*p. 693 in pew Bible*)

Sally Nelson

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:10-18 (*p. 219 in pew Bible*)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Joining the Circus

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN 144**

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Brian K. Ballard

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Henry Cordray

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Sally Nelson

USHERING

Deacon Jeff Swarr and Claire Swarr

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Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Sun., Jan. 19, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing church officers (Elders, Deacons and Trustees) and members of the 2020 Nominating Committee and for approving 2020 Pastoral Terms of Call. MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

REMINDER. When you are changing batteries on Christmas decorations and gifts, bring the discarded ones to the Ministries Center. Our Environmental Justice Committee disposes of batteries in a safe and environmentally-friendly way. Container is on the bottom shelf of the bookshelf next to the Reception Desk.

ORGAN RECORDING FOR SALE. Renowned organist Aaron Tan, a student of Jeffrey Brillhart, recorded a CD on our Rieger organ, and we have them for sale for \$15 each. The CD includes works by Jongen, Demessieux, Bonnal, Tchaikovsky, Karg-Elert, Bizet and Vierne. Cash payments or checks payable to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church will be accepted. Contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org to purchase.

This Week

SPECIAL GUEST AT REFUGEE SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING. Thurs., Jan. 2, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Cathryn Miller-Wilson, executive director of HIAS-Pennsylvania, a national organization with a distinguished history of providing legal and social services to low-income refugees and immigrants, will discuss the recent proposals to open new ICE facilities in the Philadelphia area.

SANCTUARY CHOIR OPEN REHEARSAL. Do you have questions about joining our Sanctuary Choir? On the first Thursday of every month we have an open rehearsal for visitors to drop in and try it out. Your next opportunity is Thurs., Jan. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org if you plan to attend.

Next Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, Jan. 5, 12, and 19, 8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads a study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus' most important teachings.

EVERY FAMILY IS A STORY. Sun., Jan. 5, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. The Rev. Debra Sutton, Middleton Center counselor and trauma specialist, leads us through a Family Systems approach to the Rev. Dr. Serene Jones' memoir, *Call It Grace*. Dr. Jones is our Theologian-in-Residence in late January, and her presentation is part of our celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Middleton Counseling Center.

Upcoming

FAMILY CAREGIVER DEMENTIA WORKSHOP. The Main Line Adult Day Center will host its fifth annual Family Caregiver Dementia Workshop on Sat., Jan. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This free workshop provides a forum for individuals to learn new strategies for helping their relatives with dementia, such as how to make the home safer, resources for acquiring adaptive equipment, and strategies to promote participation in activities. Light lunch included. Space is limited; registration required. LizDyke@mladc.com.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SPEAKER: THE REV. DR. CHARLES H. HOWARD. Sun., Jan. 12, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Howard, Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, is the editor of *The Souls of Poor Folk*, which explores new ways of considering homelessness and poverty; *The Awe and The Awful*, a poetry collection and Lenten Devotional; *Black Theology as Mass Movement*, a call to theologians to expand the reach of their theological work; and *Pond River Ocean Rain*, a small book about going deeper with a big God.

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Jan. 14, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Spirituality in Family Life. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 17, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join old and new friends for a potluck dinner and fellowship. The Rev. Margaret Somerville, Associate Pastor of Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, hosts our discussion, "Hold, Hands, Opening Hearts & Minds." Register: <http://bit.ly/HolyLeisureJan2020> and include your food or drink contribution.

HIGH SCHOOL SABBATH RETREAT. Fri., Jan. 24 - Sun., Jan. 26, North Bay Adventure Camp, Md., offers a weekend where youth can enjoy hiking, zip lines, small group fellowship, and worship together. Cost: \$299. Feel free to invite friends! Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance readily available for all trips and events. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 18, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join the Hunger Committee in preparing meals for area shelters. Bring your family and friends (children must be over 4 years old) for a rewarding Saturday morning! Register with Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

COLD WEATHER IS UPON US! COLLECTIONS OF WINTER CLOTHES. In January we are collecting winter coats for Broad Street Ministry and hats, gloves and scarves for children who attend the Tutoring Program. Donations may be placed in the collection bins located near the entrance to the Ministries Center.

THANK YOU. Your donations of frozen turkeys, hams and non-perishable food are *greatly* appreciated. During the past six weeks, the BMPC Hunger Committee distributed more than 50 turkeys and hams through our partner organizations. We continue to collect and distribute non-perishable food as well as funds donated through the Hunger Fund envelopes in the pews. Food scarcity persists in our community, and your ongoing support of the church's hunger ministry is much appreciated.

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 29

7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gymnasium

Monday, December 30

No scheduled activities.

Tuesday, December 31

No scheduled activities.

Wednesday, January 1

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

Thursday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 3

No scheduled activities.

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

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.
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 12.

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

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



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