



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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February 9, 2020  
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fifth 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

#### **Countering Slander: Fethullah Gulen's Life Beyond Propaganda**

Dr. John Pahl

11:15 a.m., Chapel

#### **Two Piano Concert: Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward**

2:00 p.m., Sanctuary

**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 Gymnasium 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.

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

Katherine H. Walton ~ January 23, 2020

Robert E. Campbell ~ February 2, 2020

James L. Bucklin ~ February 6, 2020

# GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## PRELUDE

“Impromptu” from *Twenty-four Pieces*

Louis Vierne

## WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is a story to tell in this place.

**All: It is a story of hope, a story of wonder, a story of abundant life.**

One: It is a story of the people who came before us,  
and passed along their faith.

**All: It is a story of those who come after us,  
To whom God promises a bright and hopeful future.**

One: Which is to say, it is a story of the living God,  
And of God's love for the world.

**All: Let us worship our God, who invites us to be part of this story.**

## † HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Caring and compassionate Creator,

we enter this place set apart for your worship,

knowing that we have failed to see you in other places.

We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky,  
in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us.

We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith,  
to be weighed down by what we do not have,  
rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us.

In these moments together, remind us that our time is in your hands, and we are  
called to find our purpose and meaning in the life to which you call us.

Help us to count our days as gifts meant for faithfulness to you.

*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

Agnes W. Norfleet  
Elder Karen Dunkman  
with Lindsay Collett

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

Colossians 4:2-6 (*p. 202 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

### ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Moses Hogan

Misoon Ghim and Siddhartha Misra, soloists

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. All through the night I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. My God gave it to me, Oh, children, I'm gonna let it shine, children. My God gave it to me, Lord, I'm gonna let it shine. My God gave it to me, Oh, children, I'm gonna let it shine. In my home, let it shine, All over the world, let it shine, let it shine, shine, shine, let it shine.

### SECOND LESSON

Psalms 90 (*p. 547 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Teach Us to Count Our Days*

Agnes W. Norfleet

### † HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Brian K. Ballard

God has allotted the precious gift of time to each of us.  
Our life span is limited and no hour comes again.  
We acknowledge daily tasks and relationships  
as our present calling from God.  
As we invest life in careers and avocations,  
we are to match our abilities to the world's needs.  
We are to include in the rhythm of our lives  
times when we set aside our own working  
to enjoy the world's goodness and beauty  
and to worship its Creator.

~ from *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

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord Thou Hast Been Our Refuge  
Sanctuary Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end. Thou turnest man to destruction; again Thou sayest come again ye children of men for a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home. As soon as Thou scatterest them they are even as asleep and fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and groweth up, but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered. For we consume away in Thy displeasure, and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation. For when Thou art angry all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end as a tale that is told, the years of our age are three score years and ten, and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength but labour and sorrow. So passeth it away and we are gone. Turn Thee again O Lord at the last. Be gracious unto Thy servants.

O satisfy us with Thy mercy and that soon. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from our one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end. And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us. O prosper Thou the work of our hands. O prosper Thou our handy work.

*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 686**

God of Our Life

SANDON

† **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**POSTLUDE**

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Janet F. Swanson

### **NARTHEX FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Warren “Pete” Musser

### **RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Hayden Mark Bilski, son of Whitney and Steven Bilski  
Aubrey Lynn Miinch, daughter of Katie and Ryan Miinch

### **GREETING AND HOSTING**

Members of our Y-Group

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Jonathan Jones

### **BULLETIN COVER**

Sanctuary photograph by Dave Tavani

## **Announcements**

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, March 2 and March 16, 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: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

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

**ADULT LEADERS NEEDED FOR TUESDAY NIGHT TUTORING PROGRAM.** Tuesdays through April, 6:45-8:00 p.m., Ministries Center. TutoringTuesday@gmail.com.

## **Today**

**ESTHER LIVE!** Following today’s Worship Service, the first and second grade Sunday School class invites you to Congregational Hall for the world premiere of their play retelling the story of Queen Esther.

**COUNTERING SLANDER: FETHULLAH GULEN’S LIFE BEYOND PROPAGANDA.** 11:15 a.m., Chapel, Dr. Jon Pahl, speaker. The Turkish preacher Fethullah Gulen, who has lived in a retreat center in the Poconos since 1999, is one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the contemporary world. He has inspired a global movement, “Hizmet” (service), which is dedicated to education, social enterprise and interreligious dialogue. Dr. Pahl, a faculty member at United Lutheran Seminary, recently published the first critical biography of this controversial figure: *Fethullah Gulen: A Life of Hizmet — Why a Muslim Scholar in Pennsylvania Matters to the World*.

**TWO PIANO CONCERT.** 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Laura Ward and Jeffrey Brillhart return to our musical series with a concert featuring the world premiere of Benjamin Boyle’s “Suite d’hiver,” commissioned for this concert. Fifty percent of the free-will offering collected supports the Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP), which meets the legal and advocacy needs of homeless individuals and families in Philadelphia. With a legal staff of nine and a corps of 350 volunteer lawyers, paralegals and law students, HAP engages in direct outreach to homeless individuals who need legal services.

## **This Week**

**Y-GROUP UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECT) PARTY.** Tues., Feb. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Y-Group invites all ages to bring an unfinished project to work on in community: knitting, cards, updating your calendar for 2020. Enjoy fellowship, encouragement, and even some inspiration. Abby Pottorff, [ygroupbmpc@gmail.com](mailto:ygroupbmpc@gmail.com).

**SANCTUARY CHOIR OPEN REHEARSAL.** Anyone interested in joining our Sanctuary Choir is invited to attend an open rehearsal on Thurs., Feb. 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. This is a great opportunity to meet our singers and learn what being in the choir is all about. Contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org if you plan to attend.

## **Next Sunday**

**THE BASICS OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH.** Sun., Feb. 16, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Asheq Fazlullah, Islamic Chaplain at Villanova University and leader of interfaith initiatives in the Philadelphia area, introduces us to the basics of Islam as we seek to better understand our neighbors and connections among the world's religions.

## **Upcoming**

**DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE.** Tues., Feb. 18, 2:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, the story of a Russian aristocrat living under house arrest in a luxury hotel for more than 30 years. EricThorJohnson@gmail.com.

**YOUTH SABBATH.** Sun., Feb. 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Loft. Come join us for an evening of fellowship over dinner, followed by a discussion led by Youth Music Director Timothy Wotring about resting in God in the midst of our busy lives.

**DIGGING DEEPER.** Sundays, Feb. 23, March 1-29, 8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult Day Center Living Room. Eugene H. Peterson's book, *Eat This Book: A Conversation on the Art of Spiritual Reading*, will guide our conversations this winter as we consider that our approach to reading the Bible is just as important as what we encounter within it. The Rev. Franklyn Pottorff leads this class, and the book is available directly from him. Barbie Heaton, barbhheaton@gmail.com.

**THE PASTORAL CARE OF JOHN CALVIN.** Sun., Feb. 23, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Before he was a theologian or reformer, John Calvin was first and foremost a pastor. The Rev. Brian Ballard explores some of Calvin's letters and sermons to catch a glimpse of Calvin as a pastoral caregiver to those whom God entrusted to him. Through Calvin's letters and sermons, you will see his passion for pastoral ministry and how his pastoral care shaped his theology.

**GATHERING OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS.** Sun., Feb. 23, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Our Mission Council invites all education professionals, including those who are retired or not currently working in education, for a brainstorming session on how BMPC might engage in education-based mission and outreach to our local community. This is part of a larger conversation on what mission and outreach might look like in our newly renovated spaces. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org if you are able to attend.

**CAMPUS RENOVATION PRESENTATION.** Sun., March 1, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join members of the Capital Campaign Continuation Committee, Renovation Committee and Voith & Mactavish Architects for a presentation outlining the current progress of the Education Building renovations and upcoming plans for the renovation of the Ministries Center.



## **Save the Date**

**BMPC GOES TO BROADWAY: “TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD.”** Wed., May 13, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Join us for a matinee performance of Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning American literary classic “To Kill a Mockingbird,” in a new play adapted by Aaron Sorkin and directed by Bartlett Sher. Bus leaves back parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 6:30 p.m. \$100 includes ticket, snacks, driver tip; lunch on your own in NYC. Register online: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations or mail a check payable to BMPC, attn: Amy Bauer.

**SECOND TRIP TO NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.** Sat., June 6, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bus departs from back parking lot. The National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. The previously advertised March trip is full, so we are offering this additional tour. Please arrive at church by 10:45 a.m.; bus departs at 11:00 a.m. and returns to BMPC by 7:00 p.m. \$50 per person; snacks provided; lunch on your own. Register online: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org).

**KIRKWOOD PLUNGE.** June 12-14. This summer we are offering for the first time ever a Kirkwood Plunge event where rising fifth to rising seventh graders, along with their parents, can experience a weekend of worship, play and service at Camp Kirkwood! Pricing: \$150 per participant; \$250 maximum per family. Scholarships available. Register online: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**YOUTH IMMERSION TRIP TO MEXICO CITY, MEXICO.** July 12-18. Open to ninth to 12th graders. Immersion trip [noun]: a weeklong experience of engaging in the life of another, that one may be transformed to better understand and love self, creation (including humans), and God. Tiered pricing: \$999; \$1,250; \$1,500 with scholarships available. Registration deadline: April 6. Sign up online: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

**CAMP KIRKWOOD.** Aug. 2-8. Rising sixth to rising 12th graders. Our annual weeklong summer camp is a sleep-away experience in the Poconos! Camp provides a fabulous opportunity for youth at all levels of church involvement to build lifelong relationships, experience the joy of the outdoors, and ask bold questions about life and faith in a safe and supportive environment. Tiered pricing: \$350; \$400; \$550 with scholarships available. Register online: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org).

## **Caring & Sharing**

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., Feb. 22, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Family-friendly event preparing casseroles for area food shelters (children must be at least four years old). RSVP: Sandie Nicholson, [sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

**DONATIONS FOR HUNGER COMMITTEE.** Financial donations are used to buy food for our monthly casserole blitzes and to fund area food shelters. Use the white Hunger envelopes in pew holders or note “Hunger” on the memo line of your check.

**RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES.** Did you know that batteries contain dangerous chemicals? When the batteries decompose in landfills, those chemicals may leak into the ground and cause soil and water pollution and harm animals, humans and the environment. Dispose of batteries by putting them in the white and blue container on the bottom shelf of the bookcase next to the Reception Desk in the Ministries Center. The Environmental Justice Committee pays for the cost of safe recycling!

## **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, February 9**

- 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, Ministries Center  
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gymnasium  
*Esther Live!*, Congregational Hall  
11:15 a.m. Countering Slander: Fethullah Gulen's Life Beyond Propoganda, Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
2:00 p.m. Two Piano Concert: Jeffrey Brillhart and Laura Ward, Sanctuary  
Officer Training, Converse House Parlor  
3:30 p.m. Post-concert Reception, Ministries Center Court

### **Monday, February 10**

- 7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

## **Tuesday, February 11**

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium  
9:15 a.m. Y-Group UFO (Unfinished Object) Party, Congregational Hall  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium  
**Robert E. Campbell Memorial Service, Sanctuary**  
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, February 12**

- 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 Bell  
6:30 p.m. Adult Education Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room  
Property Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor  
7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft

## **Thursday, February 13**

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium  
9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center  
10:00 a.m. Book Study: *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Converse House Parlor  
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, February 14**

- 10:00 a.m. Child & Youth Protection Training, Converse House Parlor  
4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

## **Saturday, February 15**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor  
9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

## **Sunday, February 16**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**  
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**  
The Rev. Brian K. Ballard 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](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**

**Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families**

**Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission**

**Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry**

**Franklyn C. Pottorff, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life & Stewardship**

**Jeffrey Brillhart, Director of Music & Fine Arts**

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