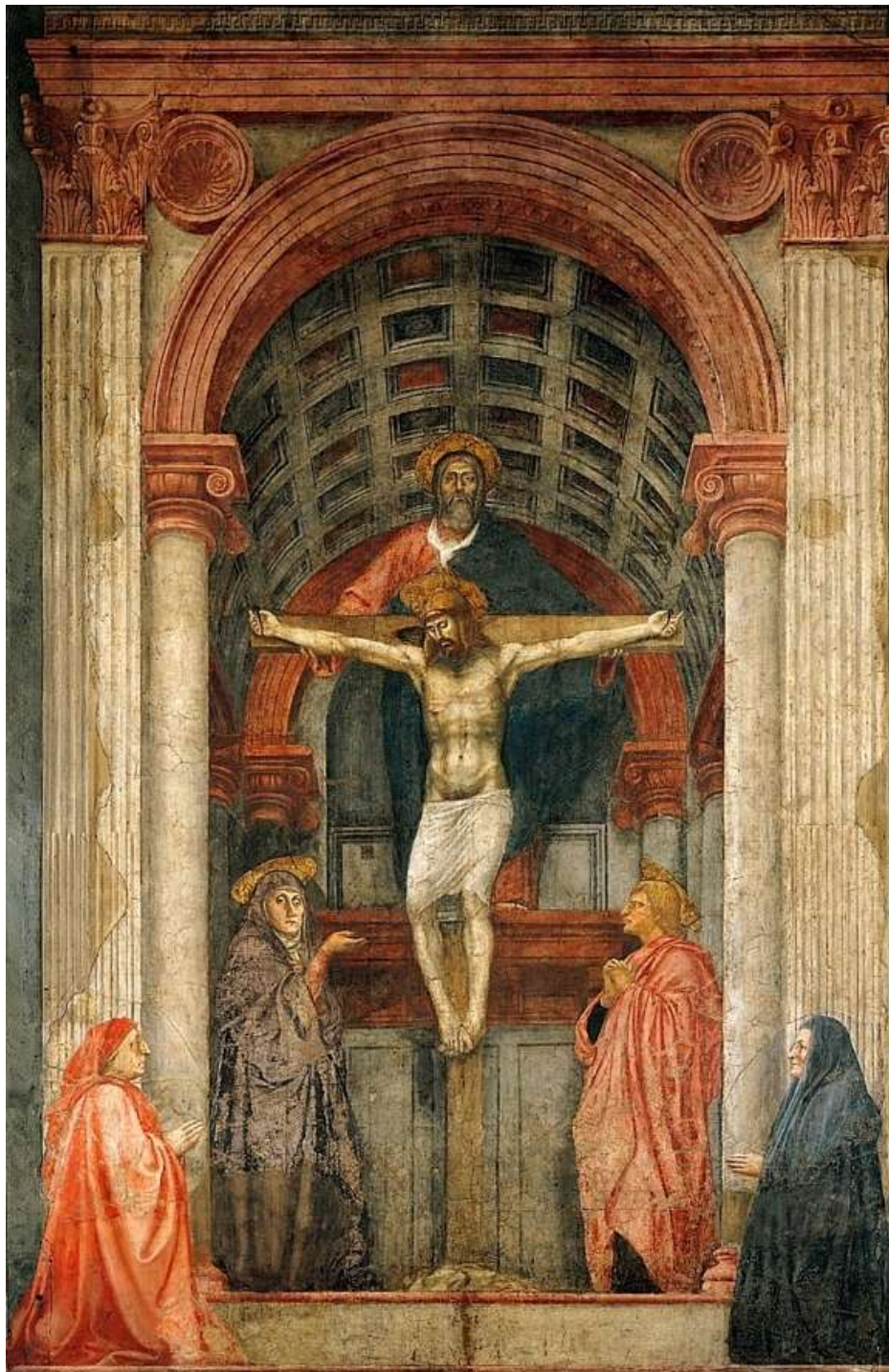




BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Trinity" by Masaccio

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

Prelude *All Glory Be to God on High* Johann Gottfried Walther

Introit *God is Love* G. Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Sentences

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life.

Leader: Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child,
Life-Giving Womb

People: Sun, Light, and Burning Ray

Leader: Lover, Beloved, and Love itself.

People: We give you thanks.

***Opening Hymn 138** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Introduction of New Members Kristen Dorta and Emily Wagenheim

Call to Confession

God of grace, we confess that we do not always love as we ought to love. We cling to resentments, instead of opening ourselves to forgiveness. We look for ways to criticize, instead of seeking peace. We work tirelessly, instead of taking time to rest.

Help us to know your love so deeply that it leads us to forgiveness, peace, and rest. Through your Spirit, we pray.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Time with the Children

The children are welcome to stay for the service, or they may leave for Sunday Spirit.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Celebration of Graduates

Offering and Children's Offering

Choir Anthem

Meditation on "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Piet Post

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Breaking of the Bread

*Communion

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 134

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

*Charge and Blessing

Benediction Response *May the Grace of Christ our Savior* Lovelace

***Postlude** *We All Believe in One True God* Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

Please fill out the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor.



Many thanks to Michael Burnette, our substitute organist,
for accompanying and leading our choir.



*Join us for our
Congregational
Meeting*

Immediately
following
worship



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Graduation Celebration















Today we celebrate BPC's high school graduates. They will be presented with gifts during worship, and there will be a special coffee hour immediately following.



JUNE 4 - 10, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Mostly Sunny 71°	Partly Cloudy 77°	Thunderstorm 69°	Partly Cloudy 72°	Partly Cloudy 73°	Partly Cloudy 76°	Rainy 77°

ON THE FARM

We have spent this week building our new greenhouse which is finally built, and it looks beautiful! With the help of Jorge we have finished clearing out the squash garden and can begin planting in it. On Thursday we went out to buy vegetables to put into some of the empty beds.

The pollinator garden is having a little trouble adjusting to the new area, but we have been keeping close watch on it and have bought more plants to finish it.

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please follow our new Nativity Farm instagram: @nativityfarm_BPC

Our volunteer hours at the farm are Thursday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. Please join us! If you are unable to volunteer during that time, let Courtney know or volunteer at any of the other Westchester Local Food Project gardens in the area.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Gyre

WHAT WE ARE READING

June 5 is the UN's World Environment Day. This year, the theme is to "Beat Plastic Pollution." Consider the following quote:

"Often when we reflect on sustainability we emphasize restraint, reducing and perhaps a sense of loss. Genesis 1 gives us a picture of the ocean as a place of teeming, abundance, diversity and fruitfulness. Pictures of God's goodness throughout Scripture focus on His lavishness which we sing of in that simple chorus 'How wide and deep and long and high is the love of God.' God's vision for the sustainable life then is not so much John the Baptist in the desert, but the heavenly banquet prepared for us."

We are subverting that vision of the abundant life through our own creation - plastic. That natural fruitfulness and ecological cycles are interrupted by plastic which does not break down or get naturally recycled as does the rest of God's creation."

- Robert Sluka

THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

Putting mulch in the gardens, continue composting research and set-up.

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Senior Luncheon

June 29th at 12:30 pm,
in the chapel room.

Bring your bag lunch and join us as we
connect with each other and make
new friends.

You don't need to be a member of
Bedford Presbyterian Church to attend.



Trinity Sunday liturgy was created by the early church in response to the Arian heresy, which posits that Jesus Christ is not of the same essence as God the Creator (homousian Christianity). We believe that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence. For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal (From the Athanasian Creed).

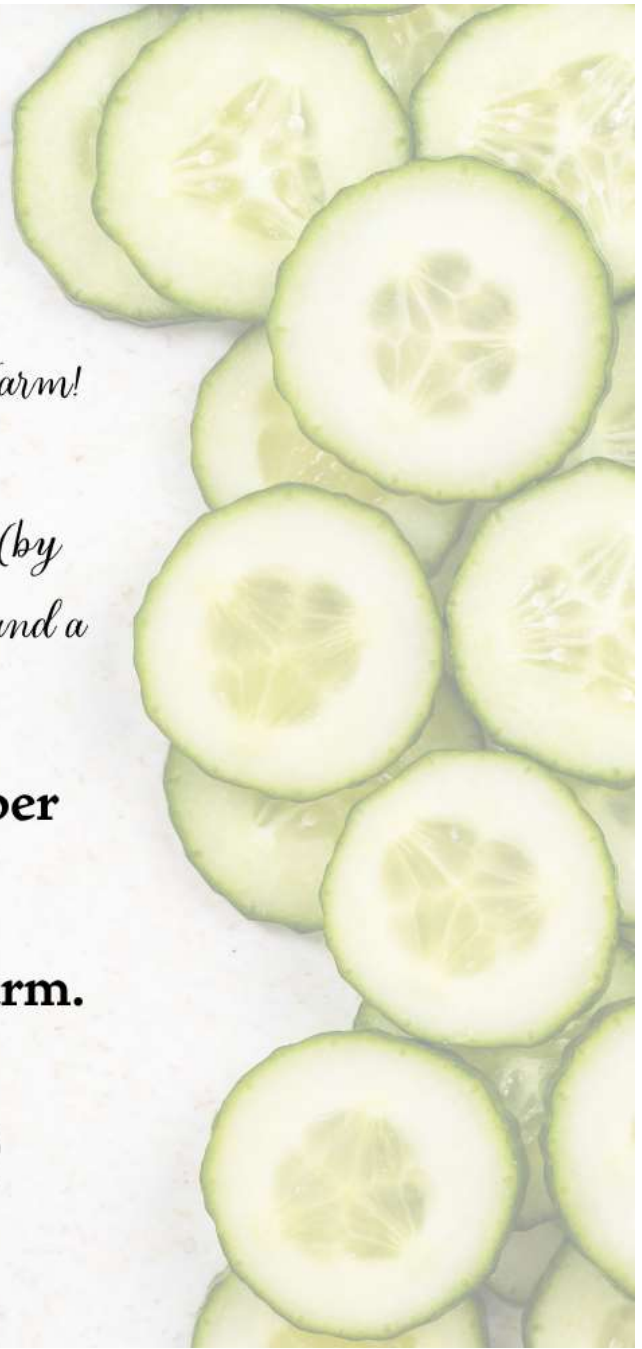
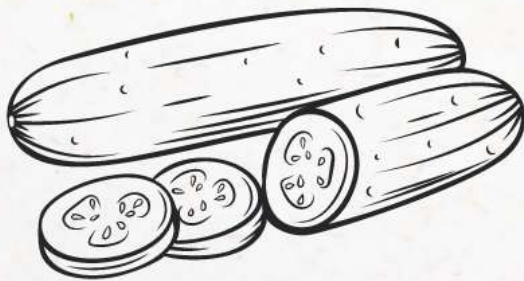
ADOPT A CUCUMBER!

Sponsor a cucumber plant at Nativity Farm!

If your plant produces the largest cuke (by weight), you will receive that cucumber and a \$75 gift card!

**\$20 to sponsor a cucumber
by June 18.**

Proceeds go to Nativity Farm.



VOLUNTEER AT NATIVITY FARM



Join us on Thursdays from 5-7 pm!



ReSET is partnering with its fiscal sponsor, Neighbors Link, to support recent arrivals to Westchester and the Hudson Valley. While their basic needs are being met, they are in need of funds for their families' particular needs including medication and personal items, transportation and specific foods. These funds are best provided by using gift cards.

BPC is collecting donated gift cards that will be distributed to those in need by Neighbors Link. Any amount that you can provide would be appreciated, with **VISA/Mastercard** being the most useful, as well as **CVS, Target, Lyft** or **Uber**. The current and future shelters may not be near any large grocery stores so it's easiest for people to use VISA/Mastercard at the local bodega or convenience store within walking distance. It is suggested that the cards be in increments of \$25.00 and have no associated usage fees.

If you can help, please place the gift cards in an envelope marked "ReSET Immediate Assistance" and place the envelope in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or drop off or mail the gift cards to the Church Office to the attention of *ReSET Immediate Assistance*.

You may also drop off or mail gift cards directly to Neighbors Link at 27 Columbus Ave in Mount Kisco, 10549, marked to the attention of Kathy Thorsberg, CFO.

To avoid scammers, if you are able to provide this assistance, gift cards should only be given or sent to Bedford Presbyterian Church or directly to Neighbors Link. The Church or staff will NOT be emailing you about this. If you have any questions about this appeal or about any contacts that you may receive that may seem suspicious you should telephone the Church Office directly.

ReSET is also looking for volunteers not only to help us with our continuing refugee resettlement work, but also to join us in assisting Neighbors Link with the immediate assistance needed for the immigrants arriving daily. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please visit our website at <https://resetwestchester.org/volunteer/> or call (914) 234-0025.

RECURRING EVENTS AT BPC

Lunch with Friends – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month at 12:30 pm.

Quilting- Every Tuesday at 1 pm.

Bible Study – Every Thursday at 10 am via Zoom.

Coffee Hour – Sundays after worship at 11 am. Please sign up to host.

Flower donations for Sunday Worship. Please sign up to dedicate flowers.

Please go to our website or call the church office for more information.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, June 4th

10 am

11 am

Trinity Sunday

Worship, Communion & Children's Offering

Graduation Ceremony &
Congregational Meeting

Monday, June 5th

9 am

Yoga

Tuesday, June 6th

1 pm

Quilting

Thursday, June 8th

10 am

Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall
at **alanmcd@verizon.net**

12:30 pm

Senior Luncheon

5 pm

Nativity Farm Work Session

Sunday, June 11th

10 am

Worship

11 am

Coffee Hour

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 Jessica at **Office@bedfordpreschurch.org** by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont, President Michelle Gosh,
Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel and Stewardship),
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),
Suzanne Millette (Finance), Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

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Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, & Diane Palmento

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The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor
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