



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2020
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME TO BMPC

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Childcare (infant - age 5)

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fullerton Room, Ministries Center

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Age 2 - PreK Classes

10:00 a.m., Ministries Center

Grades K - 5 Classes

10:00 a.m., Worship in Sanctuary

10:15 a.m., Ministries Center

Grades 6 -12

10:00 a.m., Gymnasium

10:30 a.m., Connection Groups

Coffee & Fellowship

11:00 a.m., Gymnasium

Martin Luther

King Jr. Speaker

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Howard

11:15 a.m., Chapel

Parent Meeting

For Grades 4 & 5

11:15 a.m., Converse House Parlor

NEW HERE? We give thanks that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to stop by and say hello to one of our pastors in the Narthex following the worship service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

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. Large print bulletins, back pillows and hearing assistance devices are available; ask an usher. Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main entrance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are pleased to offer education opportunities for all ages, listed in this bulletin. **Grades K-5** worship with their families in the Sanctuary before being dismissed to Sunday School. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Ministries Center.

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"I am the resurrection and the life."

John E. Tait ~ November 9, 2019

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Selections from Suite du premier ton

Denis Bédard

WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

All: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

All: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

† HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

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

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.

We confess that we fail to receive the amazing blessedness you bestow upon us.

We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and cleanse us from sin.

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

† GLORIA PATRI *(in unison)*

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel Pedersen

SENDING HYMN Go now, Children, with Our Blessing

During the Sending Hymn, children K - Grade 5 depart for their Sunday School classes.



Go now, child-ren with our blessing, 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 gra-cious to you. May the pre-sence of God be with you. May the
pre-sence of God be with you, and give you peace.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 29 (*p. 504 in pew Bible*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM

Neighbors
Sanctuary Choir

Austin Lovelace

Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. Neighbors are rich and poor, black and white, nearby and far away. These are the ones we should serve, the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and to you, Jesu. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves. This is the way we should live with you.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17 (*p. 3 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Beloved and Free

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **HYMN 375**

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Star in the East
Sanctuary Choir

Howard Boatright

Hail the blest morn! See the Great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend. Shepherds, go worship the Babe in the manger; Lo, for a guard the bright angels attend. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies His head with the beasts of the stall. Angels adore Him in slumber reclining; Maker and Monarch and Savior of all. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and offerings divine. Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would His favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid. Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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

- † **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 606
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** Rebecca Kirkpatrick
- † **HYMN 543** God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER
- † **BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE** Agnes W. Norfleet
- POSTLUDE** Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C major Dieterich Buxtehude

Worship Notes

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Gail D. Bentley

Peggy and Jack Weir

Ted, Marian and Gregory McMullan

Joyce K. Hackman

GREETING

Members of Session

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Rob Mygatt

BULLETIN COVER

Baptism by Lucy Hunnicutt

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Sun., Jan. 19, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing church officers (Elders, Deacons and Trustees) and members of the 2020 Nominating Committee, and for approving 2020 Pastoral Terms of Call. MonicaDevane@bmprc.org.

SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENING. For those interested in dedicating flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an important milestone, we have space available for a flower arrangement in our Sanctuary on Sundays, Feb. 9 and 16. Following the Worship Service, flowers are used to create smaller arrangements for our Deacons to deliver to members who are unable to attend Worship. If you would like to dedicate flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of an important milestone, contact Doreen Petrovitch, DKPetrovitch@gmail.com.

INVITATION TO JOIN SANCTUARY FLOWER TEAM. We have openings for new volunteers to join our team on Sunday mornings after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, to create small flower arrangements for Deacons to deliver to members. If interested, contact MonicaDevane@bmprc.org.

BATTERY RECYCLING. When you are changing batteries on Christmas decorations and gifts, bring the discarded ones to the Ministries Center. Our 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.

KNITTERS NEEDED. Caring Ministries has an active prayer shawl ministry which, facing a shortage of shawls, needs new personnel. If you knit or crochet, your help would be much appreciated. CarolCherry@bmprc.org.

Today

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SPEAKER: THE REV. DR. CHARLES H. HOWARD. 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Dr. Howard, Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, is 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.

This Week

Y-GROUP MEETING. Tues., Jan. 14, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Looking ahead: Setting goals to support and sustain one another in 2020. Y-Group serves mothers and caregivers of young children. Childcare is provided. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 17, 6:00-9:00 p.m., home of Barbara Cobb, Wayne. Join old and new friends for a potluck dinner and fellowship. The Rev. Margaret Somerville, Associate Pastor of Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, hosts our discussion, “Hold, Hands, Opening Hearts & Minds.” Register: <http://bit.ly/HolyLeisureJan2020> and include your food or drink contribution.

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 18, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Join the Hunger Committee in preparing meals for area shelters. Bring your family and friends (children must be over 4 years old) for a rewarding Saturday morning! Register with Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net.

Upcoming

URBAN SUBURBAN BOOK GROUP. Tues., Jan. 21, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discussion of *Endurance* by Scott Kelly. Joanne Hanna, joannehanna3@comcast.net.

BIBLE FROM SCRATCH. Thurs., Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m., Loft. Explore both the basic content and interpretative practices of reading and following scripture with the Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick using the book *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World*. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpe.org.

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.bmpe.org > Calendar > Open Registrations. Scholarship assistance readily available for all trips and events. MaryRichards@bmpe.org.

BMPC WELCOMES THE REV. DR. SERENE JONES. Sat. and Sun., Jan. 25 and Jan. 26. In honor of the leadership of David and Ruth Watermulder, our Adult Education Committee has invited the Rev. Dr. Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary, to be our Theologian-In-Residence. She is presenting a lecture, “Theology is a Place,” on Jan. 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Congregational Hall. Coffee and light refreshments available at 9:30 a.m. The Middleton Center Anniversary Luncheon follows at 11:30 a.m. (Luncheon reservation requested: KikiMcKendrick@bmpe.org). On Jan. 26, Dr. Jones preaches at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and later, presents a lecture, “Theology is a Story,” at 11:15 a.m. in Congregational Hall.

Save the Date

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC ART. Sun., Feb. 2, 11:15 am, Chapel. Patricia Danzon, Middleton Center Spiritual Director, leads us through an introduction to Islamic art which is radically different than Christian art. Whereas the Church often uses art as a visual reminder of Bible stories, Islamic art for religious contexts bans the representation of humans/animals, and simply seeks to create a sense of the infinite nature of Allah.

BOOK STUDY: *LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK*. Tuesdays, Feb. 4 - March 10, 10:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Within the Christian tradition, a time of darkness often is associated with God's absence. Yet, in *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Barbara Brown Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us *in the dark*. In this book, we are invited into a spirituality of the nighttime, where God teaches us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and gives us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments. This class is led by the Rev. Brian Ballard, and books are available directly from Brian. BrianBallard@bmpc.org.

Caring & Sharing

COLD WEATHER IS UPON US! COLLECTION OF WINTER CLOTHES. In January we are collecting men's 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.

"SOUPER BOWL" OF CARING. Sun., Feb. 2. The Hunger Committee and BMPC Youth are collecting donations of cash and/or canned soups, stews, ravioli and other high-protein canned goods after Worship on "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Baskets are in the Narthex and Ministries Center.

This Week's Calendar

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

Today, January 12

- 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
Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Congregational Hall
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
11:15 a.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Speaker - Rev. Dr. Charles H. Howard, Chapel
Parent Meeting (Grades 4 & 5), Converse House Parlor
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

Monday, January 13

- 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, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium
9:15 a.m. Y-Group Event: Imagining 2020, 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, Fine Arts Center

Wednesday, January 15

- 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Converse House Parlor
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. Student Serve, Loft
Trustee Meeting, Fine Arts Center

Thursday, January 16

- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
10:00 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Fine Arts Center
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 19, Gymnasium
Hunger Committee Meeting, Congregational Hall
Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Friday, January 17

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Spanish Class, Gloucester Room and Witherspoon Parlor
6:00 p.m. Holy Leisure, Event is Off Campus

Saturday, January 18

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor
8:30 a.m. Casserole Blitz, Congregational Hall

Sunday, January 19

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