



# ***Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church***

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January 26, 2020  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Third 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**

#### **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

### **Theologian-in-Residence - Dr. Serene Jones**

11:15 a.m., Congregational Hall

*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 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

Rachel Pedersen

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship

**All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

One: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,

**All: And who walks with us on the road of our world's suffering.**

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts,

**All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.**

One: We come as we are, because it is God who invites us,

**All: And God has promised never to turn us away.**

## † HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God in Christ, you call us to trust in you, but as your followers,  
we confess our lack of willingness to go where you would lead us.

You call us into your good company, but we find companionship in lesser things.

You challenge us to go to risky places among the least, the lost and the stranger,  
and we seek the safety and security of our own plans.

You invite us to live in praise and devotion,

but we become overwhelmed with anxiety and worry.

Forgive us, we pray, and renew us for faithful service in your name.

*A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise, the dawn - ing of for -  
give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes. God guides the feet of pil - grims a -  
long the paths of peace. O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

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## HEARING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Becky Brinks

**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 9:1-4 (*p. 638 in pew Bible*)

Becky Brinks

**SECOND LESSON**

Psalm 27:1-9 (*p. 503 in pew Bible*)

Brian K. Ballard

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Fear and Faith*

Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rachel Pedersen

*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

Brian K. Ballard

† **HYMN 649**                      Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound                      AMAZING GRACE

† **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  
Lewis V. and Jane Ellen Chamberlin  
Dr. Robert and Edith Madden

### **ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**

Elder Becky Brinks

### **USHERING**

Tom Hays

### **BULLETIN COVER**

Sanctuary photograph by Dave Tavani

## **Announcement**

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

## **Today**

**BMPC WELCOMES THE REV. DR. SERENE JONES.** 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. At the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service today, Dr. Jones preaches and later, presents a lecture, "Theology is a Story," at 11:15 a.m. in Congregational Hall.

**FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE: BAPTISM CELEBRATION.** 4:00 p.m., Chapel. Bring your baptism memories and join us for a special worship service celebrating and remembering our baptisms! This service is designed for families with young children and will be led primarily by children in our Wednesdays Together program.

## **This Week**

**DEACONS' ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE.** Mon., Jan. 27, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Volunteers needed to donate blood and assist with scheduling appointments. Sherri Shields, 610-449-3351 or ShieldsS1@email.chop.edu.

## **Next Sunday**

**YOUTH SUNDAY & SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.** Sun., Feb. 2, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., Chapel and Sanctuary. The youth are leading both Sunday services with preaching, liturgy and worship. And it's the Souper Bowl of Caring, so don't forget to bring canned goods for us to donate to our friends in need in our community!

**INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC ART.** Sun., Feb. 2, 11:15 a.m., 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.

**SUPER BOWL PRE-GAME LUNCH.** Sun., Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m., Pastor Leigh's Manse. All youth (Grades 6-12) and their families are invited to come and get hyped for the Super Bowl, celebrating with delicious food, music and fun!

## Upcoming

**HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY.** Wed., Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom. The Rev. Brian Ballard leads Lesson 6, “Words of Love: Hold Your Marriages Sacred” from *Love Carved in Stone*. Joyce Malott, okf405@gmail.com.

**SINGING FOR LIFE.** BMPC’s choir for adults age 55+ is open for spring registration! Thursdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m., beginning Feb. 6. Registration fee is \$75 per semester; scholarships available. To register, contact StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org.

**BOOK STUDY: *LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK*.** Thursdays, Feb. 6 - March 12, 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.

**COUNTERING SLANDER: FETHULLAH GULEN’S LIFE BEYOND PROPAGANDA.** Sun., Feb. 9, 11:15 a.m., Chapel, Dr. Jon Pahl, speaker. The Turkish preacher Fethullah Gulen, who has lived in a retreat center in the Poconos since 1999, is one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the contemporary world. He has inspired a global movement “Hizmet” (service), which is dedicated to education, social enterprise and interreligious dialogue. Dr. Pahl, a faculty member at United Lutheran Seminary, recently published the first critical biography of this controversial figure: *Fethullah Gulen: A Life of Hizmet — Why a Muslim Scholar in Pennsylvania Matters to the World*.

**TWO PIANO CONCERT.** Sun., Feb. 9, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Laura Ward and Jeffrey Brillhart return to our musical series with a concert featuring the world premiere of Benjamin Boyle’s “Suite d’hiver,” commissioned for this concert. Fifty percent of the free-will offering collected supports the Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP), which meets the legal and advocacy needs of homeless individuals and families in Philadelphia. With a legal staff of nine and a corps of 350 volunteer lawyers, paralegals and law students, HAP engages in direct outreach to homeless individuals who need legal services.

**Y-GROUP UFO (UNFINISHED OBJECT) PARTY.** Tues., Feb. 11, 9:15-11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. Y-Group invites all ages to bring an unfinished project to work on in community: knitting, cards, updating your calendar for 2020. Enjoy fellowship, encouragement, and even some inspiration. Abby Pottorff, ygroupbmpe@gmail.com.



**THE BASICS OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH.** Sun., Feb. 16, 11:15 a.m., Chapel. Asheq Fazlullah, Islamic Chaplain at Villanova University and leader of interfaith initiatives in the Philadelphia area, introduces us to the basics of Islam as we seek to better understand our neighbors and connections among the world's religions.

**YOUTH SABBATH.** Sun., Feb. 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Loft. Come join us for an evening of fellowship over dinner, followed by a discussion led by Youth Music Director Timothy Wotrung about resting in God in the midst of our busy lives.

## ***Caring & Sharing***

**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 following Worship on Souper Bowl Sunday. Baskets are in the Narthex and Ministries Center.

**SERVICE DAY AT ARCH STREET PRESCHOOL.** Sat., Feb. 8, 9:00 a.m. Join us for a day of sorting, organizing and cleaning at Arch Street Preschool (Outreach Committee Mission Partner). Carpool leaves BMPC at 8:30 a.m. Register online: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations.

**LAST CHANCE TO DONATE WINTER CLOTHES.** Drop off men's winter coats for Broad Street Ministry, and hats, gloves and scarves for children who attend the Tutoring Program. Collection bins are located near the entrance to the Ministries Center. Collection ends Jan. 31.

# ***This Week's Calendar***

*For more information, visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org),  
call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, January 26**

- 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 & 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, Ministries Center  
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Gymnasium  
11:15 a.m. Theologian-in-Residence - Dr. Serene Jones, Congregational Hall  
11:30 a.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
4:00 p.m. **Family Worship Service: Baptism Celebration, Chapel**

## **Monday, January 27**

- 2:00 p.m. Deacons' Annual Blood Drive, Congregational Hall  
7:00 p.m. Y-Group Book Group, Loft

## **Tuesday, January 28**

- 9:00 a.m. Repose Yoga, Gymnasium  
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

### **Wednesday, January 29**

- 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

### **Thursday, January 30**

- 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, January 31**

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

### **Saturday, February 1**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Mens' Group, Converse House Parlor

### **Sunday, February 2**

- 8:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. **Youth Sunday Worship, Sanctuary**  
Worship Together Sunday for Children & Youth in Grades 4 - 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](http://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.*



## Worship Staff

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