

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

Prelude *Church Sonata in E flat* W. A. Mozart

Introit *Let the Giving of Thanks* John Bell

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 16)**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

People: God is robed in majesty and encircled in strength.

Leader: The Holy One has established the world, and God's realm will not be shaken.

People: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn 559** *We Gather Together*

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, our country has become divided. We do not trust one another. We often look to the powers of our world to save us. When they let us down, we accuse and vilify one another, until divisions fester in our families and in our communities.

Help us to be ruled by justice and love. When our world calls us into turmoil and hatred, let us seek peace and understanding.

(Silent confession)

Amen.

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*** Sung Response**

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Introduction of New Members

Anthem

Thankful

Shawn Belt Edwards

Joyful Noise Choir and BPC Choir

Baptism of Dylan Aquilino

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.

Hymn 492

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;

Heirs of salvation,
Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

The children can leave for Sunday Spirit.

Hebrew Bible Lesson *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
 and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
 and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
 and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
 and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
 and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
 and the books were opened.

I saw one like a human being
 coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
 and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
 and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
 should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
 that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
 that shall never be destroyed.

Anthem

*Celebrate and Ring
The Bedford Bellringers*

Dan R. Edwards

Gospel Lesson

John 18:33-38

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Sermon

"What is Truth?" retorted Pilate.

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering**Minute for Stewardship****Anthem**

To Everything There is a Season

Ed Harris

***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 151** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude** *Now Thank We All Our God* Karg-Elert

Announcements

Please fill out the Pew Pad located on the pew so that we know who joined us – both old friends and new!!

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.



Have you made a pledge for 2022 in support of Bedford Presbyterian Church? We hope to hear from all of our members and friends by this Sunday, November 21. Thank you!

- The Stewardship Committee



"Stars of Hope" Quilt Raffle

Don't forget to return
your raffle tickets!

Increase your chance of
winning by buying more
tickets after the service,
every Sunday in
November.

The winning ticket will be
picked at the Mistletoe
Mart at 3pm.



Jean Palmer is a founding member of the
BPC Quilters. The quilt raffle has been a
church tradition since 1979.



Emergency Shelter
Partnership

Thank you to
everyone who
helped make our
first week of ESP
a success.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE
37TH ANNUAL
MISTLETOE MART

**Saturday,
December 4th
9am - 3pm**

Knitted goods - Hand hooked
pillows - Handmade pottery -
Jewelry -
Hand-painted home decor
- Pottery - Felted wool
accessories -
Wreaths & Floral arrangements
- Toffee - Vintage
Christmas Treasures

Santa is coming 11-1pm

**Buy your Raffle
tickets for the
"Stars of Hope"
Quilt**



Please sign up to:
**-bring in baked goods
for the Bake Sale**
**-Cook, provide supplies
or help to sell chili**
**-Christmas Wreath
Making with MaryLou**

***more information & sign ups
in the E-NEWS, on our website,
or call the office for contact
information**

**If anyone has Christmas
items they would like to
donate to the Christmas
Treasures Sale please
contact Pat Ferguson.**



Go to our website for more information on the Mistletoe Mart Wreath Making on Wednesday, December 1st from 9am-5pm at the Church and for more information on the collection of Vintage Christmas Treasures for the Mistletoe Mart.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

On **Friday, December 3rd at 7pm**, middle and high school students are invited to go shopping at Target for Christmas gifts for the Bedford Hills Correctional Children's Center.

On **Friday, December 17th at 7pm**, youth, their friends, and *any college students who are home* are invited to the Youth Group Christmas Party where there will be food, games and good times to celebrate the holiday season.



Coffee Hour Sign Up

Coffee hour is held every Sunday after the church service. We ask that every family sign up for two Sundays throughout the year to help provide coffee and light snacks. Please go to the sign up genius on our website to pick your dates and get more information. If you have any questions please contact us.

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!

Don Hiller-Dupont, an active member at BPC and a Music Educator for the Chappaqua Central School District, leads Joyful Noise. Please email Don with any questions at dondupont@outlook.com.

Parents, go to our website to join the Joyful Noise's Google Classroom!
Our next performance is today, Sunday, November 21st.



ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 21st at 4pm

Join us in person or via live stream

Temple Shaaray Tefila
89 Baldwin Place, Bedford NY

Millie Kane Luncheon

The Millie Kane Luncheon has been postponed until the spring.
More information to come at a future date.

Neighbors Link ★ Holiday Gift Drive

Drop off by December 12th

Neighbors Link's traditional Mercado de las Fiestas (Holiday Market) is back for their clients in Mount Kisco and Ossining! Parents are able to select gifts for their children. They are collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children ages 0-12 and \$25 gift cards for teenagers 13-18.

You can also click [here](#) to see their Amazon wishlist. Please drop off all donations in the bin at the church.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday
10-11am via zoom

Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net
for the Zoom link.

Anyone interested is welcome.



Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS Announcements

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

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FLOWER DONATIONS

Flower donations for Sunday Services

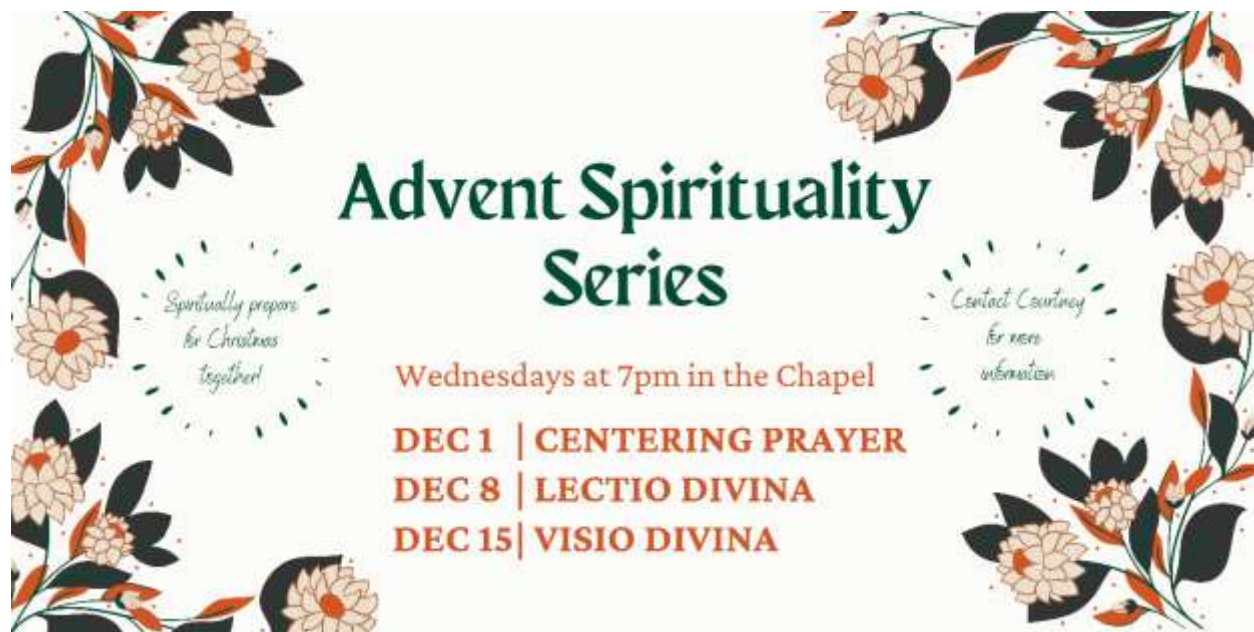
We have many Sundays available for Sunday flower sponsors. Please sign up no later than one week prior to the Sunday you want to sponsor to ensure that your dedication gets placed in the bulletin. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your \$50.00 secure online donation on our website.

Christmas decorations for the Church

Please help us decorate the church with Christmas flowers and greens. A \$25.00 donation will help us beautify the church, and along with your donation, you can make a dedication to anyone you would like. Your name along with your dedication will go in our bulletin and E-NEWS. The deadline to make your donation and dedication is Thursday, December 9th. Mail your check to the church along with your dedication, go to our website, click on 'Donate' - 'Christmas Flowers', call the church office at 914-232-3672 or email Office@bedfordpreschurch.org.



Please visit
CommunityCenterNW.org
to learn more about the
Share the Warmth Drive.



Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Monday, November 22nd** - Yoga
- **Tuesday, November 23rd** – No Quilting this week
- **Thursday, November** - Happy Thanksgiving – **OFFICE CLOSED**
- **Friday, November** - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- **Sunday, November 28th** -First Sunday of Advent. Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to the link on our website. ***Childcare available.***

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
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The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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

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Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont, Linda Burpee,
Alison Cape, President Jeanne Collins,
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Deacons

Chair Don Hiller-Dupont, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
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