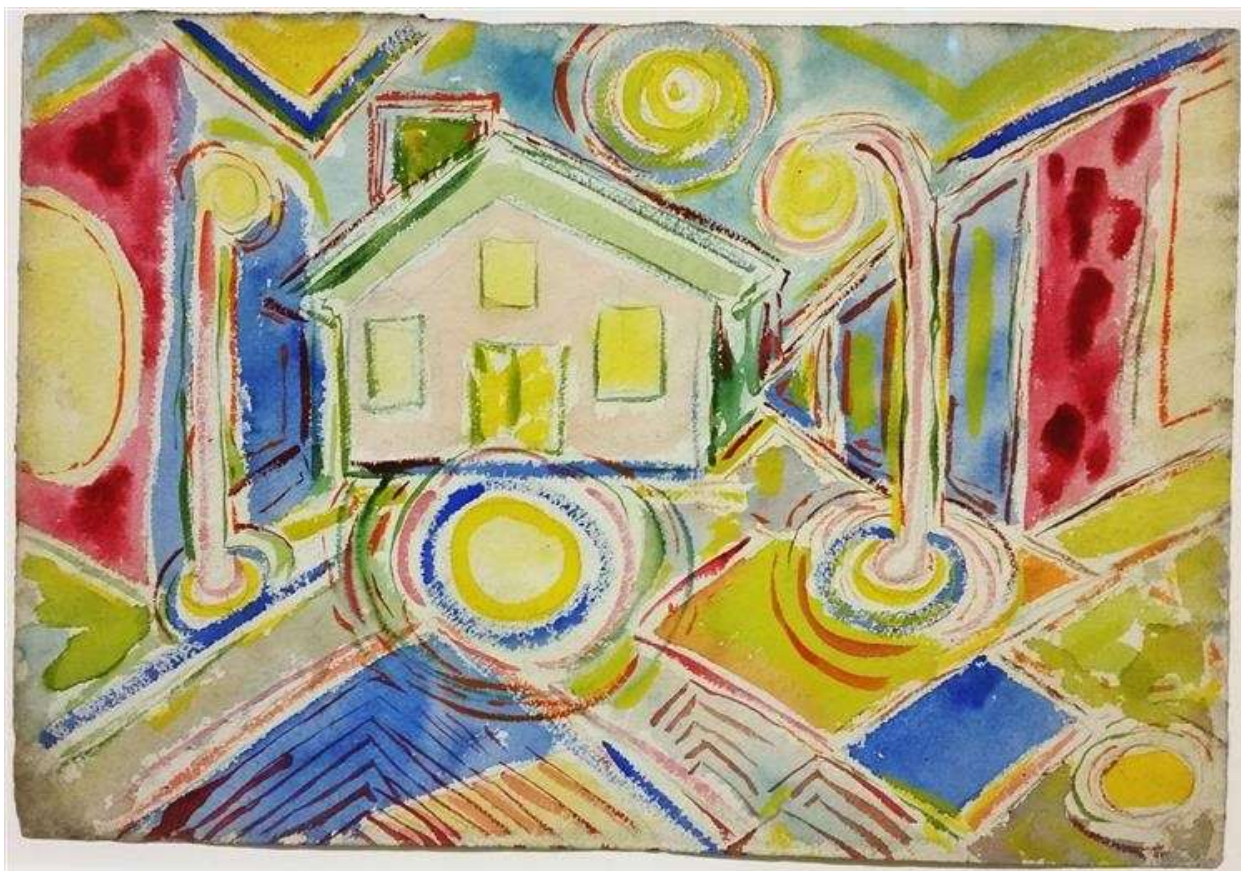


BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Beauford Delaney

Third Sunday After Epiphany January 23, 2022

Prelude *When Jesus Came to Jordan's Stream* J. S. Bach

Introit *Alleluia, Alleluia!* Zimbabwe

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship from Howard Thurman

Leader: Open unto me, light for my darkness.
Open unto me, courage for my fear.
Open unto me, hope for my despair.

People: Open unto me, peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me, strength for my weakness.

Leader: Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness.

People: Open unto me, love for my hates.
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself.
Open unto me.

Opening Hymn 443 *O Christ the Great Foundation*

Confession

Loving God, you have created us to live as a body, but too often we have selfish ambitions. We seek attention and become jealous of the honor that others receive. We strive to maintain control and fear giving up power. We hoard resources and neglect to share with one another. We build our defenses, attack the weak, and hide our vulnerabilities.

Forgive us and help us to live as a body. Teach us to celebrate together and suffer with one another. Show us how to share what we have. Allow us to have spaces where we can be vulnerable. Through you Spirit, we pray.

(Silent confession)

Amen.

Pardon

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.**

Time with the Children

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make

it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Anthem

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

M. Ippolitov-Ivanof

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Sermon *Tenderness for Our Toughness* Carol Howard Merritt

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Minute for Mission

Anthem *He Watching Over Israel* Felix Mendelssohn

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn 332** *Live Into Hope*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* R. Vaughan Williams

***Postlude** *Hyfrydol* R. Vaughan Williams

**JOIN THE QUILTERS
EVERY TUESDAY AT
1 PM IN THE CHAPEL**

BPC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

Please join us for a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 1:00 pm. We will elect officers for the coming year, discuss allocation of the 2021 Mistletoe Mart funds, review the 2021 Mart, and review the draft financial statement that will be included in the 2021 Annual Report.

The zoom link can be found in our E-NEWS and below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81420410656>

BPC's Choir - Do you love to sing?

Our choir is meeting again! We would love for you to join us! All singers must be vaccinated and masked to sing. Contact John for more information at john@bedfordpreschurch.org.

Communion will be held the first Sunday of every month.

SPIRITUALITY GROUP

*We will be working through various spiritual practices from Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* in order to re-ground our sense of self and our sense of faith.*

*Wednesdays at 7pm
via zoom*

1/26, 2/2, 2/9, & 2/16

The Zoom link for the meeting can be found on our website.

TOGETHER

WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE

JOIN US FOR SERVICE SUNDAYS (4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)!

OUR INITIAL SERVICE SUNDAY WILL BE JANUARY 23RD. WE WILL GATHER TOGETHER AFTER CHURCH TO WORK ON A SERVICE PROJECT TOGETHER. WE WILL BE PREPARING FOR OUR UPCOMING MIDNIGHT RUN, PUTTING TOGETHER BAGS FOR THE WOMEN'S PRISON, ETC.





Northern Westchester
Refugee Resettlement Initiative
resetwestchester@gmail.com

Through ReSET* we will be working with a family that is resettling from Afghanistan.

This is an ongoing mission that will need the help of many. Volunteers of all types of involvement are needed and welcomed. If you would like to volunteer email resetwestchester@gmail.com.

We currently need gift cards to Target, Khol's or Visa so that we can help the family settle and get everything they need. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or email Elyssa to coordinate other arrangements.

*Bedford Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth El, Temple Shaaray Tefila, Antioch Baptist Church & other local organizations have joined together to form an initiative called ReSET (Northern Westchester Refugee Resettlement Initiative). ReSET will play a direct role in helping refugees establish new homes in Northern Westchester.

Joyful Noise Children's Choir

At Bedford Presbyterian Church, we LOVE music. We believe every child should have the chance to sing and find their voice. We are asking children of all ages to join us throughout the year. All the songs will be posted on-line well in advance of our singing and we will rehearse the song the morning of our sharing. Simple!

Please email Don Dupont with any questions at dondupont@outlook.com.

Parents, go to our website to join the Joyful Noise's Google Classroom!



CANDLE MAKING

Saturday, January 29th
5pm
in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a fun
night of candle
making!

Supplies will be
provided and there
is no cost to attend.



Join the Bedford Bellringers

The Bedford Bellringers have been playing together for over 60 years at BPC. The Bellringers play 3-4 times a year and rehearse on Tuesday evenings, for a few weeks prior to performances. If you are interested in playing with the bells or have any questions, please contact Heidi Michaels at hmichaels425@gmail.com.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP



We will be having Second Sunday Soup on Feb. 13th and March 13th! We are looking for volunteers to make soup for each of these weekends. Please email Sarah Ryan to sign up. Sarahryan237@gmail.com

Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS Announcements

To sign up for our weekly E-NEWS that has live links to all of our announcements, please go to the BPC website at bedfordpreschurch.org and select either '**Contact**' at the top *or* **E-NEWS** just below it. To have information entered into the Bulletin and/or the E-NEWS, please email both Elyssa and Jessica by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org

Office@bedfordpreschurch.org

MIDNIGHT RUN

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We will be holding a Midnight Run on Friday, March 4th.

We are looking for donations of new or gently used items. Please see the sign up genius for specific items.

We also need people to join us on the run. Please email

Courtney if you would like to attend.

Courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, January 23rd** - Worship & Service Sunday at 10 am
- **Monday, January 24th** – Yoga at 9 am
- **Tuesday, January 25th** – Quilting at 1 pm
- **Wednesday, January 25th** – Spirituality at 7 pm
- **Thursday, January 26th** - Bible Study at 10 am
- **Saturday, January 29th** - Candle Making at 5 pm
- **Sunday, January 30th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am

Bible Study meets via Zoom, every Thursday at 10 am.

Contact Alan McDougal at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link.

Bedford Presbyterian Church Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor
Courtney Steininger, Director of Christian Education & Youth
John Lettieri, Director of Music
Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries
Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager
Edwin & Ellida Acevedo, Building & Grounds Maintenance
The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

Sunday Worship Service in person and virtual at 10:00 am

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Deacons

Chair Don Hiller-Dupont, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson,
Kim Lapple, Natasha Mast, Rebecca Rivard, & Sarah Ryan