



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 15, 2019
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Third 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

Digging Deeper

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

Art @ 9

Ages 3 - Grade 5

8:45 a.m., Conference Room

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

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 Gymnasium 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

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Bill McKee

One: The coming of the Lord draws near.

**All: The prophet Isaiah proclaims,
“The Lord is our strength and salvation.”**

One: “Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of God.”

All: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

One: Jesus was born among us full of grace and truth.

All: Christ comes to reign over all creation in full glory.

One: All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

All: We praise God with our whole being.

One: We light these candles with hope in our hearts,

All: That God’s love for the world will shine through us for the world.

† HYMN 84

Creator of the Stars of Night

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace.

You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We
hide our eyes from your presence.

We do not heed your call to discipleship as we should.

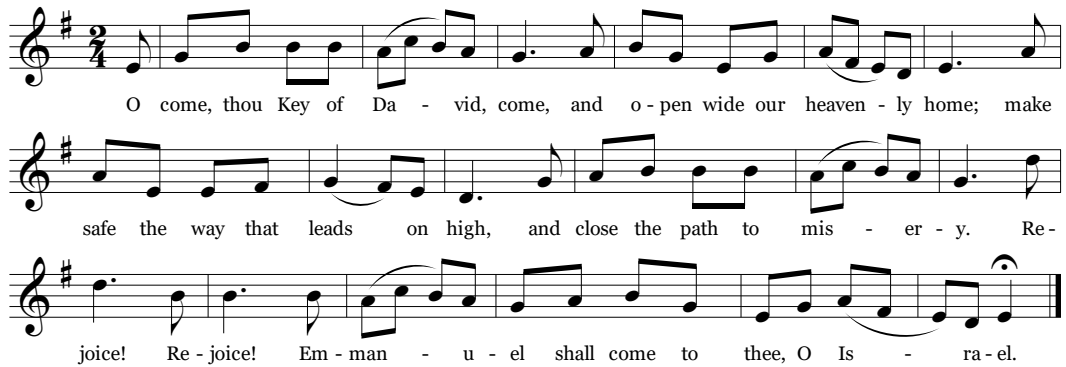
We do not hear your word as a message of truth for our time.

Forgive us, O God, and open our hearts to the good news we have heard,
that our lives may be transformed by your love for the world.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home; make
safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y. 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

Bill McKee

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10 (*p. 663 in pew Bible*)

Bill McKee

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 11:2-11 (*p. 11 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

O Children of the Forest Free
Third in Advent Series on the Radical Hope of Carols

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 142**

‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Stewardship

Elliot Dee

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 105

People, Look East

BESANCON

† 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
Lore Kephart

ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION

Elder Bill McKee

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

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE. 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Family Service with Nativity Tableau (infant and toddler childcare available without reservations in the Ministries Center).

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE. 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Candlelight Service with Communion with the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet (childcare available without reservations in the Ministries Center). Prelude begins at 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS. 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols with the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet. Prelude begins at 10:30 p.m.

REMINDER. When you are switching out batteries on Christmas decorations and gifts, bring the used ones to the Ministries Center. The Environmental Justice Committee disposes of batteries in a safe and environmentally-friendly way. Container is on the bottom shelf of the bookshelf next to the Reception Desk.

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

ORGAN RECORDING FOR SALE. Renowned organist Aaron Tan, a student of Jeffrey Brillhart, recorded a professional album on our Rieger organ, and we have CDs for sale for \$15 each. The album includes works by Jongen, Demessieux, Bonnal, Tchaikovsky, Karg-Elert, Bizet, and Vierne. Cash or check payments made out to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church may be accepted. Contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpe.org to purchase.

Today

DIGGING DEEPER. 8:45 a.m., Main Line Adult Day Center, Living Rm., 1st Floor. Wrap-up study of “The Evolution of Faith” led by the Rev. Franklyn Pottorff.

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

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

YOUTH UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER FEST. 4:00-6:00 p.m., Gymnasium. A joyful evening of food, fellowship and fun. We’ll have music, holiday snacks, games, conversation and other awesome Christmas festivities. Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater and bring a white elephant gift under \$20.

This Week

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. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADVENT HARPSICHORD RECITAL. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 12:00 p.m. Temple University harpsichord student Anna Kislitsyna performs a 30-minute recital on BMPC's William Dowd harpsichord. A free-will offering supports the Village, 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.

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.

Upcoming

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH ALUMNI GATHERING. Tues., Dec. 24, 9:30 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Worship on Christmas Eve is made even more special by meeting with those who grew up at BMPC and now are home for the holidays. Join old friends after the 8:30 p.m. and before the 11:00 p.m. services. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP. Sundays, Jan. 5, 12, and 19, 8:45 a.m., Congregational Hall. The Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray leads a study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus' most important teachings in compact form.

FAMILY CAREGIVER DEMENTIA WORKSHOP. The Main Line Adult Day Center will host its fifth annual Family Caregiver Dementia Workshop on Sat., Jan. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This free workshop provides a forum for individuals to learn new strategies for helping their relatives with dementia, such as how to make the home safer, resources for acquiring adaptive equipment, and strategies to promote participation in activities. Light lunch included. Space is limited. Registration required. LizDyke@mladc.com.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SPEAKER: THE REV. DR. CHARLES H. HOWARD. Sun., Jan. 12, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Howard, Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, is the editor of *The Souls of Poor Folk*, which explores new ways of considering homelessness and poverty; *The Awe and The Awful*, a poetry collection and Lenten Devotional; *Black Theology as Mass Movement*, a call to theologians to expand the reach of their theological work; and *Pond River Ocean Rain*, a small book about going deeper with a big God.

Save the Date

HIGH SCHOOL SABBATH RETREAT. Fri., Jan. 24 - Sun., Jan. 26, North Bay Adventure Camp, Md., offers a weekend where youth can enjoy hiking, zip lines, small group fellowship, and worship together. Cost: \$299. Feel free to invite friends! Register online at www.bmpc.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance readily available for all trips and events. MaryRichards@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

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 that provides critical financial support to church workers and their families and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges that serve communities of color. Look for offering envelopes in the pew holders today and on Sun, Dec. 22, or note "Christmas Joy" on the memo line of your check.

COLD WEATHER IS UPON US! UPCOMING COLLECTIONS OF WINTER CLOTHES. In January we are collecting winter coats for Broad Street Ministry and hats, gloves and scarves for children who attend the Tutoring Program. 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 15

- 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
Art @ 9, Conference Room
10:00 a.m. **Worship with 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
Advent Gift Market, Gymnasium
11:15 a.m. The Prophets in Advent, Chapel
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center
4:00 p.m. Youth Ugly Christmas Sweater Fest, Gymnasium

Monday, December 16

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
9:30 a.m. Clergy Colleague Group, Middleton Center, Room 202

Tuesday, December 17

- 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
2:00 p.m. Dimensions in Literature, Converse House Parlor and Library
2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom
4:00 p.m. A Wee Christmas, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Wednesday, December 18

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Congregational Hall
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. **Longest Night Worship Service, Sanctuary**
Student Serve, Loft

Thursday, December 19

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class, Gymnasium
- 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, December 20

- 8:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel

Saturday, December 21

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Advent Labyrinth, Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Workshop, Fullerton Room

Sunday, December 22

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Worship with Baptism and 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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