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**(Children put out the candles.)  
Discussion  
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**Please join us on Zoom at 11:30 am Sunday for a discussion.**

**Interested in helping out? We need you!**

Helping roles include set up/clean up, ushering, greeting, refreshments, acting and lay reading. Contact Nina at [nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org](mailto:nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org).

**Please note:** This service is livestreamed and recorded. You and your family may be on camera, and your comments will be part of the livestream and recording.

**Musicians:** Catie Jungé, Jennica Nobre, Solomon Nobre, Shawn Rose, Will Smith

**Video:** Zion Nobre

**Luke 1:46-55**

And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.”

**Arcana Coelestia 1153**

All true worship consists in adoration of the Lord, adoration of the Lord in humility, and humility in the acknowledgement that in oneself there is nothing living, and nothing good, ... and in the acknowledgment that everything living and everything good is from the Lord. The more someone acknowledges these things, not with the mouth, but with the heart, the more they are in humility; and consequently, the more they are in adoration, that is, in true worship, and the more they are in love and charity, and the more in happiness.

**Apocalypse Revealed 54-56**

“When I [John] saw [the One like the Son of Man], I fell at His feet as though dead” (Revelation 1:17). This symbolically means that he experienced a failure of his own life owing to such a presence of the Lord. “But He laid His right hand on me.” This symbolizes life then infused from the Lord. “Saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid.’” This symbolizes a revival, and from the deepest humility then, adoration. Moreover, because upon his revival a holy fear seized him, the Lord said, “Do not be afraid.” A holy fear ... comes over a person when life from the Lord enters in place of one's own life. One's own life is to look to the Lord from oneself, while life from the Lord is to look to the Lord from the Lord, and yet doing so as though of oneself. When a person is seized by this life, he sees that he is nothing, and that only the Lord is anything.

**Arcana Coelestia 8179**

In prayer inspired by God, there is always the thought and belief that the Lord alone knows whether what is sought would be beneficial or not. Therefore, the one who prays leaves the Lord to decide whether to listen to what he asks for, then accordingly pleads that the Lord's will may be done, not his own.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

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

New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at BACS.

### **Society 2024 Christmas Card: Deadline 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).

**NOTE: Contributions must be received by December 13** to be included in the card.

### **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 with a variety of musicians. 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 for 2025 will be published on December 15. The next issue will be available on January 5, 2026.

### **Community Calendar**

Stay in-the-know by visiting our community calendar online at [www.brynathynchurch.org/calendar](http://www.brynathynchurch.org/calendar).



# Bryn Athyn Church

## **Christmas Marionettes**

**Rev. Coleman S. Glenn**

**Informal Family Service**

**December 7, 2025**

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