

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 7, 2024 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Baptism of the Lord



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 in the Atrium following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

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 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact the Rev. Rachel Pedersen, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Erika Henry, 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 (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101

“Seascapes” Exhibit

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Art Gallery, Ministries Center

Worship with Sanctuary Choir

10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School Classes

Age 2 - PreK

10:00 a.m., Education Building

Grades K - 5

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Education Building

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Atrium Cafe

11:00 a.m., Atrium

Evening Worship

5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Jesu Bright and Morning Star

Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With what shall we come before our God?

All: God has shown us what is good.

One: What does the Lord require of us,

**All: but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?**

One: Let us worship and serve God.

† HYMN 152 What Star is This, with Beams so Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we gather to hear your holy word and be immersed in your Spirit.

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

We know that we often remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ, and are slow to welcome one another into your beloved community.

In your loving kindness, forgive us and 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

During the Sung Response, children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

SUNG RESPONSE 698 Take, O Take Me As I Am TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go Now, Children, with Our Blessing



Go now, child-ren with our bless-ing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine u - pon you, and may
God be gracious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre - sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Franklyn C. Pottorff

FIRST LESSON Psalm 29 (pg. 504 in pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Behold, A Star from Jacob

Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising to reign in glory over the nations. Like some bright morning star is He, the promise of the coming day, beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful Hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, hail the brightness of Thy rising.

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:4-11 (pg. 34 in pew Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jesus' Baptism and Our Immersion

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kirby Lawrence Hill

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of people long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

~ from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 Beautiful Star Libby Larsen

Beautiful star whom I love, wondrous sun shining on me. Beautiful star, I ask only to love none but thee. Beautiful star, morning star of this holy day. Gentle star, light my nights, light of my life. From the skies you came down, bright star, to save my soul. Gracious starbeam, you soothe my heart and make me whole. Beautiful star, morning star of this holy day. Constant star, I want never to be far from your sight. When the world darkens about me, bright star, I dwell in your light. Beautiful star, morning star, holy day. Gentle star, light of my life.

*Please fill in the Friendship Pad at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.*

† **DOXOLOGY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

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** Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN 123** It Came Upon a Midnight Clear CAROL

† **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet

POSTLUDE In Thee Is Joy J. S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Ally Kim and Erik Starn

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Paul McConnell

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT EVENING WORSHIP

Ellis Rees Churchill
Daughter of Dunham & John Churchill

Announcements

CODE BLUE SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. For the month of January, BMPC will host a Code Blue Shelter to house up to five men sleeping outside in Lower Merion on the coldest nights. Volunteers will work in shifts from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. the nights the shelter is open. To receive the sign up link, a recording of last week's training/information session, or if you have questions, please contact the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Mondays, Jan., 15 and 22, 7:00 p.m., Gloucester Room. Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our "Discover BMPC" classes which will give you an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. Inquirers welcome. Contact the Rev. Dr. Frank Pottorff, FrankPottorff@bmpc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. An opening is available on Sunday, Jan. 14 for a donor who wishes to give flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Later, our Deacons deliver small arrangements of the Sanctuary flowers to homebound church members. If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepf, bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

Today

“SEASCAPES” BY JOÃO MAGALHÃES. Today, Ministries Center Art Gallery. Forget about the dark and gloomy days of winter and transport yourself into the sun and breeze of the summer months. The art gallery is open on Sundays from 9:00 A.M. to noon, and Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The exhibit runs through Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024. To purchase any of the works in the exhibit, please contact the Music and Fine Arts Department, mfa@bmpc.org.

EVENING WORSHIP. Today, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This simple worship service invites all to celebrate Epiphany and the sacrament of Baptism through scripture, song and prayer. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen will preach.

Upcoming

INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND. Sunday, January 14, 10:30 a.m. Bethel AME Church of Ardmore, 163 Sheldon Ln, Ardmore, PA. Join your fellow BMPC members and members from other local churches and synagogues as we gather for this annual interfaith worship service in remembrance of the legacy of Dr. King and as we seek to build the beloved community, deepen our relationships and recommit ourselves to our common work for racial justice.

HOLY LEISURE POTLUCK. Fri., Jan. 19, 6:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Join us for a Holy Leisure Potluck and discussion with BMPC social worker Kathryn West. RSVP online with a shared food item: <https://bit.ly/Holyleisurepotluck2024Jan19>. Questions may be directed to Janet White, janetw298@verizon.net.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 20, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join us to make casseroles and friends at the Hunger Committee’s Casserole Blitz! Enjoy this family activity (children over age 5) as you get to know BMPC folks you haven’t met before and support a good cause while working with others to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Upcoming Dates: Feb. 19, Mar. 18. Please use our RSVP link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/Blitz-RSVP>.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP. Sun., Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join volunteers of children and youth, parents, and community members for an important discussion around mental health. Laurel Roe (child and adolescent counselor) and Kathryn West (BMPC social worker) will walk us through key signs of emotional distress and tools for helping children and youth navigating challenging times. We can arrange childcare if that would allow you to participate. Lunch will be provided after the 10:00 a.m. worship service and Congregational meeting. Questions may be directed to Mary Richards, MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

JAMES KEALEY ORGAN RECITAL. Sun., Jan. 21, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Mr. Kealey is the Laureate of the 2022 American Guild of Organists’ “National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance.” His program will feature Maurice Duruflé’s tone poem, “Prélude, Adagio, et Choral varié” on the Pentecost chant theme of Veni Creator, and David’ Hurd’s “On the name of MAURICE DURUFLÉ.” Fifty percent of the free-will offering taken will benefit the AGO Philadelphia Scholarship Fund.

DEACONS’ ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE. Mon., Jan. 22, 1:00-6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood; register online: <https://bit.ly/2024-Blood-Drive>. Contact Monica Devane, 610-520-8823 or MDevane@bmpc.org.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP. Thurs. Jan. 25 - Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. This fully online book discussion group focuses on topics around faith, spirituality, and personal growth. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, this winter we will spend five weeks on John Philip Newell’s book – *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What our Souls Know and Healing the World*. By embracing the wisdom of Celtic Christianity, we can learn how to listen to the sacred and see the divine in all of creation and within each of us. To register for this class and to purchase the book, contact Alicia Franklin, AliciaFranklin@bmpc.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP. June 25-28. Rising 6th-8th graders will be traveling to Camp Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA for Middle School Camp! Youth will hear all about Jesus from the keynote speaker, swim, meet new friends, and play lots of games! The cost is \$650, with scholarships available. Sign up by March 15! The link to sign up can be found on the website, Realm, youth Enews, or by emailing Shayla Jordan, shaylajordan@bmpc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP. July 28- August 3, Montreat Conference Center. Rising 9th-12th graders are invited to join the youth group for the High School Summer Camp in Montreat, NC. Youth will learn all about Jesus, connect with new and old friends from across the country, and play games! Sign up on the website by March 15. Questions? Reach out to Shayla Jordan, ShaylaJordan@bmpc.org.

Calendar

Sunday, January 7

7:45 a.m. Childcare (Birth-Kindergarten), Ed. Bldg., Rm. 101
 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
 8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
 Filling the Well, Children's Library, Ed. Bldg.
 9:55 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2s, 3s, and Pre-K, Ed. Bldg.
 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir,**
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
 Youth Gathering, Gymnasium
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
 11:00 a.m. Atrium Cafe, Atrium
 Family Fellowship, Ed. Bldg.
 2:00 p.m. Ardmore Food Pantry Presentation, Fullerton Room
 5:00 p.m. **Evening Worship, Sanctuary**

Monday, January 8

4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Cannon Room
 6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Cannon Room
 Middle School Mondays, Gymnasium
 5:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Gloucester Room

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga(Hybrid), Gymnasium
 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi (Hybrid), Gymnasium
 6:45 p.m. BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg
 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Fullerton Room

Wednesday, January 10

9:30 a.m. Yoga206 Bone Boost Class, Gymnasium
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Cup Bible Study (Hybrid), Cannon Room
 Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor
 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays Together, Ed. Bldg
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
 5:45 p.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
 7:00 p.m. High School Student Serve, Gymnasium
 Worldwide Ministries Meeting Meeting, Cannon

Thursday, January 11

11:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Kitchen
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 12

No events Scheduled.

Saturday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
 11:00 a.m. **John B. Huffaker Memorial Service, Chapel**

Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir**
Sanctuary and Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org
 The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Kirby Lawrence Hill, Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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