

## Teachings of the New Church

“This new church is the crown of all the churches that have ever existed on this planet because **it will worship the one God, who can be seen, within whom is the God that cannot be seen, like a soul in a body.** This is the only way we can form a partnership with God, because we are earthly and we think in earthly ways; and such a partnership must be formed in our thinking and then in the desires that belong to our love. This occurs when we think of God as a human being.”

*True Christianity* 787

“Without Me, you can do nothing.”  
**John 15:5**

### Musician

Leah Martin, organ

### Preludes

Of the Father’s Love Begotten - arr. Wilbur Held  
Once in Royal David’s City - arr. Robert B. Farlee  
Rorate Coeli - Pietro A. Yon  
Prelude on ‘This endris nyght’ - Healey Willan  
Away in a Manger - arr. David Lasky  
Pastorale ‘Gesù Bambino’ - Yon

### Postludes

On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry - arr. Aaron David Miller  
The King Shall Come - arr. David N. Johnson

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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](http://www.brynathynchurch.org) or scan the QR code below. If you would like to receive offertory envelopes for your regular basket contributions, please contact [diana.mergen@brynathynchurch.org](mailto:diana.mergen@brynathynchurch.org) / 215-544-1408.



### Please rise

*O Come, O Come, Immanuel*.....968  
Fourth General Office .....92

### 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.....576

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough places smooth; the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”  
Isaiah 40:3-5

*Gloria*.....99

### Please be seated

Welcome by the Pastor  
Lessons: Isaiah 9:2-7, John 15:1-14, *True Christian Religion* 787

Interlude: Prelude on ‘Whence is that goodly fragrance?’ - Harrison Oxley

### Please rise

*The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness*..... 1121

### Please be seated

Sermon: *The Visible God*  
Text: Isaiah 9:6

### Please rise

Offertory  
*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*.....971  
Prayer and Benediction  
*Once in Royal David’s City*.....947

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

### **Angel Tree Program: November 20-December 12 (Cathedral)**

Collecting cash donations (\$20 suggested) to help meet the children and families served by Christ's Home in Warminster. Choose a red envelope from the tree and hand it to the front desk at the Cathedral.

### **BACS Toy Drive: December 1-12, 2025 (BACS)**

New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at BACS office.

### **Society 2024 Christmas Card: Deadline to participate is December 13.**

If you would like to participate, contributions can be sent to the Treasurer's Office, Box 277, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009. Checks should be made payable to Bryn Athyn Church, put "Christmas card" in the memo and state how you would like your name(s) to appear on the card. For online donations, visit [brynathynchurch.org/donate](http://brynathynchurch.org/donate).

### **BACS Christmas Program: December 19, 10:15 am (Adams**

**Gymnasium)** Parents, grandparents, relatives and friends are warmly invited to come and enjoy a sleigh-full of musical treats.

### **Christmas Tableaux: December 14, 2:30/4:15/6:00/7:45 pm**

**(Cathedral)** *The 2:30 pm service is shorter in length and ideal for families with young children.* This will be the only worship service offered on this date. The basket offerings from Tableaux services will be a gift to the pastors of Bryn Athyn Church.

**Community Christmas Sing: December 19, 7:00-8:00 pm (Asplundh Assembly Hall)** The community is invited to come and sing together a mix of favorite sacred and secular hymns and carols. Feel free to bring a platter of cookies to share.

**Young Children's Special Christmas Service: December 21, 3:30 pm**

**Christmas Eve Festival Service: December 24, 4:00/5:30/7:00 pm**

**Christmas Day Adult Service: December 25, 11:30 am**

***Bryn Athyn Post:*** The last issue of the *Bryn Athyn Post* for 2025 will be published on December 15 and the next issue will be out January 5, 2026.

**Community Calendar:** [www.brynathynchurch.org/calendar](http://www.brynathynchurch.org/calendar).

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# Bryn Athyn Church

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## Welcome to our Worship Service

### *The Visible God*

Rt. Rev. David H. Lindrooth

Adult Service – 11:00 am

December 7, 2025