

*Bryn Mawr*  
*Presbyterian Church*

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November 9, 2014  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

# **Welcome to BMPC**

*Lord, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

**VISITING TODAY?** Stop by the Welcome Center to the left of the main exit to learn more about this church or ask questions, then join us for refreshments in the Ministries Center Court or Education Building Lobby (ground floor) after worship.

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
*(see signs in building entrances for room assignments):*

- **Children age 2 to PreK:** 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.
- **Grades K-5:** 10:15 a.m., classes in the Ed. Bldg. (10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary)
- **Grades 6-12:** 10:00 a.m., Youth Gathering in Gym; 10:30 a.m., Grade Groups in the Ministries Center

Children's bulletins with crayons may be found near the main doors. Nursery care with electronic pagers is available in our Ed. Bldg.



## **Worship Notes**

**THE FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Esther M. and Herbert P. Stellwagen.

**THE CARILLON** will be played today by Alan Willoughby.

**ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY** is Deacon Tod Guernsey.



*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

Clifford C. Collings Jr. ~ November 2, 2014

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Rachel Pedersen

(Please fill in the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew.)

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

One: For the Lord is a great God,

**All: And a great king above all gods.**

**Let us worship God.**

## † HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND

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

Gracious God, you alone are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people.

You are the God of the Living Water and the Bread of Life;

yet we continue to thirst for that which does not quench,

and hunger for that which does not satisfy.

You nourish and sustain us day by day;

yet we worry that you have left us alone.

You seek to reconcile all your children one to another;

yet we continue our warfare and strife.

Forgive our hardness of heart and restore us

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who knows everything we have ever done

and loves us anyway.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(please remain seated)*



In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-



fraid. Lift up your voice - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voice - es; the Lord is near.

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## HEARING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Tod Guernsey

**FIRST LESSON**

Joshua 24:1-3a *(p. 215 in pew Bible)*

Tod Guernsey

**SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 25:1-13 *(p. 28 in pew Bible)*

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Wise Preparation

Agnes W. Norfleet

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN.**

**Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

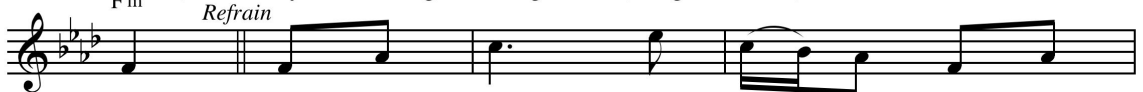
**KEEP YOUR LAMPS**



- 1) Keep your lamps — trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps — trimmed and burn -
- 2) Chris-tian jour - ney soon be o - ver, Chris-tian jour - ney soon be o -
- 3) Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes high - er, high -



- ing, keep your lamps — trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw-ing  
- ver, Chris - tian jour - ney soon be o - ver,  
er; ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er,



nigh. Chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, — chil - dren



don't grow wea - ry, chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw-ing nigh.

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## 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 in 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 morning offering to the baskets 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 *(in unison)*

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.

### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### POSTLUDE

## Highlights

**SENIOR ADULTS BRUNCH.** Today, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall, featuring Rev. Dr. Paul Watermulder. Rev. Watermulder is the third presenter in our “Living Legacy” series. He will reflect on his years as a youth at BMPC, his parents’ impact on his life, BMCP and the Presbyterian Church.

**BMPC COMMUNITY FORUM: THOMAS WRIGHT.** Mon., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., Chapel. Brookings Institution fellow and former senior researcher for the Princeton Project on National Security, Thomas Wright, discusses “America’s Challenge: Geopolitical Cooperation or Competition?” As the U.S. responds to the revisionist foreign policies of Russia and China, which dynamic— competition or cooperation—will prevail? Free and open to the public; no reservations needed. Contact Anna May Charrington, grandebay1@gmail.com.

**ORGAN RECITAL.** Sun., Nov. 23, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Thierry Escaich, a prize-winning French composer and organist who succeeded Maurice Duruflé as organist at St. Etienne-du-Mont in Paris, will dazzle at our magnificent Rieger organ. Tickets: \$10 general admission. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

## Announcements

**WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT.** Nature paintings by Radnor artist Ardyth Sobyak will hang in the Ministries Center through Nov. 30 and are available for purchase. A reception to meet the artist will be held after the concert by French organist Thierry Escaich on Nov. 23. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**ADVENT GIFT MARKET.** Nov. 23, 11:00-12:30, Gym, opening day. New this year: on opening day only, some Councils will be selling tangible items to benefit their chosen charities. Come prepared to browse and shop for items you can take home!

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Thurs., Nov. 27, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Join us for “Pancakes for a Purpose” to enjoy fellowship and a great breakfast at this annual event. Proceeds (\$5 per person) support our youth mission projects and trips. Contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**LUNCH WITH JUDY WICKS.** Judy is author, chef & founder of the White Dog Café. Wed., Nov. 19, 12:00 noon., Congregational Hall. Wicks’ memoir, *Good Morning Beautiful Business*, traces the roots of her career and explores what it takes to marry social change and commerce and do business differently. Passionate, fun, and inspirational, she relates how women and men can follow both mind and heart, do what’s right, and do well by doing good. All welcome. Cost: \$10 (includes lunch). RSVP: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

# **Children, Youth, and their Families**

**ART@9.** Sundays, 8:45-9:50 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 201. Class provides nurture, fellowship and craft/creative time for children age 3 to grade 5 whose parents are attending BMPC classes. Contact: [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**CASTING CALL FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE.** Calling all children who might participate as greeters, readers or actors... or contribute to sharing the good news of Christmas! For Dec. 24, we are preparing a 4:30 family service full of celebration for the birth of Jesus, and we need the names of young members to help bring the service to life by Nov. 15. Contact: [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**ALL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL GAME,** Sat. Nov. 15, 10:30-12:30 p.m, Bryn Mawr Polo Field. Grades 6-12. All youth are invited to join Kellen for a fall afternoon of football and fun. No level of skill is required; come and enjoy fellowship on the field. Contact [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**FAMILY FUN FRIDAY.** Fri., Nov. 21, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Families are invited to a showing of The Polar Express and a pizza dinner. Children may wear pajamas and bring blankets. If you would like gluten-free pizza please let us know when you respond. Suggested donation: Adults \$6, child \$5/\$20 cap per family. Contact: [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**THE WELCOME TEAM.** Help welcome new families to BMPC. A church family shares in each other's joys, trials, and milestones. For families new to the area, the Welcome Team will be a caring support during a transitional time. Be a part of a family's first experience learning about Bryn Mawr and adjusting to a new church home by being a friendly and helpful presence. Contact [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**YOUTH SKI TRIP TO STOWE, VT.** Fri., Jan. 16 - Mon., Jan. 19. This year we'll enjoy beautiful Stowe, VT and Mt. Mansfield for our ski trip! The Round Hearth Lodge will accommodate us with hot chocolate and a hot tub after a full day on the slopes. On skis or board, it will be a great time and friends are welcome. \$399 due by Nov. 30, 2014, price increases to \$499 after Dec. 1, 2014. Contact [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8821.

**PROVIDE CHRISTMAS "ANGEL" GIFTS.** Sponsor a child or family served by the Village (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village). You will receive a name and wish list of new items; deliver gifts (5-8 per child) to collection boxes in Ministries Center or Ed. Building by Dec. 7. Thanks in advance for making this Christmas the best ever for our neighbors in need. Contact [BmpcAngels@gmail.com](mailto:BmpcAngels@gmail.com).

# **Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment**

**THE STORY OF THE JEWS.** Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. After viewing 20 minutes of the PBS series presented by British historian Simon Schama, discuss the program. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., Nov. 14, 6:00 p.m., Home of Susan Thorkelson. All are invited to enjoy a potluck dinner, fellowship, and discussion of “The Scripture and the Rapture, in 30 Seconds or Less,” led by the Rev. Nicole Duran. RSVP Janet White, JanetW298@verizon.net, with your potluck donation.

**MEALS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.** Sundays through Nov. 16, 8:45 OR 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor (choose the time that’s best for you). Dr. Hal Taussig of Union Theological Seminary discusses meals in the New Testament, going beyond our usual knowledge of “the land of milk and honey.” Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**MISSION PARTNER: SEGA GIRLS SCHOOL.** Sunday, Nov. 16, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Dr. Helene Walker, psychologist at Agnes Irwin School, shares photos and experiences of traveling to Sega Girls School with AIS students during the past two summers. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**CARING AND CRAFTS.** Mon., Nov. 17, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Knitters gather to make scarves, prayer shawls, mittens and hats for residents at theVillage (formerly Presbyterian Children’s Village). Contact: Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909.

**GREAT DECISIONS.** Tues., Nov. 18, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium. Marilyn Irwin leads a discussion of U.S. Trade Policy which examines the U.S. policy of “economic statecraft” as a strategy for developing stable business and diplomatic partners. Contact: Marilyn Irwin, MarIrwin@aol.com.

**SUPPERS FOR BMPC TUTORING STUDENTS.** Tues., Nov. 18, 11 a.m. in the Main Kitchen, and Wed., Nov. 19, 11:00 a.m. in Gloucester Room. Join the PW friends to make simple nutritious meals for tutoring students. Contact Pam Haynes Walsh, Haynes-Walsh@comcast.net.

**Y-GROUP** (for mothers of children newborn to age 18 and other women with children in their care). Tues., Nov. 18, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Share your holiday spirit by decorating Christmas stockings for children of theVillage. Tricia.Mackay@gmail.com.

**NEW! FILLING THE WELL WOMEN’S GROUP.** Sundays, 8:45am, Ed Bldg Room 101. Meet with other women for faith-based discussions and fellowship -- a chance to “fill your well” after a week of giving to others. Women of all ages and stages of life welcome. Childcare available. Contact: PeggyHermann@hotmail.com.



**PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC.** Monday, Nov. 24, 1:30p.m., Fine Arts Center. Pianist Laura Ward, extraordinary accompanist and co-founder of Lyric Fest, will treat us to “The Art of the Accompanist.” Contact: DeAnn Clancy, 610-525-8347, DeannClancy@hotmail.com.

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS.** Sun., Dec. 7, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary. Bells and choirs, scripture lessons and carols capture the excitement of Advent and the wonder of Jesus’ birth, making for a spirited and spiritual start to the Christmas season. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

**PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (for singles and couples age 50+).** Sun., Dec. 7, 6:00-8:00p.m., home of Barbara Hauptfuhrer in Wayne (directions will be mailed). Cost: \$15/person (includes heavy hors d’oeuvres and beverages) OR purchase a combination Advent Lessons and Carols Concert/Prime Time ticket for \$20 and attend both concert and the Prime Time party. Contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

**WEEKDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP.** Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m., Chapel, led by Patricia Danzon and David Heaton. Before turning to the day’s work, listen to God by using traditional prayer, *Lectio Divina*, and Centering Prayer. Contact: PatriciaDanzon@gmail.com.

## **BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

- **Women’s Coffee Cup Bible Study.** Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study of Paul’s Letter to the Philippians. Bring your Bible; supplementary materials provided. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.
- **Couples Bible Study.** Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 206. Open for couples of all ages. Using the book *Sabbath in the Suburbs* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana, explore the meaning of Sabbath and seek to find a balance for our families. Contact: Barbara Heaton, bhheaton@comcast.net.
- **Urban Suburban Book Group.** Tues., Nov. 18, 7:00 p.m., Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Discuss *The Pastor: A Memoir* by Eugene Peterson; Memories of the translator of *The Message*. Contact: Sherry.Archer19@yahoo.com.
- **Dimensions in Literature.** Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m., Fullerton Room. Phoebe Sheftel leads our discussion of *Schliemann of Troy: Treasure and Deceit* by David A. Traill. Readers of all ages and interests are welcome! Contact: Eric Johnson, JohnsonE@epenow.com.
- **Men’s Study Group.** Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in Converse House Parlor. Led by the Rev. Paul MacMurray, this group reads books dealing with biblical and theological study. Men of all ages invited. Contact AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

## **Local and Worldwide Outreach**

**OUTREACH GRANTS AVAILABLE.** Do you know of an organization that is serving West Philadelphia and/or Presbyterian Related that would benefit from a grant from BMPC? Applications are available at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)>Outreach>Grants to submit to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org by December 13, 2014.

**STOP HUNGER NOW!** Sat., Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m., Gym. Volunteers needed to staff the assembly lines as we prepare meal packages. Our goal is 10,000 meals prepared in two hours. Register online ([www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations) or by contacting CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**SERVE AT OUR BROTHERS PLACE.** Sat., Nov. 29, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Help prepare and serve lunch at the homeless shelter for men. Carpool from BMPC. Contact Pam Haynes Walsh, 610-667-0972, Haynes-Walsh@comcast.net.

**ASSIST THE LITTLE LIBRARY PROJECT.** West Philadelphia students build Little Free Libraries on the “Build-It Bus,” weekdays through Nov. 20 from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. Help is needed to work with students, provide home-baked snacks, or donate supplies. The traveling workshop is supported by a BMPC grant. Contact: Sherine Poorman, brick476@verizon.net.

**FROZEN TURKEY AND HAM COLLECTION.** Please bring frozen turkeys and hams to the freezers in the Ministries Center that the Hunger Committee will donate to needy families in our area at holiday time.

## **This Week’s Calendar Highlights**

*To see a full listing of ALL upcoming activities and meetings, visit our website: [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org)*

### **Sunday, November 9, 2014**

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach

*Infant and Toddler Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.*

8:45 a.m. Couples Bible Study, Ed. Bldg.

Meals in the New Testament, Witherspoon Parlor

The Story of the Jews with Simon Schama, Conference Room

Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. 201

10:00 a.m. Sunday School Ages 2, 3 and 4, Ed. Bldg.

K-5th Grade Begin Worship in the Sanctuary

- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, K-5th Grade, Ed. Bldg.
- 11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center  
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby  
Senior Adult Council Brunch, Congregational Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Meals in the New Testament, Witherspoon Parlor  
Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center

**Monday, November 10, 2014**

- 7:30 p.m. Community Forum: Thomas Wright, Chapel

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014**

- 1:30 p.m. Parkinson's Disease Support Group, Gloucester and Witherspoon Rooms

**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Men's Study Group, Converse House Parlor and Library
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room
- 4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Ed. Bldg.  
Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center
- 5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, St. Andrew Boy Choir, St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Student Serve Meeting, Loft
- 6:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center  
BMPC Tutoring Program, Ed. Bldg.
- 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, Witherspoon Parlor

**Thursday, November 13, 2014**

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center

**Friday, November 14, 2014**

- 9:30 a.m. Singing for Life, Fine Arts Center

**Saturday, November 15, 2014**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Congregation-Wide Day of Service - STOP Hunger Now, Gymnasium
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Flag Football Tournament, Event is Off Campus

**Sunday, November 16, 2014**

- 8:00 a.m. *Worship with Communion, Chapel*
- 10:00 a.m. *Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary*  
*The Rev. Dr. Rachel Pedersen will preach.*

## ***Worship Staff***

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**Agnes W. Norfleet**, Pastor

**Nicole Wilkinson Duran**, Supply Pastor for Adult Education, Outreach,  
and Worldwide Ministries

**Rachel Pedersen**, Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministry

**Kellen A. Smith**, Associate Pastor for Youth, Their Families and College Ministries

**Richard Wohlschlaeger**, Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults & Pastoral Care

**Jeffrey Brillhart**, Director of Music and Fine Arts

**S. Katherine Shealy**, Choir School Director

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