



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

December 28, 2014
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
The First Sunday after Christmas

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 after worship. For membership information, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

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

Childcare provided in the nursery of the Ed. Bldg. for children ages birth - 5 years.

Children Kindergarten and older are invited to join their families in worship this Sunday.

Sunday School resumes on January 11th.

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING DEVICES are available near the church entrance; ask an usher.

Worship Notes

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Alan Willoughby.

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY are members of our Session. Join them at Café in the Court to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.



"I am the resurrection and the life."

John O. Corliss ~ December 20, 2014



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Richard Wohlschlaeger

SENDING HYMN



Go now, children with our blessing, to love and serve the Lord. May God
Bless you, May God guard you, May the light of God shine upon you, and may
God be gracious to you. May the presence of God be with you. May the
presence of God be with you, and give you peace.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-6 (*p. 691 in pew Bible*)

Richard Wohlschlaeger

ANTHEM

What Strangers are These?

Richard Purvis

What strangers are these that wander through the town? Hush, 'tis Joseph and weary Mary. And what does he seek so hopeless and in vain? He is seeking shelter for Mary, for she is the blest and chosen of the Lord, who will bear to us a goodly King. And who is this king of whom ye proudly sing? Know ye not the Christ, Jesus the Saviour? What wee bairn is this that in a manger lies? Hush, 'tis Jesus Christ, Son of Mary. Say what fair maid is this whose joy is mixed with awe? O 'tis Mary, Holy Mother of Jesus. O these are the shepherds and these the magi kings who have brought him their gifts of gold and myrrh. But why kneel in homage here before a babe? They adore their King, Jesus the Saviour. Who are these that march from death unto life? These are they who love Jesus the Christ Child. And how do they triumph o'er the gates of hell? Through the grace of him, Jesus the Christ Child. He is born to redeem mankind from sin and strife, to bring peace, joy, love and brotherhood. O where shall I find him? Where shall I seek? He is here and now, Jesus your Saviour.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:22-35 (*p. 59 in pew Bible*)

Nicole Duran

SERMON

Becoming a Mosaic

Nicole Duran

*† HYMN 30

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

MARY'S CHILD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (from John 1:1-5)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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.

(Please fill in the *Fellowship Register* at the end of your pew;
pass it down your row and back again.)

OFFERING AND

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Thou Must Leave thy Lowly Dwelling Hector Berlioz

Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share, loving father, loving mother, shelter Thee with tender care! Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee with humble love and holy fear, in the land that lies before Thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling ever to Thy heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, Thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your Heavenly Treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

† DOXOLOGY *(in unison)*

(Hymnal 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

† BENEDICTION WITH CHORAL RESPONSE

Nicole Duran

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach

Announcements

A LABYRINTH JOURNEY TO THE NEW YEAR. Today, Dec. 28, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Congregational Hall. Join us as we create space during the holiday season for reflection and renewal. Family activities and walk from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. Middleton Center will provide main dish, please bring salads and desserts to share. All welcome. Contact: JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE THANKS YOU for sharing your gifts with BMPC! The holiday rush has been upon us and many times the most important details can get overlooked. Don't let this holiday season pass without making a 2015 pledge—every dollar is important and fundamental for the growth and sustainability of our church. Pledge cards are in the pews and in the church office, or you may pledge online at bmpc.org.

FIBER ARTISTS EXHIBIT. A colorful display of quilts, art quilts, and wearables designed by 12 fiber artists from the Delaware Valley is available for viewing and purchase in the Ministries Center through January 5. Contact: Bonnie Atwood, batwood313@verizon.net.

LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL ART PROJECT DURING THE SCHOOL BREAK? The deadline for designing a T-shirt for our 2015 Service Days has been extended to January 5. Submit your one-color design as a jpeg or pdf to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org. All submissions will be displayed and the winning design will include your name screen-printed on the shirt. Two runners-up will receive gift certificates for art supplies.

THE EPIPHANY MYSTERY EVENT. Jan. 5 - 11, Church Campus. Children and families are invited to search around BMPC to help solve an Epiphany Mystery. Clues will be hidden; prizes to be discovered. Top Secret Information will arrive after the New Year. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER. Tues., Jan. 6, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Experience this ancient symbol and prayer form. Last walk of the evening begins at 7:15 p.m. Contact info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER. Our Book Center, located in the Ministries Center, is open after worship and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Begin the new year with a new daily devotional; our Book Center has a variety. Contact: Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

NEW HYMNALS. Now available for purchase at \$20 per hymnal. Give in honor or memory of friends and loved ones. Your gifts will supply the funds to fill the church with new volumes. Visit the Hymnal Table in the Court or contact Susan Joseph at bibliothekarin@gmail.com.

Adult Gatherings and Spiritual Enrichment

“FILLING THE WELL” WOMEN’S GROUP. Does not meet today. Plan to attend on Jan. 11 and consider New Year’s resolutions for 2015 that include how to find more time for yourself and friends.

BMPC MEN’S GROUP. Saturdays, 7:00 a.m., Converse House Parlor. Men of all ages are invited for fellowship and lively discussions. Contact: Lee Comer, 484-524-8271.

FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP. All are invited to DanceFit (aerobics and strength training), Respose Yoga and Tai Chi classes held weekly in our gym, and to our Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better, which meets on Wednesdays. More info search “fitness” at bmpc.org. Contact: AnnFossum@bmpc.org, ext. 8832.

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- **COUPLES BIBLE STUDY.** Does not meet today.
- **WOMEN’S COFFEE CUP BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Gloucester Room. The Rev. Rachel Pedersen leads our study of *Christ’s Beginnings in the Four Gospels*. Bring your Bible; supplementary materials provided. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.
- **THE GREAT FIVE DISCOURSES IN MATTHEW.** Sundays, Jan. 4 - June 7, 8:45 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. A study of the “hard sayings” of Jesus and how to apply them in our lives. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.
- **MEN’S STUDY GROUP.** Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:00 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, ext. 8821.

Children, Youth, and their Families

ART@9. Sundays (resuming Jan. 11), 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, ext. 8811.

YOUTH SKI TRIP TO STOWE, VT. Fri., Jan. 16-Mon., Jan. 19. This year we'll enjoy beautiful Stowe, VT and nearby 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. \$499; register by Jan 5. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Local and Worldwide Outreach

COLLECTION FOR WILLIAM DICK SCHOOL. Donations are needed for students at the William Dick School in North Philadelphia. The wish list includes pencils, eraser tops, composition books, backpacks, snacks for the afterschool program (200 students), clothing for uniforms: grades K-5 yellow tops and black bottoms, grades 6-8 khaki and black tops and bottoms. Collection boxes are in our Ed. Bldg. and Ministries Center. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER: A SERIES ABOUT HUNGER. Sundays, Jan. 11-Feb. 22, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. From our own Hunger Committee to a mission in the slums of Mexico City, this series leads us on a quest to learn from our mission partners about issues of hunger near and far. Guest speakers will come from contexts as different as Broad Street Ministries (Philadelphia) and Hands Along the Nile (Egypt), but all will address how the church can work to end food insecurity and uphold dignity in the human community. Contact: [Carol Schmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE DAY. Sat., Jan. 24. Serve others, get to know others from BMPC and be a role model for your children and grandchildren. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

Care & Concern

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Jan. 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Middleton Center. Ongoing support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. All welcome. Contact: info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

PRAYER MINISTRY. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray for BMPC members and friends; an email-supported prayer chain now expands this ministry. Submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit www.bmpc.org/prayer. Contact: Jeanne LeBuhn, wlebuhn200@comcast.net, 610-688-6984.

HOSPITAL INFORMATION. Due to current privacy laws, it is more difficult for our pastors to know when BMPC members have been admitted to a hospital. Call the church office at 610-525-2821 if you or any one you know is hospitalized, and let us know if and when you volunteer at any local hospitals.

NEED A RIDE? We can help you with some of your transportation needs. For rides to medical appointments call Lorie Benovic, ext. 8833. Volunteer drivers welcome.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS. Please pray for all who remain in harm's way. If you have a loved one serving in the Armed Forces, contact Janney Ryan, janney517@aol.com.

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITH THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICE. Provide rides for older adults, meals to those recuperating, prayer shawls for those in need of prayer, visits to the homebound. Contact: loriebenovic@bmpc.org or ext. 8833.

Help Fight Hunger

- **Hunger Envelopes.** Your contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.
- **Food Baskets** are located in the Narthex and the Chapel entrance. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to worship each Sunday to help stock local emergency food cupboards.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

To see a full listing of ALL upcoming activities and meetings, visit our website: www.bmpc.org

Sunday, December 28, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
The Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson Duran will preach.

Childcare for ages birth - 5 years, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m. Grades K - 12 worship with their families.
(Sunday School resumes on January 11.)
11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court, Ministries Center
Hymnal Sale, Ministries Center Court
2:00 p.m. A Labyrinth Journey to the New Year. Congregational Hall

Monday, December 29, 2014

- 9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

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

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

No activities scheduled for this day.

Thursday, January 1, 2015

Happy New Year!

Church Office Closed: for pastoral emergencies, call 610-525-2821

No activities scheduled for this day.

Friday, January 2, 2015

No activities scheduled for this day.

Saturday, January 3, 2015

7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor

Sunday, January 4, 2015

Childcare for ages birth - 5 years, Ed. Bldg., Room 102, 7:45-11:15 a.m.

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

10:00 a.m. Worship with Choirs, Sanctuary

Grades K - 12 worship with their families.

The Rev. Kellen A. Smith will preach.

Worship Staff

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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www.bmpc.org (for program information, calendar, and staff directory)

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24/7 Answering Service for Pastoral Emergencies: 610-525-2821

Main Line Adult Day Center: 610-527-4220

The Middleton Center: 610-525-0766 • JoyceKrajian@bmpc.org

The Weekday School (Preschool): 610-525-2821, ext. 8840