

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 2, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Second Sunday of Christmas



WELCOME

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors outside the Sanctuary doors following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Masks are required for both fully-vaccinated and unvaccinated people inside church buildings. Masks are not required for outdoor spaces. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that while COVID vaccines are available for children ages five to 11, some children may not have been vaccinated.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: www.bmpc.org.

Today's Schedule

Childcare

8:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Worship Together Sunday

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Grades 6-12

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Epiphanies for Trumpet and Organ

Alfred V. Fedak

I: Saw You Never, in the Twilight

II: Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

III: What Star Is This with Beams So Bright

Edward Landin Senn, organ & Steven Heitzer, trumpet

WELCOME

Leigh DeVries

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All God's people:

All: Come and worship the Word made flesh!

One: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

All: Come and worship the Prince of Peace!

One: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

All: Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

† HYMN 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born,
the object of your loving care.

In the fullness of time you spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love.

We wonder at the miracle of your creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.

Forgive us earthbound creatures,
feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love.

This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.

We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE On Those Who Sit In Darkness

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 - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leigh DeVries

FIRST LESSON

John 1:1-9 (*p. 91 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Up! Good Christen Folk, and Listen
BMPC Staff Singers

arr. G.R. Woodward

Up! good Christen folk, and listen How the merry church bells ring, And
from steeple Bid good people Come adore the new-born King. Tell the story
how from glory God came down at Christmastide, Bringing gladness, Chasing
sadness, Show'ring blessings far and wide. Born of mother, blest o'er other, Ex
Maria Virgine, In a stable ("Tis no fable), Christus natus hodie.

SECOND LESSON

John 1:10-18 (*pg. 91 in pew Bible*)

Brian K. Ballard

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Being and Becoming

Brian K. Ballard

† HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

What does it mean that he

“was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary”?

That the eternal Son of God,

who is and remains true and eternal God,
took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit,
from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,
a truly human nature
so that he might become David’s true descendant,
in all things like us except for sin.

~ from *Heidelberg Catechism*

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

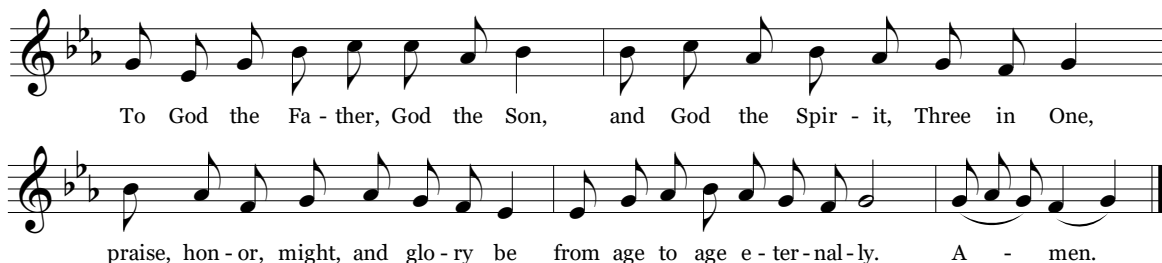
A New Year Carol
BMPC Staff Singers

Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear For to worship God with, this happy New Year. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.

† **DOXOLOGY**

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One,
praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN 151**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses 2, 3 and 4 sung by soloists
with the congregation joining at the refrain.

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

Brian K. Ballard

POSTLUDE

Introduction and Finale for Trumpet and Organ

Alfred V. Fedak

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“I am the resurrection and the life.”
Stuart C. Moore ~ December 16, 2021

WORSHIP NOTES

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Jonathan Jones

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Announcements

OFFICE CLOSURE. The church office will be closed on Mon., Jan. 3. For pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821.

SABBATICAL NEWS. Pastor Rachel Pedersen will be on Sabbatical from Dec. 29-Feb. 14. During this extended time away from BMPC, Rachel will be working with educators across the country to develop and curate faith formation resources for teachers and parents. In her absence, Mary Richards and Katie Singh, Children and Family Ministry staff members, are available to answer questions about the ministry and its related programs.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY WORSHIP. Sun., Jan. 16, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. This MLK holiday weekend, BMPC will host an interfaith community worship service to commemorate the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and our commitment as a larger community to work toward justice and racial reconciliation. We will be joined in worship by leaders, musicians and members from Bethel AME Church of Ardmore, Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, Beth David Reform Congregation, Old Haverford Friends Meeting, the Baha'i Community, and Or Zarua Congregation. The Rev. Carolyn C. Cavaness, pastor of Bethel AME Church, is preaching during this service. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

This Week

LABYRINTH WALK. Tues., Jan. 4, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. You are invited to walk the Chartres labyrinth in the newly-renovated Congregational Hall. An opening liturgy will take place on the labyrinth at 10:00 a.m. to bless this ministry and all those who come seeking. Masks and social distancing are required. KikiMcKendrick@bmpc.org.

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Thursdays, Jan. 6 and 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center. The Music and Fine Arts Department will hold auditions for positions in the BMPC Sanctuary Choir. To make an audition appointment, contact Patrick Howley, department manager, at PatrickHowley@bmpc.org. Walk-in candidates are welcome!

Next Sunday

ADULT EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE. Sun., Jan. 9, 11:15 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us in the newly-renovated Ministries Center space for an Adult Education Open House. Participants will be encouraged to walk through the newly-designed library and classrooms, to learn more about the new meeting spaces, volunteer to help in the library, talk with others about opportunities to connect through adult education, and to shop for deeply-discounted books from the Book Center. For more information, contact Alicia Franklin at afranklin@bmpc.org.

Upcoming

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 14, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. Renee Malnak leads our discussion of “Walking into Wellness.” RSVP online: <https://bit.ly/HolyLeisureJan2022> Contact Janet White at janetw298@verizon.net or 484-686-9507 for more information.

NEW CLASS: STORIES OF GOD. Sundays, Jan. 16 through Feb. 27, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join BMPC member Paul Burgmayer in a seven-week exploration of John Shea’s imaginative, challenging and thought-provoking book, *Stories of God*. A brilliant biblical storyteller and narrative theologian, Shea argues that we are the story God tells, and the stories we tell one another in response are not incidental, but essential to our lives. Read more about the class [online](#). If you wish to join this lively conversation, email Paul at burgmayer@verizon.net.

DEACONS’ ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 24, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood and assist with scheduling appointments. Register to donate blood online. Contact Monica Devane, 610-520-8823 or MonicaDevane@bmpc.org.

RENOVATIONS DEDICATION. On Sun., Jan. 30, we will celebrate the completion of the new Atrium and building renovations with a Service of Dedication during worship, followed by an Open House and art exhibit in the new Ministries Center Gallery by renowned painter Michael Bartmann. We have received our Certificate of Occupancy, and furnishings are being added to the newly-renovated spaces. Save the date for this significant celebration in the life of our congregation.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 22, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Make casseroles and friends! Get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause! Join the Hunger Committee in preparing casseroles for area shelters. Enjoy a family activity (children over age 5). Participants are required to be vaccinated, masked and to practice social distancing. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee invites you to support the Afghan refugee family who moved into Foerderer House on Dec. 1. The committee is hard at work helping the family settle in, register for schools, and navigate the community. If you are interested in helping through donations or one-time volunteer opportunities such as driving, making meals or babysitting, you may use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/support-sepah>

Calendar

Sunday, January 2

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
10:00	a.m.	Worship with BMPC Staff Singers, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Worship Together Sunday for Grades 6-12
11:00	a.m.	Advent Story Path Labyrinth - Open Walk, Children's Chapel

Monday, January 3

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Tuesday, January 4

8:30	a.m.	Tuesday Morning Study Group, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204
9:00	a.m.	Advent Story Path Labyrinth - Open Walk, Children's Chapel
10:00	a.m.	Chartres Indoor Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall

Wednesday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Advent Story Path Labyrinth - Open Walk, Children's Chapel
4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg. Lobby
5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
6:30 p.m. Handbells, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204

Thursday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Advent Story Path Labyrinth - Open Walk, Children's Chapel
6:00 p.m. Refugee Committee Meeting, Virtual
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Hybrid

Friday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Advent Story Path Labyrinth - Open Walk, Children's Chapel
10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council, Virtual

Saturday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Deacons' Retreat, Congregational Hall

Sunday, January 9

10:00 a.m. **Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

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

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