



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2020
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Baptism of the Lord

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

Filling the Well

8:45 a.m., Converse House
Parlor

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall

Art @ 9

Ages 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

*See calendar at back of bulletin 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

Leigh DeVries

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

All: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

All: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

† HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.

We confess that we fail to receive the amazing blessedness you bestow upon us.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and cleanse us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life
and live together as heirs of your grace.

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

Joan LaLeike

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 29 (*p. 504 in pew Bible*)

Joan LaLeike

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17 (*p. 3 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Beloved and Free

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 375**

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leigh DeVries

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

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 543** God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

† **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
Gail D. Bentley
Peggy and Jack Weir
Ted, Marian and Gregory McMullan
Joyce K. Hackman

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Joan LaLeike

USHERING

Tom Hays

BULLETIN COVER

Baptism by Lucy Hunnicut

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

John E. Tait ~ November 9, 2019

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@bmmpc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENING. For those interested in dedicating flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an important milestone, we have space available for a flower arrangement in our Sanctuary on Sundays, Feb. 9 and 16. Following the Worship Service, flowers are used to create smaller arrangements for our Deacons to deliver to members who are unable to attend Worship. If you would like to dedicate flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an important milestone, contact Doreen Petrovitch, DKPetrovitch@gmail.com.

INVITATION TO JOIN SANCTUARY FLOWER TEAM. We have openings for new volunteers to join our team on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, to create small flower arrangements for Deacons to deliver to members. If interested, contact MonicaDevane@bmmpc.org.

BATTERY RECYCLING. 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.

KNITTERS NEEDED. Caring Ministries has an active prayer shawl ministry which, facing a shortage of shawls, needs new personnel. If you knit or crochet, your help would be much appreciated. CarolCherry@bmmpc.org.

Today

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SPEAKER: THE REV. DR. CHARLES H. HOWARD. 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Howard, Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, is 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.

This Week

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Jan. 14, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Looking ahead: Setting goals to support and sustain one another in 2020. Y-Group serves mothers and caregivers of young children. Childcare is provided. 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.

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.

Upcoming

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Endurance* by Scott Kelly. Joanne Hanna, joannehanna3@comcast.net.

BIBLE FROM SCRATCH. Thurs., Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m., Loft. Explore both the basic content and interpretative practices of reading and following scripture with the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick using the book *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpe.org.

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.bmpe.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance readily available for all trips and events. MaryRichards@bmpe.org.

BMPC WELCOMES THE REV. DR. SERENE JONES. Sat. and Sun., Jan. 25 and Jan. 26. In honor of the leadership of David and Ruth Watermulder, our Adult Education Committee has invited the Rev. Dr. Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary, to be our Theologian-In-Residence. She is presenting a lecture, “Theology is a Place,” on Jan. 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Congregational Hall. Coffee and light refreshments available at 9:30 a.m. The Middleton Center Anniversary Luncheon follows at 11:30 a.m. (Luncheon reservation requested: KikiMcKendrick@bmpe.org). On Jan. 26, Dr. Jones preaches at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and later, presents a lecture, “Theology is a Story,” at 11:15 a.m. in Congregational Hall.

Save the Date

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC ART. Sun., Feb. 2, 11:15 am, Chapel. Patricia Danzon, Middleton Center Spiritual Director, leads us through an introduction to Islamic art which is radically different than Christian art. Whereas the Church often uses art as a visual reminder of Bible stories, Islamic art for religious contexts bans the representation of humans/animals, and simply seeks to create a sense of the infinite nature of Allah.

BOOK STUDY: *LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK*. Tuesdays, Feb. 4 - March 10, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Within the Christian tradition, a time of darkness often is associated with God's absence. Yet, in *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Barbara Brown Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us *in the dark*. In this book, we are invited into a spirituality of the nighttime, where God teaches us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and gives us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments. This class is led by the Rev. Brian Ballard, and books are available directly from Brian. BrianBallard@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

COLD WEATHER IS UPON US! COLLECTION OF WINTER CLOTHES. In January we are collecting men's 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.

"SOUPER BOWL" OF CARING. Sun., Feb. 2. The Hunger Committee and BMPC Youth are collecting donations of cash and/or canned soups, stews, ravioli and other high-protein canned goods after Worship on "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Baskets are in the Narthex and Ministries Center.

This Week's Calendar

*For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.*

Today, January 12

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall
Art @ 9, Conference Room
10:00 a.m. **Worship with 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. Martin Luther King Jr. Speaker - Rev. Dr. Charles H. Howard, Chapel
Parent Meeting (Grades 4 & 5), Converse House Parlor
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, January 13

- 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, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
9:15 a.m. Y-Group Event: Imagining 2020, 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, Fine Arts Center

Wednesday, January 15

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
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
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
Trustee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Thursday, January 16

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Hunger Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 17

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, Event is Off Campus

Saturday, January 18

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall

Sunday, January 19

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 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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