



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

November 23, 2014
8:00 a.m., Chapel
Christ the King Sunday

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

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 Elizabeth R. Pantaleoni.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Brian Middleton.

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY are representatives from our Advent Gift Market, which opens today in Congregational Hall. Join them for refreshments and fellowship while shopping for gifts that make a difference.

THE BULLETIN COVER: *Judgment of the Nations*, by Steve Erspamer, SM.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE today is Elder Susie Valerio.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Richard Wohlschlaeger

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thus says the Lord: I will bring you out from among the people.

All: And gather you into your own land.

One: And I will strengthen the weak.

All: And the strong I will watch over.

One: I will feed my people in justice, says the Lord.

All: And shower the people with peace.

† HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

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

Holy One, we bow before you humbly and joyfully, for you are a gracious King, both powerful ruler and gentle shepherd of all. We depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned. We have neglected your call to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. We have failed to hope and to work for justice. We have ignored your face in the stranger. Forgive us, we pray. Gather and direct us, that we may live as your faithful people, seeing as you see, and loving as you love.

(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

Susie Valerio

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-17, 25-26 *(p. 803 in pew Bible)*

Susie Valerio

SECOND LESSON Matthew 25:31-46 *(p. 29 in pew Bible)* Agnes W. Norfleet

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

SERMON

Where We Are Sure to See God

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN 413**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

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

† HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

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† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Highlights

ADVENT GIFT MARKET OPENING DAY. Today, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Congregational Hall.

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** On opening day only, some Councils will be selling tangible items to benefit their chosen charities. Come learn about this year's "shopping list" of worthy projects and shop for items you can take home!
- **THROW SOME SOCKS TO BROAD STREET!** This year's Advent Gift Market has a competitive edge. Come to Congregational Hall before or after you cruise the market, and test your aim at tossing socks into a target. Buy a pair of warm socks for \$3, then throw. If you hit the target, you get a prize—and even if you don't, the socks you throw go to Broad Street Ministries.
- **GREETING CARDS** depicting images exhibited at our "Art Show by Seniors" (Jane McComb's Utah Winter Scene and Judith Ehrman's Celtic Cross) will also be available for purchase. Place your Advent Gift Market inserts inside these cards to explain your donation on behalf of others, and your "gifts" are ready for delivery.

ORGAN RECITAL. Today, 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. Reception follows with an opportunity to meet artist Ardyth Sobyak and view her work on display in the Conference Room and Witherspoon Parlor. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

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

ADVENT WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES. Sun., Dec. 7, 11:00 a.m., Congregational Hall. A festive event with hands-on fun and fellowship for all ages. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

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 of the Christmas season. Tickets: \$10 adults; \$5 students. Contact: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

PRIME TIME ADVENT PARTY (for singles and couples age 50+). Sun., Dec. 7, 6:00-8:00 p.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 by Dec. 3.

Announcements

NOT A BMPC MEMBER? Make this your church home! New members will be warmly welcomed to our community of faith on Sun., Dec. 7. To register, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809.

WE WELCOME THE REV. RICHARD WOHLSCHLAEGER, our new Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults and Pastoral Care, to our morning service. Contact: DickWohlschlaeger@bmpc.org, ext. 8820.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS (DUE NOV. 30): Contributions may be given in three categories for listings in the Christmas Eve bulletin: “In memory of,” “In honor of,” or “In celebration of (marriage, retirement, birth, baptism).” Forms are available in the Ministries Center, in the back of the Sanctuary, or at www.bmpc.org. Monies received are used to provide floral decoration of BMPC, decorative items to enhance worship, and materials for the Deacon’s flower ministry.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE would like to thank the 500 families who have already made their pledges for our 2015 campaign. We are making good progress and would like to encourage those of you who have not yet pledged to prayerfully consider doing so. You may make your pledge by mailing a pledge card, placing it in the offering plate, donating online, or contacting SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

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

VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER: Are you starting to think about Christmas gifts? The Book Center, located in the Ministries Center, is open after worship and on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We have a great selection for various interests and ages at very reasonable prices. Contact: Kat MacMurray, KatRMac2@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

“FILLING THE WELL” WOMEN’S GROUP. Sundays, 8:45 a.m., 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 without reservation. Contact: PeggyHermann@hotmail.com.

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

WALK THE LABYRINTH IN PRAYER: Tues., Dec. 2, 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.

ADVENT STUDY: EXPERIENCE THE KINGDOM. Wednesdays, Dec. 3-17, 6:45 - 8:00 p.m., Witherspoon Parlor, led by the Rev. Rachel Pedersen. Experience and participate in the kingdom of God at this gathering after our Wednesday night dinners. All ages are welcome! Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

SEARCHING FOR STILL WATERS: AN EXPLORATION OF LOSS AND GRIEF. Sat., Dec. 13, 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.

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: Patricia Danzon, PatriciaDanzon@gmail.com.

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), Repose Yoga, and Tai Chi classes held weekly in our gym, and to our Walk for Life: Walk More, Live Better, which meets Wednesday mornings. More info: Search “fitness” at www.bmpc.org. Contact: AnnFossum@bmpc.org, ext. 8832.

BIBLE STUDIES AND BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- **Couples Bible Study.** Sundays, 8:45 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Room 206, Open to 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 and communities. Contact: Barbara Heaton, bhheaton@comcast.net.
- **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.
- **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, ext. 8821.
- **Horizons Bible Study.** Wed., Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village. Led by the Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet. Study of *Reconciling Paul—A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Chapter 4. Contact: Joyce Malott, okf405@erols.com.
- **Bible Basics: Isaiah.** Sundays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21, 11:15 a.m., Gloucester Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Nicole Duran. Consider how this influential and poetic book understands justice, prophecy, and the Messiah, and how it continues to influence Christianity. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.
- **The Birth Narratives in Matthew and Luke.** Sundays, Dec. 7 and 14, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room, led by the Rev. Dr. Paul MacMurray. Advent is the time to revisit the story of Christ's birth and discuss its background and meanings. Contact: CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org.

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, 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. \$399 due by Nov. 30, 2014; price increases to \$499 after Dec. 1, 2014. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org.

Local and Worldwide Outreach

SERVE AT MY BROTHER'S PLACE. Sat., Nov. 29. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Carpool from BMPC to help prepare and serve lunch at this shelter for homeless men. Contact: Pam Haynes Walsh, 610-667-0972, Haynes-Walsh@comcast.net

DONATE FROZEN TURKEYS AND HAMS. Bring these items to our freezers in the Ministries Center and our Hunger Committee will share them with families in need during the holidays.

PROVIDE CHRISTMAS "ANGEL" GIFTS. Sponsor a child or family served by theVillage (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 the Ministries Center or Ed. Building by Dec. 7. Contact: bmpcangels@gmail.com.

SERVE WITH OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM. Help us extend the care and concern of our church by visiting the homebound or providing rides for older adults, meals for those in recuperation, prayer shawls for those in need of prayer and/or comfort. Contact: LorieBenovic@bmpc.org, ext. 8833.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS. A church family shares in each others' joys, trials, and milestones...and welcomes newcomers! Be part of a new 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, ext. 8811.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

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

Sunday, November 23, 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.
The Story of the Jews with Simon Schama, Conference Room
Art @ 9, Ed. Bldg.
"Filling the Well" Women's Group, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Ages 2, 3 & 4, Ed. Bldg.
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School K-3rd Grade, Ed. Bldg.

- 11:00 a.m. Advent Gift Market, Opening Day Festival, Congregational Hall
Outreach Sock Toss, Gym
- 11:15 a.m. Youth Chorale, Fine Arts Center
- 4:00 p.m. Thierry Escaich Organ Recital, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Art Exhibit Reception, Ministries Center

Monday, November 24, 2014

- 1:30 p.m. Perspectives in Music, Fine Arts Center
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Fine Arts Center
- 9:00 p.m. Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Fine Arts Center

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

- 2:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Rosemont Presbyterian Village Auditorium

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Chapel
No Wednesday Night Dinner this Week

Thursday, November 27, 2014

- 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast, Congregational Hall

Friday, November 28, 2014

Campus Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 29, 2014

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

Sunday, November 30, 2014: First Sunday of Advent

- 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.

Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Nicole Wilkinson Duran, Supply Pastor for Adult Education, Outreach,
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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

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