

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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All Saints Day

November 7, 2021

Prelude *'Blessed Eternity' from Diptych* Olivier Messiaen

Introit *Jesus Said, Come Unto Me All Ye That Labour*
G. Thalban-Ball

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: All that we are is a gift from God.

People: The earth is God's and all that is in it.

Leader: All that we have is a gift from God.

People: The world, and those who live in it.

Leader: There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

People: We gather in awe and respond in gratitude.

***Opening Hymn 364** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you have given us abundant life. Too often we respond to your gifts with greed, hungering for more. We cling to our possessions, refusing to share what we have. Wrapped in our own concerns, we walk away from those in need. We squander the earth's resources, consuming the beauty you have given to us.

Give us a sense of wonder. Help us to respond to your abundance with gratitude and generosity. Make us aware of all the ways in which we can use our time and abilities so that we might live in a world as it ought to be.

(Silent confession)

Amen.

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

*** Sung Response**

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near.
When my light is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

Time with the Children

The children can leave for Sunday Spirit after Time with the Children.

Hebrew Bible Lesson *Ruth 4:13-15*

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said

to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.”

Anthem

The Souls of the Righteous

Herbert Murrill

Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Sermon

Gifts of Gratitude

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering

Stewardship Moment

Anthem

‘Sanctus’ from the Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

***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**

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...

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion and 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 526**

For All the Saints

***Charge and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

Fourfold Amen

John Stainer

***Postlude**

Corale

S. 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.



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

- Homemade Chili -
- Delicious Baked Goods
- Hot Chocolate & Cider -

Don't miss Santa 11-1
Proceeds benefit local
community charities.

"Stars of Hope"
Quilt Raffle
Drawing at 3pm

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WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mistletoe Mart Chili Sign up

We need volunteers to make meat and vegetarian chili for Mistletoe Mart on 12/4. Please see the sign up genius (or Courtney or Elyssa) to sign up for chili and other needed supplies.

We also need teens to volunteer to help sell chili that day.





**Mistletoe Mart, Saturday,
December 4th 9-3 pm at BPC
Save the Date! Mistletoe
Mart Wreath Workshop**

**Wednesday, December 1st
9 am to 5 pm at the church**

The Christmas wreaths sold at Mistletoe Mart need hands to trim double-faced balsam wreaths. Come for an hour or the day on Wednesday, December 1st for wreath making with Mary Lou Pappas. There will be help and hints all day from 9:00 to 5:00. Beginners get special attention! Bring a friend!

You can make wreaths to sell and/or make and buy a wreath for yourself. If you have CLIPPERS, please bring them! The balsam wreaths and a variety of greens, cones, berries, ribbons/raffia, and surprises are all provided.

That said, maybe you have good wreath trim in your yard! Maybe you forage! Just call **Mary Lou** at **914-234-7779** to pick or pickup...or you can bring with you on December 1st.

There will be nibbles to feed your creativity, but bring a sandwich if you are planning to spend the day (or there's a deli right up the street from the church). It is going to look, feel and smell like Christmas in the wreath workshop! We need your hands to help make wreaths to sell at our Mistletoe Mart.

Vintage Christmas Treasures

We are collecting used Christmas Treasures for a holiday shop at the Mistletoe Mart on Saturday, December 4. If you have Christmas treasures to donate please contact **Pat Ferguson** at **914-234-7833** or **pkferg1@gmail.com**. She will be storing items in her garage until the sale and you can either deliver them there or call her and she will pick them up.

Millie Kane Luncheon

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

EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

November 15 - November 21

We are looking for volunteers for our first week of ESP, the week of November 15th. We need 20 dinner meals made per night, as well as donations of water, soda, and snack bags. Specific details for each of these items are on the sign up genius. We also need someone to transport the food to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Mount Kisco and volunteers to check in the guests there. We appreciate all of your help and support!

Please email Elyssa with any questions at
Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org.

Visit our website for the link to the SignUpGenius.

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 Office@bedfordpreschurch.org



JOIN RICK AND NATASHA MAST, AS
THEY INTRODUCE NATIVITY FARM, A
NEW MINISTRY IDEA THAT WE ARE
EXPLORING AS A CONGREGATION.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH - AFTER THE SERVICE

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS EVENT

TRADITIONAL
ENGLISH TEA

November 14th

2:30 - 4:30PM

Host: The Cape Family

Where: Their home

(address to be provided
after sign up)

Max: 12 Adults

See the sign up genius
to RSVP.



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 following sign up genius to pick your dates and get more information.

If you have any questions please contact us.

*Flowers in the Sanctuary are sponsored by
Kathy DiBiasi for*

Those we love
never truly leave
us.



SPONSOR SUNDAY WORSHIP FLOWERS

Sign up on the website.



SECOND Sunday Soup

We will be having our first Second Sunday Soup on November 14th! We will gather directly after the service for s'mores and hot chocolate for the kids and the kids at heart.

We are looking for two volunteers to provide soup. If you are interested please contact Sarah Ryan.

Sarahryan237@gmail.com

Bible Study

Every Thursday between
10 - 11am via Zoom.

Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link. Anyone interested is welcome



JOIN THE
QUILTERS
EVERY
TUESDAY AT
1PM IN THE
CHAPEL



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



We are asking children of all ages to join us in singing 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, or if your child would like to join, at dondupont@outlook.com. Look for the link to a **Joyful Noises Google Classroom** in our weekly E-NEWS. Our next performance will be **November 21st!!** Sign up on our website or through our weekly E-NEWS.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Monday, November 8th** - Yoga
- **Tuesday, November 9th** - Quilting
- **Thursday, November 11th** - Bible Study
- **Sunday, November 14th** - Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to the link on our website. **Childcare available. Second Sunday Soup, Bells play during worship & Nativity Farm presentation.**

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

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