

Sunday, December 6, 2020

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian K. Ballard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Loving God, you sent prophets
to direct our attention to your glorious ways,
and to remind us of our role as your covenant partners.
You call us to prepare ourselves for your coming,
to repent of the ways we have fallen short,
and to turn toward your paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.
As we await your full reign of peace and justice,
give us hope for a future held in your holy hands,
and guide our feet in the ways of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Michele and Galina Whipple

HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8; 7:13-14

Agnes W. Norfleet

SERMON

Isaiah

Agnes W. Norfleet

Second in Advent Series on Annunciations

ANTHEM

In the Year That King Uzziah Died
Sanctuary Choir Staff Singers

David McK. Williams

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; With twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me.

CALL TO OFFERING

Leigh DeVries

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.

HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

BENEDICTION

Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE

Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele
In dulci júbilo
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Georg Böhm
Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau
Johann Gottfried Walther

Announcements

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, Dec. 7 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom conference call. 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.

FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

ADVENT ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER. Copies are available in a bin outside the Chapel. You also can read it [online](#).

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Although we are unable to place orders in person this year, you still may 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 placed in the secure black mailbox immediately adjacent to the Radnor Street Parking lot. Filled orders may be picked up from a bin labeled “Advent Gift Market” outside the BMPC Chapel door. 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, we invite you to use the Advent Devotional which includes scripture, at-home Advent candle-lighting liturgies, and daily reflections written by members of our congregation. You can access the devotional in the following ways: [download a PDF](#) of the devotional to print at home or read on your computer or mobile device; [sign up](#) to receive an email with the daily reflection; or pick up a printed copy of the devotional from the shelves outside the Chapel entrance. 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 entrance. *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 is discussing 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](#).

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE. 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 this class 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](#).

CHRISTMAS ANGELS DRIVE-THRU DROP-OFF. You are invited to help make the holidays special for the young people served by Gemma Services (formerly theVillage) by bringing gift cards and unwrapped gifts to the Drive-thru Drop-Off between the Sanctuary and Chapel from 1:00-3:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for gift card recommendations and gift suggestions. 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. [Betty Wu](#)

ADVENT VESPER SERVICES. BMPC will continue to livestream Advent Vesper services on Sundays 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.

This Week

ADVENT STORY PATH LABYRINTH. Walking a labyrinth during Advent provides a meaningful way to journey to Bethlehem. The labyrinth is offered in the Chapel during the Chapel's open hours: Tuesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. A booklet of scripture verses and poems will be available to guide you as you journey through Advent.

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 Dec. 8 features Silvanio Reis, harpsichord. [Stephanie Speakman](#).

Upcoming

LONGEST NIGHT LABYRINTH. Sun., Dec. 20, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., candlelit from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., on the front lawn, weather permitting. You are invited to walk the labyrinth and receive the offer of light on this longest night. Masks and social distancing are required.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE. Sun., Dec. 20, 4:00 p.m., Livestreamed. The Christmas season can be a difficult time of year for many people. This service includes scripture readings, hymns, prayer, and a brief meditation for those who approach the holidays with grief, pain, or uncertainty. All are invited to view the service via [BMPC's Facebook page](#), the [BMPC YouTube channel](#) or the [livestream page](#) on the church website.