



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 1, 2019
8:00 a.m., Chapel
First Sunday of Advent

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

Filling the Well

8:45 a.m., Converse House
Parlor

Art @ 9

Ages 3 - Grade 5
8:45 a.m., Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary Joint 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 on the Ministries Center Balcony 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

Leigh DeVries

† CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Cathy Whiteside

One: The Advent wreath is made of evergreens
To remind us of the never-ending love of God.

All: We trust in God to make all things new.

One: Because Jesus promised to be with us when we gather in his name,

All: Our worship celebrates God's presence in our midst.

One: We await the coming of the Christ in full glory,

All: The Lord God who does awesome deeds we do not expect.

One: Jesus said, "While you have the light, believe in the light,
So that you may become children of Light."

All: We are ready to welcome the Light of the World!

One: We join our voices in praise and rejoicing as we sing with expectation.

All: May this candle shine in our midst as joy to the world.

† HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

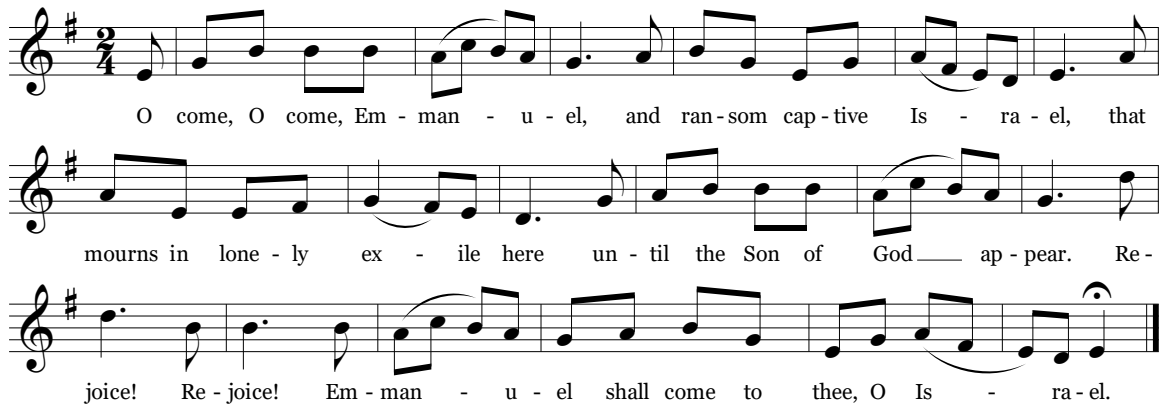
AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, who comes to us, we rejoice that through the ages you have given your people messages of hope which have brought us confidence and joy. Forgive us when we fail to discern your presence with us, or when we have doubted your love for the whole world. Illumine this season with the light of Christ's resurrection, the assurance that you are with us, and the faith that enables us to live joyfully and expectantly as we celebrate your coming.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, that
mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re -
joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Whiteside

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 98 (*p. 551 in pew Bible*)

Cathy Whiteside

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44 (*p. 27 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Joy to the World

Agnes W. Norfleet

First in Advent Series on the Radical Hope of the Carols

† **HYMN 134**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leigh DeVries

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 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Cdr. George C. and Esther Ann McFarland

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Cathy Whiteside

USHERING

Elder Tom Willcox

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

In the sweet familiarity of the carols we sing, do we still hear the radical hope they proclaim? This series considers how the biblical texts and carols together prepare us to receive the amazing in-breaking power of God, as we attend anew to *Joy to the World*, *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* and *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.

BULLETIN COVER

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Announcements

BRYN MAWR GIVES: STEWARDSHIP 2020. Thank you to those of you who have made such generous and thoughtful commitments to this church! “Give, and it will be given to you...” Luke 6:38. There is still time to get those pledges in online, by mail or by plate. Thank you! We are currently at 75 percent of our goal.

BOOK CENTER CHRISTMAS SPECIALS! Great selection of books for children and adults! Visit our table during coffee and fellowship in the Gymnasium.

Today

ADVENT GIFT MARKET. 11:00-12:30 p.m., Ministries Center Balcony. Representatives are available to receive AGM orders. To order online, visit <http://bit.ly/2019AdventGiftMarket>.

ADVENT CRAFT WORKSHOP. 11:20 a.m., Congregational Hall. All are invited to a festive event to create craft projects that help prepare for the Advent season. Join us for hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages!

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

This Week

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? A “Discover BMPC” orientation class is being offered on Mon., Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center. This class provide an opportunity to become acquainted, ask questions, and learn more about our church, our Presbyterian heritage, and our mission. FranklynPottorff@bmpc.org.

ADVENT STORY PATH LABYRINTH. Offered in the Chapel during December. Chapel is open for walkers Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

ADVENT HARPSICHORD 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 that 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.

HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY. Wed., Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Brian Ballard leads Lesson 4, “Words of Love: Honor the Life-Givers” in *Love Carved in Stone*. Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

EVENINGS OF QUIET PRAYER. Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and 11, 6:00-6:45 p.m., the Middleton Center, Rm. 202, second floor of Converse House. Join us for two evenings of gentle prayer, candlelight and thoughtful conversation. Patricia Danzon, spiritual director, along with the Rev. Brian Ballard and Deacon David Heaton, facilitate prayers, readings, contemplative music and a time of sharing. BBallard@bmpc.org.

BIBLE FROM SCRATCH. Thurs., Dec. 5, 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.

Next Sunday

GATHERING OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. Sun., Dec. 8, 11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. The BMPC Mission Council invites all medical professionals, including those who are retired, for a brainstorming session on how our church might engage in medical mission and outreach to the local community. This is part of a larger conversation on what mission and outreach might look like in our newly-renovated spaces. A light lunch follows. RSVP to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org to confirm attendance.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: "MAGNIFICAT." Sun., Dec. 8, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Celebrate the Christmas season with all BMPC 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., 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 (includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages.) attn: Monica Devane.

Upcoming

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Dec. 10, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for fellowship during our Gratitude Coffee Hour. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

Y-GROUP COOKIE SWAP AND GIFT COLLECTION. Thurs., Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m., home of Annie Lee. Annual cookie swap and gift collection for children and youth served by theVillage. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpc@gmail.com.

DIMENSIONS IN LITERATURE. Tues., Dec. 17, 2:00 p.m., Converse House Parlor. Discuss *Mrs. Sherlock Holmes: The True Story of New York City's Greatest Female Detective and the 1917 Missing Girl Case That Captivated a Nation* by Brad Ricca. EricThorJohnson@gmail.com.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Entertainment Center. Discuss the “State of the State Department and Diplomacy.” Marilyn Irwin, marirwin@aol.com.

A WEE CHRISTMAS. Tues., Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Designed for children ages 2 - 5 and their families, this special retelling of the Christmas story allows our youngest members to hear and participate in the story of Jesus’ birth. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE. Wed., Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. This special worship service is for anyone who finds joy and celebration difficult to experience during the Christmas season. Scripture readings, the singing of carols, a brief meditation by the Rev. Brian K. Ballard, and a time of prayer to express our yearnings for healing and wholeness are intended to lead us through the long darkness. A labyrinth set up on the front lawn, invites walkers following the service, weather permitting.

Caring & Sharing

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 Trees in the Ministries Center; or sign up online: <http://bit.ly/2019BMPCAngels>. Gifts are due by Sun., Dec. 8.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. ‘Tis the season to cook! Join the Hunger Committee in the Ministries Center to prepare casseroles for area shelters. Families are welcome; children must be at least 4 years old. Register with Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Support past, present and future leaders! A Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, this Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges that serve communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Look for offering envelopes in the pew holders on Dec. 15 and 22, or note “Christmas Joy” on the memo line of your check.

COLD WEATHER IS UPON US! UPCOMING COLLECTIONS OF WINTER CLOTHES. Broad Street Ministry has a great need for winter coats. In addition, we are collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for children who attend the Tutoring Program. In January, Donations may be placed in the collection bins located near the entrance to the Ministries Center.

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 also may be made using 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, December 1

- 7:45 a.m. Childcare, Fullerton Room
8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
8:45 a.m. Filling the Well, Converse House Parlor
Art @ 9, Conference Room
10:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Youth Chorale, Sanctuary Choir and
Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Sanctuary**
Joint Sunday School for age 2-PreK, Ministries Center Court
Grades K-5 Begin Worship in the Sanctuary
Joint Sunday School for Grades 6-12, Ministries Center Court
10:15 a.m. Joint Sunday School for Grades K-5, Ministries Center Court
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Ministries Center Balcony
Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center Balcony
11:15 a.m. The Prophets in Advent Class, Chapel
11:20 a.m. Advent Craft Workshop, Congregational Hall

Monday, December 2

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
7:00 p.m. "Discover BMPC" Class, Converse House Parlor

Tuesday, December 3

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium
12:00 p.m. Advent Harpsichord Recital, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Gymnasium
6:45 p.m. Tutoring, Congregational Hall
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Chapel
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Meeting, Pastors' Conference Room

Wednesday, December 4

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
- 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. Quiet Prayer, Middleton Center, Room 202
- 7:00 p.m. Student Serve, Loft
- Worldwide Ministries Committee Meeting, Event is Off Campus

Thursday, December 5

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center
- 10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
- 6:00 p.m. Refugee Support Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Bible from Scratch, Loft
- Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
- Christmas Concert Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center

Friday, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor

Saturday, December 7

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Cub Scout Pack 110 Raingutter Regatta, Gymnasium
- 9:00 a.m. Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center
- 1:00 p.m. **Benjamin Jones Memorial Service, Chapel**

Sunday, December 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary**
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.
Sunday School for age 2 - Grade 12.

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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