



***Bryn Mawr
Presbyterian Church***

November 30, 2014
8:00 a.m., Chapel
The First Sunday of Advent

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*).

There is no Sunday school today. Children 1st grade and older are invited to remain in worship. Childcare and activities for children birth through kindergarten is available in the Education Building.

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

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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 and in loving memory of Eva Lacey Lee and Mary E. Lee.

THE CARILLON will be played today by Bob Holmes.

GREETING AND HOSTING TODAY are representatives from our Deacons. Join them at Café in the Court to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE today is Elder Anita Iyengar.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Kellen A. Smith

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Anita Iyengar

One: Come, let us proclaim the Good News!

All: Christ is coming and the world shall change.

One: Come, let us prepare a way for the Lord.

All: The night is long, but the day is near.

One: We light this candle to remember that the light is coming;
even when the path is uncertain, the light shows us the way.

**All: The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

† HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION AND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God who comes to us, in the wilderness you sent a messenger to prepare human hearts for the coming of Christ. We rejoice that through the centuries that message of hope has brought confidence and joy to your people. Forgive us when we fail to discern your presence with us, or think that we are deserted and alone. Illumine this season with the light of Christ's resurrection, the assurance that you are with us, and the faith that enables us to live joyfully and expectantly.

(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

Anita Iyengar

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11 (*p. 667 in pew Bible*)

Anita Iyengar

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:1-8, 16:5-8 (*p. 34 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

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

SERMON

Beginning at Mark's House
First of four: *Christmas Tour of Gospel Homes*

Agnes W. Norfleet

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN 11**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Kellen A. Smith

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 13

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

† SENDING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

The Season of Advent

PROVIDE CHRISTMAS “ANGEL” GIFTS. Today is the deadline to sponsor a child or family served by the 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. Contact: BmpcAngels@gmail.com.

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.

THE ADVENT GIFT MARKET provides an opportunity to make contributions to some of our amazing mission partners in honor of a loved one. Our shopping list includes local, national, and global concerns with which our church has on-going relationships; donations are available in a wide range of prices starting at \$2.00. See the sales table in the ministries center during cafe in the Court after worship for more details.

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.

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 Lessons and Carols/Prime Time ticket for \$20 and attend both the concert and the Prime Time party. RSVP by Dec. 3. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

Y-GROUP CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE. (for mothers and caregivers of children of all ages). Thurs., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., home of Sharna Liggett. Bring a gift (\$25) to swap with friends and an appetizer, drink, or dessert. RSVP: Sharna Liggett, SLiggett@me.com.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING. Sun., Dec. 14, 3:30 p.m. Rosemont Presbyterian Village. Children, families, and individuals of all ages are invited to carol for the residents of Rosemont Presbyterian Village. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

HELP OUR FLOWER COMMITTEE. Deck the church with boughs of holly, wreaths, poinsettias, and greens on Thursdays in December or on Sat., Dec. 20. Contact: Louisa Mygatt, LMygatt@gmail.com.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE. Sun., Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary. A simple service of carols, comforting and hopeful scripture, a brief meditation, and an extended time of prayer to lift to God our yearnings for healing and wholeness for ourselves and our world.

Announcements

NOT A BMPC MEMBER? Make this your church home! New members will be warmly welcomed to our community of faith next Sun., Dec. 7. To register, contact DonnaBarrickman@bmpc.org, ext. 8809 or stop by our Welcome Center to the left of the main exit of the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS (DUE TODAY). 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.

FIBER ARTISTS EXHIBIT. A colorful display of quilts, art quilts, and wearables designed by twelve fiber artists from the Delaware Valley will be available for viewing and purchase from Dec. 1 to Jan. 5. A “Meet the Artists” reception follows the Advent Lessons and Carols event on Sun., Dec. 7. More info: StephanieSpeakman@bmpc.org, ext. 8836.

A NOTE ABOUT STEWARDSHIP. Agnes Norfleet opened last Sunday’s sermon with a story about the Butterball Turkey Hotline that led to this reminder: “God does not want our leftovers. God wants our first fruits.” Shouldn’t we apply this concept to our giving as well? Please prayerfully consider pledging generously for 2015 by mailing a pledge card, placing it in the offering plate, donating online, or contacting SarahMiciek@bmpc.org, ext. 8817.

VISIT OUR BOOK CENTER. BMPC’s 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. Stop by to browse for Christmas gifts. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

GREAT DECISIONS. Tues., Dec. 16, 2:30 p.m., Rosemont Presbyterian Village. Marilyn Irwin leads monthly discussions about global issues based on the Foreign Policy Association briefing books and DVDs. This month’s topic: Game-changing Defense Technology. Contact: Marilyn Irwin, marwin@aol.com.

WEEKDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP. Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m., through Dec., 3. 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.

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.

- **Y-GROUP BOOK DISCUSSION.** (For mothers and caregivers of children of all ages with a focus on family, faith and fellowship). Thurs., Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., home of Stephanie Walsh. Discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd; bring an appetizer or beverage to share. RSVP: StephanieBWalsh@promic.com, 610-896-8543.
- **College Bible Study.** Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Enjoy fellowship and a free catered meal followed by scripture-centered conversation about how selected verses apply to our lives at this time. RSVP: Courtenay Willcox, MCWillcox@gmail.com, 610-506-1708.
- **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.
- **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., ext. 8819.
- **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., ext. 8819

Children, Youth, and their Families

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (DR) MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING. Sun., Dec. 7, 11:15 a.m., Witherspoon Parlor. Current 8th-12th graders and their parents are encouraged to come to hear about the DR mission trip planned for our youth in July, 2015. Contact: AmyBauer@bmpc.org, ext. 8821.

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., ext. 8821.

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>Outreach>Grants to submit to CarolSchmidt@bmpc.org by December 13, 2014.

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.

CARING AND CRAFTS. Mon., Dec. 15, 9:15 a.m., Gloucester Room. Knitters gather to make scarves, mittens and hats for residents at theVillage. Contact Maryalice Stoltzfus, 610-527-3909.

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 Presbyterian Church and adjusting to a new church home by being a friendly and helpful presence. Contact: MaryRichards@bmpc.org, ext. 8811.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO DO THE SOCK TOSS. Today, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room. Back by popular demand (Last Sunday - AGM Market). Toss socks at the target and win a prize. The socks will be donated to Broad Street Ministries.

This Week's Calendar Highlights

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

Sunday, November 30, 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.

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

10:00 a.m. Youth in Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Cafe in the Court and Advent Gift Market, Ministries Center
Fellowship for Families, Ed. Bldg. Lobby

Monday, December 1, 2014

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

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. Labyrinth Walk, Congregational Hall

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

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

8:00 a.m. Weekday Contemplative Prayer Group, Chapel

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. Women's Coffee Cup Bible Study, Gloucester Room

4:00 p.m. Carol Choir, Ed. Bldg. Room 202

4:00 p.m. Jubilate Ringers, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. Beginners Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Boy Choir & St. Cecilia Girl Choir, Fine Arts Center

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Congregational Hall

6:30 p.m. Tintinnabulators, Fine Arts Center

6:45 p.m. Advent Study - The Kingdom of God, Gloucester Room

7:00 p.m. Membership Orientation, Congregational Hall

Thursday, December 4, 2014

9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer Group, Chapel Meeting Room

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Vespers Rehearsal, Fine Arts Center, Sanctuary

Friday, December 5, 2014

9:30 a.m. Dance Fit, Gymnasium

11:00 a.m. Matter of Balance, Gloucester Room

Saturday, December 6, 2014

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

9:00 a.m. Dress Rehearsal for Advent Lessons and Carols, Fine Arts Center

Sunday, December 7, 2014

8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

10:00 a.m. Together in Worship with Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary

The Rev. Dr. Agnes W. Norfleet will preach

4:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, Sanctuary

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

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