

Teachings of the New Church

“And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21

Because gifts captivate the mind and unify, it was customary in ancient times to give gifts... so too the wise men from the east brought gifts to the Lord just born: gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and this because external gifts signify internal or spiritual gifts, namely, such things as go forth from the heart.

Apocalypse Explained 661

The knowledge of correspondences had remained among them [the wise men of the east]; therefore, so that they might express their joy of heart, they offered gifts that signified every aspect of love and goodness from first to last.

Apocalypse Explained 324

Musician

Kenneth Coy, organ

Preludes:

Angels We Have Heard on High - arr. Kenneth Coy

O Little Town of Bethlehem - Lewis Redner, arr. Coy

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - arr. Coy

Greensleeves/Carol of the Bells - Mykola Leontovych, arr. Coy

I Wonder As I Wander - John Jacob Niles, arr. Coy

Postludes:

Cantique de Noël - Adolphe Adam, arr. Kenneth Coy

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light - J. S. Bach



We do not pass a collection basket during the service. Offertory bowls are located at each entrance for donations. Donate online at www.brynathynchurch.org or scan the QR code:



Please rise

O Little Town of Bethlehem976

Sixth General Office104

Please kneel

Minister's prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Please rise

Recitation.....492

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

Gloria.....107

Please be seated

Welcome by the Pastor

Lessons: Matthew 2:1-12, 6:19-21; *Arcana Coelestia* 324, 661

Interlude: In the Bleak Midwinter - Gustav Holst, arr. Coy

Please rise

In Lowly Stable Thou Art Born953

Please be seated

Sermon: *Open Your Treasure*

Please rise

Offertory

Lovely Child, Holy Child.....982

Prayer and Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Lessons and Carols: December 22, 7:30 pm (Cathedral)

Doors open at 7:10 pm.

Christmas Eve Family Festival Services

4:00, 5:30, 7:00 pm (Cathedral)

All are welcome.

Christmas Day Adult Service: December 25, 11:30 am (Cathedral)

All are welcome.

Church Office Holiday Schedule

CLOSED: December 24-27, 2024, January 1, 2025

Honoring the Current BACS Building

BACS is collecting stories of people's time in the current BACS building. Audio or text files can be sent to stories@bacs.org. These stories will be published as part of an online 3D virtual map of the school. For more information about sharing a story, visit brynathynchurchschool.org.

BACS Open House

January 16, 2025, 5:00-7:00 pm (snow date: January 23)

Adults (college age and up) are invited to enjoy some wine and cheese as you stroll the halls.

Save the Date: 2025 Marriage Conference

February 8, 2025

Community Calendar

www.brynathynchurch.org/calendar

Emergency Contact for Pastors

Derek Elphick (248-840-4816 – cell)

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Bryn Athyn Church

Welcome to our Worship Service

Open Your Treasure

Rev. Derek P. Elphick

Adult Service – 11:00 am

December 22, 2024

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