



***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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December 28, 2014  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
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?** Please sign the Fellowship Register at the end of your pew and introduce yourself to a pastor after the service. Our programs are open to all and we invite you to participate according to your interests.

**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.

*As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phone and prepare your heart and mind for the worship of God.*

## **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.

**ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE** today is Deacon Daryl Brown.



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

John O. Corliss ~ December 20, 2014



# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**All: For God has looked with favor on the lowliness of humankind,  
and all generations from now on will call us blessed.**

One: For the Mighty One has done great things for us!

**All: And holy is his name!**

† HYMN 40

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Through Jesus Christ, the  
light of the world.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Please stand, if able.

**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**

Daryl Brown

**FIRST LESSON**

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

Daryl Brown

**SECOND LESSON**

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

Nicole Duran

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

**SERMON**

*Becoming a Mosaic*

Nicole Duran

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN 30**

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

MARY'S CHILD

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Richard Wohlschlaeger

*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

Nicole Duran

† HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### POSTLUDE

# **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](mailto: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](http://bmpc.org). Contact: [AnnFossum@bmpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.bmpc.org/prayer). Contact: Jeanne LeBuhn, [wlebuhn200@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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***

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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

**Edward Landin**, Assistant Organist

## ***Contact Information***

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