



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

November 10, 2019
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Thirty-second 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

8:00 a.m. Worship, Chapel

Digging Deeper

8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult
Day Center, First Floor

Filling the Well

8:45 a.m., Converse House
Parlor

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall

Art @ 9

Ages 3 - Grade 5

8:45 a.m., Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

*See calendar at back of bulletin for
a complete schedule.*

NEW HERE? We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our programs is available near the main entrance. We invite you to participate in any of our programs, ministries and mission opportunities, as they are open to all.

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 Gym after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

TO ASSIST YOU DURING WORSHIP. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher or server know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by adding your email address to the Fellowship Register. For additional information about today's schedule, see the calendar at the back of this bulletin.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;

**All: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations;
Proclaim that God's name is exalted.**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

All: For great in our midst is the Holy One.

† HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of the whole human family,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that often our sin and pride hide the goodness of your light.

Too often we ignore cries for justice and do not strive for your peace.

We see difference as a source of division

and use language that tears down rather than builds up community.

In your mercy, hear our confession and forgive us.

Renew us to be transformed to show forth your love

revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*sung twice*)

Take, O take me as I am. Sum - mon out what I shall be;
Set your seal u - pon my heart, and live in me.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jean Bay

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 19 (*p. 498 in pew Bible*)

Jean Bay

SECOND LESSON

James 3:1-10 (*p. 230 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Acceptable Words

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 714**

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Brian K. Ballard

You are invited to come forward, using the center aisle, to partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the cup); return to your seat using the side aisle. Gluten and casein-free elements are on the center table.

You are invited to bring your offering when you come forward.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 757** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given in celebration of the baptism of
Van Henry Reiner,
and in loving memory of his grandfather,
Van R. Reiner

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James Howard Milo, son of Louise & Michael Milo
Van Henry Reiner, son of Sarah & David Reiner

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Deacon Jean Bay

USHERING

Deacon Brian Kerr

BULLETIN COVER

Te Deum ~ Photo by Bill Kemmerer

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

Virginia Mulligan ~ November 1, 2019

Announcements

BRYN MAWR GIVES: STEWARDSHIP 2020. Thank you for sending your pledges in! We are off to a strong start in this campaign and want everyone to know that most of the elected leaders of our church have pledged as a sign of their commitment to our campaign. This week we note that our youth program is supported by your stewardship gifts.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Consider learning more about being in community here by attending our “Discover BMPC” orientation classes on Mondays, Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 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 at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. Calling all actors and readers! Children 4 years and older are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve family service on Dec. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Deadline is Mon., Nov. 11. Contact MaryRichards@bmpc.org with the ages of children and if they would like to speak, read, or act.

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).” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used year-round for our floral decorations and Deacons’ flower ministry. Deadline: Sun., Nov. 24.

DO YOU LOVE BOOKS? Volunteers are needed for the Converse House Library! Shelving, sorting, etc. can be done at whatever time suits your schedule. Kat MacMurray, katrmac2@icloud.com.

Today

NEAR EAST SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Presentation by the Rev. Dr. George Sabra, President of NEST. Located in Beirut, Lebanon, it is one of the preeminent Christian seminaries in the Middle East. A long-term mission partner of BMPC, its staff works faithfully to train the next generation of clergy serving in Presbyterian Churches in Lebanon and Syria who face one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our generation.

STEEL CONTEMPLATION – ART IN THE CHILDREN’S CHAPEL. Today you are invited to view a series of art pieces by BMPC member George Robert (Bob) Overhiser Jr., based on his first-hand experiences in New York City on September 11, 2001.

This Week

Y-GROUP STOCKING DECORATION. Tues., Nov. 12, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Share the joy of Christmas by decorating Christmas stockings for children and youth served by theVillage. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

Next Sunday

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. Sun., Nov. 17, 11:00-12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for the opening Market Festival where representatives from the various committees and councils explain about the chosen mission projects. AGM representatives are taking orders on successive Sundays in the gymnasium. Orders also may be placed online at www.bmpe.org.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RELIGION BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK. Sun., Nov. 17, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads an informal conversation on the basics of Christian theology, the Bible and tradition, based on questions that participants bring to the class.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR. Sun., Nov. 17, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families, is to be ordained and installed in a special worship service. Reception follows. Childcare is available by emailing childcare@bmpe.org with your request.

Upcoming

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Nov. 19, noon, Converse House Parlor. Discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. JoanneHanna3@comcast.net.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Nov. 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Please note new time and location. Join us as we discuss this award-winning novel, *The Remains of the Day*, by Nobel Prize winner Kazuo Ishiguro. Light refreshments will be served. Erichorjohnson@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Entertainment Center. Discuss the war on drugs, immigration, and trade issues that have pressured the United States and Mexico Partnership. Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

BIBLE FROM SCRATCH. Thurs., Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m., Loft. Led by the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. If you're ready to think about scripture in new and creative ways, this class is for you.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Thurs., Nov. 28, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for "Pancakes for a Purpose," and enjoy fellowship and food at this annual event. All proceeds (\$5 per person) support the youth mission projects and trips.

ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP. Sun., Dec. 1, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Families are invited to a festive event to create craft projects to help prepare for the Advent season. Join us for hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages!
MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

THE PROPHETS IN ADVENT. Sundays, Dec. 1-15, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Tim Horner, Assistant Professor at Villanova University, offers three classes on the Season of Advent and how the prophets called for justice then and now.

ADVENT HARPSICHOORD RECITALS. Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 12:00 p.m. Temple University harpsichord students Silvanio Reis and Anna Kislitsyna, and their professor, Joyce Lindorff, perform 30-minute recitals on BMPC's William Dowd Memorial Harpsichord. A free-will offering supports theVillage, one of BMPC's mission partners making great strides to promote the healing of the spirits of children, families, and communities broken by violence, neglect, addiction, poverty, mental illness, racism, and other serious societal problems.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: MAGNIFICAT. Sun., Dec. 8, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Celebrate the Christmas season with all of BMPC's choirs, accompanied by the Brandywine Brass. This concert also features works by Anton Bruckner, Paul Halley, Gerald Finzi, Franz Biebl, Elizabeth Poston, William Dawson as well as congregational carol singing. A free-will offering supports Prevention Point Philadelphia, a nonprofit organization working to fight the opioid crisis by providing harm-reduction services in the Philadelphia area.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY FOR SINGLES AND COUPLES AGE 50+. Sun., Dec. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., New location: Merion Tribute House (directions to be mailed). Register by Dec. 4 online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations or with a check for \$18 per person that includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages.
attn: Monica Devane.

Caring & Sharing

TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION. Frozen turkeys and hams may be contributed for distribution by the Hunger Committee during November. Freezer is located next to the food cupboard near the elevators in the Ministries Center.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS. Share the spirit of Christmas by adopting a family or sponsoring a child (five to eight gifts per child). Contact Betty Wu: bmpcangels@gmail.com, stop by the Angel Tree in the Ministries Center, or sign up online: <http://bit.ly/2019BMPCAngels>. Gifts are due by Sun., Dec. 8.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED. Donations have been *low*, and the need is *great*. Place donations in baskets in the Narthex or in the food cupboard in the hallway next to the elevators in the Ministries Center. Financial donations may be made with Hunger Envelopes in the pew holders or by noting "Hunger" on the memo line of your check.

This Week's Calendar

***For more information, visit our website at www.bmpc.org,
call the church office, or contact communications@bmpc.org.***

Today, November 10

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Digging Deeper, Main Line Adult Day Center, First Floor Living Room
Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall
Art @ 9, Conference Room
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism & 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, Pastors' Conference Room
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gymnasium
11:15 a.m. The Rev. Dr. George Sabra, President, Near East School of Theology, Chapel
Confirmation Retreat, Event is Off Campus
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, November 11

- 4:00 p.m. Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
6:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Converse House Parlor
7:00 p.m. Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, November 12

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
9:15 a.m. Y-Group Stocking Decorating, Congregational Hall
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
2:30 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group, Congregational Hall
6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Chapel

Wednesday, November 13

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

Thursday, November 14

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 9:45 a.m. Winterthur Distinctive Collections Tour & The Crown, Event is Off Campus
- 10:00 a.m. 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, November 15

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

Saturday, November 16

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. **Mary Jane Kleckner Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel**

Sunday, November 17

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12
- 4:00 p.m. **Ordination & Installation of Leigh DeVries, Sanctuary**

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

This box will be updated regularly to keep you informed about how the renovation process is impacting our ministries and programs.



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