

I have heard of your faith  
in the Lord Jesus  
and your love towards  
all the Saints  
and for this reason I do not  
cease to give thanks for  
you as I remember you in  
my prayers.

Ephesians 1:15-16

***Bryn Mawr  
Presbyterian Church***

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May 3, 2015  
8:00 a.m., Chapel  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

# **Welcome to BMPC**

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

**NEW HERE?** 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:**

**Childcare:** 7:45 - 11:15 a.m., Ed. Bldg. Rm. 102

**Children age 2 to PreK:** 10:00 a.m. classes, Ed. Bldg.

**Grades K-3:** 10:15 a.m., classes, Ed. Bldg.

*(10:00-10:15 a.m. families worship together in the Sanctuary. If this is your first Sunday, please accompany your child to the Chapel after the Childrens' Moment).*

**Grades 4-12:** Worship Together Sunday, Sanctuary

**GET CONNECTED.** Please fill out the fellowship register at the end of your pew to let us know that you were here, to provide or update your contact information, and to identify yourself to others in your row so that you might greet one another after worship. To inquire about membership or other opportunities to enrich your life in faith, contact [DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org](mailto:DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org), ext 8809.

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP.** Stop by the Ministries Center Court for a cup of coffee between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and join us for refreshments on the front lawn (weather permitting) at 11:00 a.m.

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



# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God alone is our rock and our salvation,  
our stronghold in whom we dwell secure.

**All: In God alone is our safety and our honor;  
God is our strong defense and our refuge.**

One: Put your trust in God always,  
and pour out your hearts before God in prayer.

**All: Power belongs to the Lord alone,  
and steadfast love is God's promise to us.**

## † HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

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

Living God, you have called us to love you with all our hearts, and to love one another as you have loved us. You have made peace between us by your cross, yet we have refused to live in that peace. Forgive our unwillingness to embrace your love and peace. By your Spirit, help us to love each other just as you loved us; and empower us to be true peacemakers as we seek to practice resurrection.

*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**

Darryl Brown

**FIRST LESSON** Acts 19:1-8 *(p. 139 in pew Bible)*

Darryl Brown

**SECOND LESSON** Ephesians 3:14-21 *(p. 193 in pew Bible)*

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Practicing Resurrection:*

Agnes W. Norfleet

*Rooted and Grounded in Love*

Third of four sermons on the Letter to the Ephesians

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*† **Hymn 335**

Though I May Speak

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**ORDINATION OF DEACON NANCY TAYLOR**

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF OUR CHURCH**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept Nancy Taylor as Deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **All: We do.**

One: Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **All: We do.**

† Please stand, if able. \* Ushers may seat latecomers.

**LAYING ON OF HANDS,  
CHARGE AND DECLARATION**

**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**

Agnes W. Norfleet

**MINISTRY MOMENT FOR MISSION SUMMIT**

Meg Haist

† **SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**One:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

## **Worship Notes**

### **SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Harbour Mitchell Jr.

### **CHAPEL GARDEN FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Stephen R. Holstad.

### **PLAYING THE CARILLON**

Brian Middleton

### **GREETING AND HOSTING FELLOWSHIP**

Representatives of our Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Foundation.

### **SERVING COMMUNION**

Deacon Darryl Brown

## **Announcements**

**SAYING FAREWELL.** The ministry of the Rev. Nicole Duran, Temporary Supply Associate for Adult Education and Mission, will be celebrated on her last Sunday with us, May 10, at a reception in her honor following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sun., May 31, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to act on a recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Adult Education and Mission. Information pertaining to the meeting will be available the week prior to the meeting.

**MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION.** Donate infant formula and baby food for children at St. Barnabas Mission. Collection boxes and baskets will be in the Ministries Center, Education Building and Narthex through May 17. AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**ART EXHIBIT.** "Russian Iconography, Its History and Art" is on display in the Ministries Center through May 31. View works by artists trained at the Prosopon School of Iconography and photographs of Russian Orthodox Christian churches by BMPC member Linda Madara. On May 13, Linda Madara will discuss her photos in Witherspoon Parlor at 7:30 p.m.

**VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER.** Located in the Ministries Center, our Book Center is open after worship and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Books related to our "Inhabiting Eden" series are available. Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

## **Today**

**INHABITING EDEN SERIES: SAVING SOME \$GREEN\$ TO SAVE SOME GREEN.** 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Courtenay Willcox and Jeff Wilber offer tips for simple things you can do to make your house more energy efficient.

## **This Week**

**WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER.** Tues., May 5, 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. info@middletoncenter.org, 610-525-0766.

**NURSES APPRECIATION DINNER.** Wed., May 6, 6:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Join us during National Nurses Week to celebrate and discuss our health ministry at BMPC. All R.N.s (retired, working, or at-home) are invited and welcome to attend. AnnFossum@bmpc.org, ext. 8832.

**MISSION SUMMIT 2015.** Sat., May 9, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Anyone who participated in mission opportunities for our church is invited for conversation with key mission partners, as well as time for dreaming and envisioning together. Keynote Speaker: the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, currently serving as Director of the Office of Public Witness of the PCUSA in Washington, DC. Register online at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org) > Calendar > Open Registrations. [CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org](mailto:CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org), ext. 8819.

**SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS.** Sat., May 9, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Converse House Parlor. On-going bereavement support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one, whether recent or many years ago. [info@middletoncenter.org](mailto:info@middletoncenter.org), 610-525-0766.

## Upcoming

**FIFTH GRADE HYMNAL PRESENTATION.** Sun., May 10, 9:15 a.m., Congregational Hall. Fifth grade students, their families and those who have helped with their Sunday school are invited for donuts and light snacks in Congregational Hall. During the Children's Moment at the 10:00 a.m. service, we will hand out hymnals as fifth graders bridge from the children's program to the youth program. [MaryRichards@bmpc.org](mailto:MaryRichards@bmpc.org), ext. 8811.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS WINDOWS INTO FAITH (WIF) EXPO.** Sun., May 10, 11:00 a.m., Gym. All invited to view projects presented by the Confirmands. [AmyBauer@bmpc.org](mailto:AmyBauer@bmpc.org), ext. 8822.

**Y-GROUP MONTHLY MEETING.** Tues., May 12, 9:15 a.m., Congregation Hall. Interest group for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages. We welcome all for our pot-luck, year-end brunch and to attend certified Parent Educator Florence Sturm's parenting class filled with wisdom, humor, and practical advice. [Tricia Mackay, tricia.mackay@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.mackay@gmail.com).

**HOLY LEISURE.** Fri., May 15, 6:00 p.m., home of Janet Haas, 459 Huston Road, Radnor. Spend the evening with BMPC women of all ages for a pot-luck dinner, discussion and fellowship. RSVP with pot-luck donation to Janet White, [JanetW298@verizon.net](mailto:JanetW298@verizon.net), 610-254-0231.

**CASSEROLE BLITZ.** Sat., May, 16, 8:30 a.m., main kitchen. Family-friendly event where we prepare nutritious casseroles to be delivered to Philadelphia area food cupboards and homeless shelters. [Sandie Nicholson, sandiekev@verizon.net](mailto:sandiekev@verizon.net).

**DAY OF DIRT AND THE GLORY.** Sat., May 16, 9:00 a.m. or at 1:00 p.m., West Kensington Ministry, 2140 N. Hancock, Philadelphia. Help remove dirt from the basement to create an area for programs and activities. Bring a pair of gloves and a bucket and help us reach our goal to fill a dumpster. Each time slot is three hours. [the Rev. Adan A. Mairena, adan.mairena@gmail.com](mailto:adan.mairena@gmail.com), 267 324-7386.

**TEN YEARS OF BROAD STREET MINISTRY.** Sun., May 17, 4:00 p.m.; Worship, 5:30 p.m. Free food, great music, Federal Donuts donuts cake, and a photo booth with Philadelphia photographer, JJ Tiziou! For more information: [www.BroadStreetMinistry.org/Anniversary](http://www.BroadStreetMinistry.org/Anniversary).



## **Save the Date**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY.** Sun., May 17. Following a 9:00 a.m. breakfast in Congregational Hall with families, confirmands will be received during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. RSVP for breakfast by May 10: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8822.

**YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PARTY.** Sun., May 17, 11:30 a.m., Congregational Hall. Youth and their families are invited to celebrate with food catered by Chef Ruth and to meet Hadley Claire Smith. Free will offering. RSVP: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

**INHABITING EDEN SERIES: GET YOUR LAWN OFF DRUGS.** Wed., May 20, 7:00 p.m., Congregational Hall. Host of *You Bet Your Garden* public radio show, Mike McGrath, shares the essentials for keeping your garden looking good without adding pesticides or herbicides.

**MIDEAST TRIP: DARE TO UNDERSTAND.** Oct. 8 - 19, sponsored by the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia. Journey to Turkey, Israel and Palestinian cities. For flyers and registration forms, contact CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

## **Care & Concern:**

**ASSIST WITH INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK.** IHN guests will arrive at BMPC today and stay through May 10. If you are able to assist by preparing and serving dinner or spending the night, contact Barbara Heaton, BarbaraHHeaton@gmail.com, 610-667-2197.

**FEED THE HUNGRY.** Your contributions to the white hunger envelopes in the pews provide food for emergency food cupboards, homeless shelters, and hunger relief organizations.

**GET INVOLVED.** We offer volunteer opportunities through our local mission partners, Saturday Service Days, casserole blitzes, tutoring program, driving corps, knitting ministries and more. Visit “outreach” on our website or contact SueGibbons@bmpc.org, ext. 8819.

**PASTORAL CARE.** If you (or someone you know in our community) are going through a difficult time, our Care Team is available for home and hospital visits and prayer. You may submit prayer requests on the cards found in the pew racks or visit [www.bmpc.org/prayer](http://www.bmpc.org/prayer). LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

# **This Week's Calendar**

*For more information visit our website at [www.bmpc.org](http://www.bmpc.org), call the church office, or contact [communications@bmpc.org](mailto:communications@bmpc.org).*

## **Today, May 3, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Worship with Choir School, Sanctuary  
The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach.

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

8:45 a.m. Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201  
"Filling the Well" Women's Group, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 210  
The Five Great Discourses in Matthew, Conference Room  
10:00 a.m. Worship Together Sunday, youth grades 4 - 12 remain in worship, Sanctuary  
Sunday School ages 2, 3, &4, Ed. Bldg.  
10:15 a.m. Sunday School K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Ed. Bldg.  
11:00 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn  
11:15 a.m. Inhabiting Eden: Saving Some \$Green\$ to Save Some Green, Witherspoon Parlor

## **Monday, May 4, 2015**

9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium

## **Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group, Converse House Parlor  
9:00 a.m. RePose Yoga, Gymnasium  
10:30 a.m. Tai Chi, Gymnasium  
11:00 a.m. Walking the Labyrinth in Prayer, last walk begins at 7:15 p.m., Congregational Hall

## **Wednesday, May 6, 2015**

8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better!, meet in Main Parking Lot  
9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium  
10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room  
10:30 a.m. Horizons Bible Study, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Ballroom  
1:30 p.m. Boost Your Brain & Memory, Gloucester Room  
5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Boy Choir, Fine Arts Center  
St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

### **Thursday, May 7, 2015**

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel  
Weekday School Art Show, Ed. Bldg. Rm. 307 and 310
- 9:30 a.m. Artists' Gathering, Gloucester Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts: Troop 19, Gymnasium

### **Friday, May 8, 2015**

- 9:30 a.m. DanceFit, Gymnasium

### **Saturday, May 9, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. Saturday Morning Men's Group, Converse House Parlor
- 8:30 a.m. Mission Summit, Congregational Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Searching for Still Waters: Bereavement Group, Converse House Parlor.

### **Sunday, May 10, 2015**

- 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.  
Sunday School for age 2 - grade 12.

## ***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

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