

Sunday, November 8, 2020

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh DeVries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Grant, O Lord Jesus,
that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs
may be closed to the voice of division;
that the eyes which have seen your great love
may also behold your blessed hope;
that the tongues which have sung your praise
may speak the truth in love;
that the feet which have walked in your courts
may walk in the region of light;
and that the community of your church
may be the body of Christ in and for the world you so love. Amen.

HYMN 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Expanding the Way
Seventh in a Series on the Acts of the Apostles

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

Hallelujah Chorus from "Mount of Olives"
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rachel Pedersen

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Tom & Courtenay Willcox

HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Theodore (Dorie) W. Friend, III ~ Nov. 4, 2020

Announcements

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Although there is no in-person Opening Day Market this year, you still can participate in this creative and meaningful gift-giving program. Orders for inserts and greeting cards may be placed via the AGM website — www.BrynMawrAGM.com — or by mailing/dropping off the order form enclosed in this year’s [catalog](#). Orders may be dropped off in the secure black mailbox immediately adjacent to the Radnor Street Parking lot. Filled orders can be picked up from a bin labeled “Advent Gift Market” outside the BMPC Chapel. Donors will be notified when orders are ready, usually 1-2 days after receipt of the order; when requested, insert cards may be downloaded and printed from your home computer. Contact: [Marian Chitester](#).

2020 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE. As we celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas as a congregation, you are invited to use the Advent Devotional which includes scripture, at home Advent candle lighting liturgies, and daily reflections from members of our congregation. You can access the devotional in three ways: [Download a PDF](#) of the devotional to print at home or read on your computer or mobile device; [sign up](#) to receive a daily email during the Advent and Christmas seasons with each day’s reflection; or pick up a printed copy of the devotional from the shelves outside the main entrance to the Chapel on the BMPC Campus. Contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

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).” Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ Flower Ministry. You may fill out an [online](#) donation form, or pick up a printed copy of the form in a bin outside the BMPC Chapel. The deadline for donations is Sun., Dec. 6. If you need a copy of the form mailed to you, contact Sarah Miciek at 610-525-2821 or SarahMiciek@bmpc.org.

This Sunday

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. The group has begun a discussion of Jemar Tisby’s book, *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism*. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

FILLING THE WELL. 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. This Sunday class for women is an opportunity for conversation, learning and mutual support. The group has begun a conversation on Ben Myers’ book, *The Apostles’ Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism*. [Click here](#) for more information about the class. For the Zoom link, contact [Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#).

DIGGING DEEPER. 9:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. Six-week study of *The Power of God and the gods of Power* by Daniel L. Magliore. Contact [Rev. Franklyn Pottorff](#).

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE. Sundays, Nov. 8–22 and Dec. 6, 11:15 a.m., via Zoom conference call. The names and stories of women in scripture often have been neglected — left out of the lectionary and absent from our conversations about biblical models of faith. During these four weeks we will explore the themes and significance of eight biblical women. Taken in pairs, these women introduce the practice of reading and understanding women in the Bible; they give us tools for reading and interpreting the whole of scripture. For more details on this class taught by the [Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick](#), and for the Zoom link, check out the [class page](#).

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE. 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary Lawn. Wearing masks and practicing physical distancing, this 30-minute worship service is designed families to participate in worship together. Be sure to bring a blanket to sit on. We will announce by 2:00 p.m. if the service is cancelled due to inclement weather.

This Week

CHAPEL OPEN TO MEMBERS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER. BMPC members are welcome to pray silently in the Chapel on Tuesdays from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. You are invited to sign in when you enter the Chapel, leaving your contact information. Prayer guides are available to lead your devotion and to mark your seat as having been occupied when you leave. Masks and social distancing required!

TAI CHI CLASSES. Improve your balance, regain serenity, join friends! Class meets virtually every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. For information and to sign up, contact Rich McKenzie, teacher at BMPC for 16 years, at rmcktaichi@yahoo.com or 610-873-0604.

FACEBOOK LIVE CONCERT SERIES. Join us as we continue to broadcast live concerts via [BMPC's Facebook page](#) on Tuesdays at noon. Our next concert on Nov. 10 features Jeffrey Brillhart and Edward Landin Senn playing organ and piano duets. [Stephanie Speakman](#).

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP. Every Friday at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom conference call. All senior adults are invited to this time of informal fellowship and conversation. The format is similar to the fellowship hour following Sunday worship. You will be able to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Stay for a few minutes or for the entire hour, whatever works best with your schedule. For the Zoom link, contact [Brian Ballard](#).

Upcoming

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: ROOT CAUSES AND REFLECTIONS ON FIVE YEARS OF MISSION. Fri., Nov. 20, 9:00–10:00 a.m., via Zoom conference call. Join the Senior Adult Council in welcoming the Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez Carrasco who will discuss their efforts to prevent human trafficking and forced labor and address the underlying issues of systemic poverty and human rights.

More than 21 million people worldwide are victims of human trafficking; forced labor victims have been found most often in construction, mining, fishing, agriculture, restaurants and domestic work. Since 2015, Cathy and Juan have served as mission co-workers for Presbyterian World Mission, PC (USA), and they work with Asian churches, non-governmental organizations and other world partners to address these forms of modern slavery. Cathy, a former pastoral resident at BMPC, Juan and their daughter Aurélie live in Manila, Philippines. Their ministry is supported by BMPC's Worldwide Ministries Committee and Presbyterian Women. For the Zoom link, contact BrianBallard@bmpc.org.

ADVENT VESPER SERVICES. BMPC will livestream Advent Vesper services beginning Sun., Nov. 29 at 4:00 p.m. You are invited to view these services via [BMPC's Facebook page](#), the [BMPC YouTube channel](#) or the [livestream page](#) on the church website.

Caring and Sharing

BMPC HUNGER FUND — NO TURKEY COLLECTION. Due to COVID-19 considerations, the BMPC Hunger Committee is not collecting turkeys this holiday season; instead we ask that you contribute to the BMPC Hunger Fund. These funds will be used to help those in need during the holidays as well as throughout the year. BMPC Hunger Ministries have continued supporting local food pantries during the pandemic, thanks to the generosity of our members. We know the need to support the food insecure in Greater Philadelphia will continue for months and years to come. Please give today via our [online giving page](#) or mail a check to BMPC, 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010, with Hunger Fund written on the memo line of your check.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS. The holiday season will be a bit different this year, but Christmas will come to the children and youth served by Gemma Services (formerly theVillage). You can make the holidays special for these young people by bringing gift cards and *unwrapped gifts* to the Drive-thru Drop Off between the Sanctuary and Chapel on Sun., Dec. 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. You also may drop off gift cards in BMPC's secure mailbox at the entrance facing the Radnor Street parking lot, or by appointment. Please note: *Delivery to Gemma's campus is by appointment only.* All gifts are due by Fri., Dec. 11.

Due to the pandemic, Gemma prefers gift cards from Target, Walmart, Amazon, Visa, Giant, Marshalls/TJ Maxx, Burlington Coat Factory, Foot Locker, Five Below and Best Buy. Increments of \$25 are ideal. You also may buy a gift for a child (Legos, toiletry gift sets, Rubik's Cubes, makeup, cards and card games, board games, squishies, basketball or football, remote controlled cars) or from [Gemma's Amazon Wish List](#). Contact: [Betty Wu](#).