## 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.

## **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.

<sup>\*</sup>Opening Hymn 364 | Sing a Song of the Saints of God

(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.

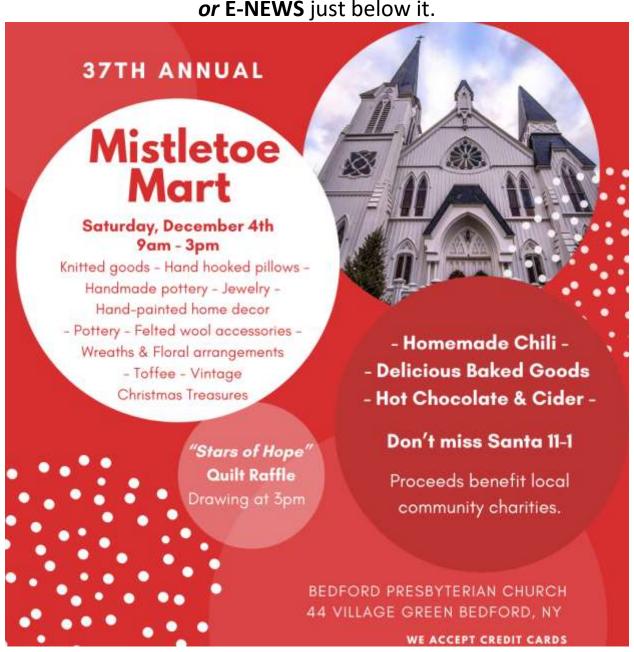
*Hymn 526	For All the Saints
*Charge and Blessing	

*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.





## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Ressurrection 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.

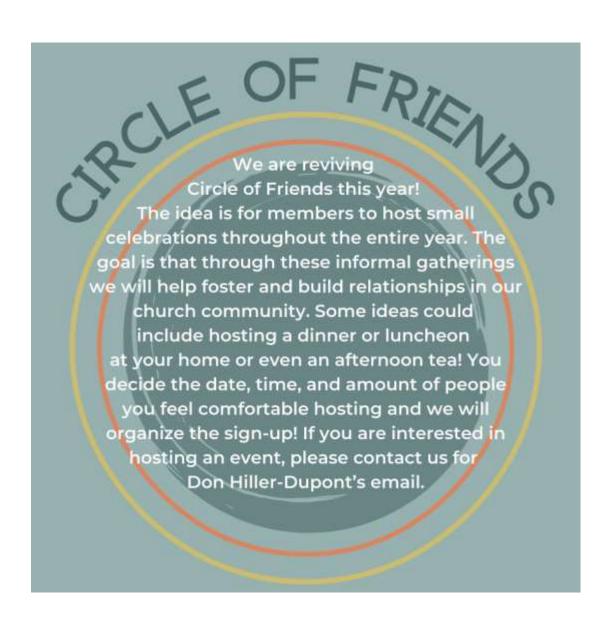
Visit our website for the link to the SignUpGenius.

## **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





## 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.

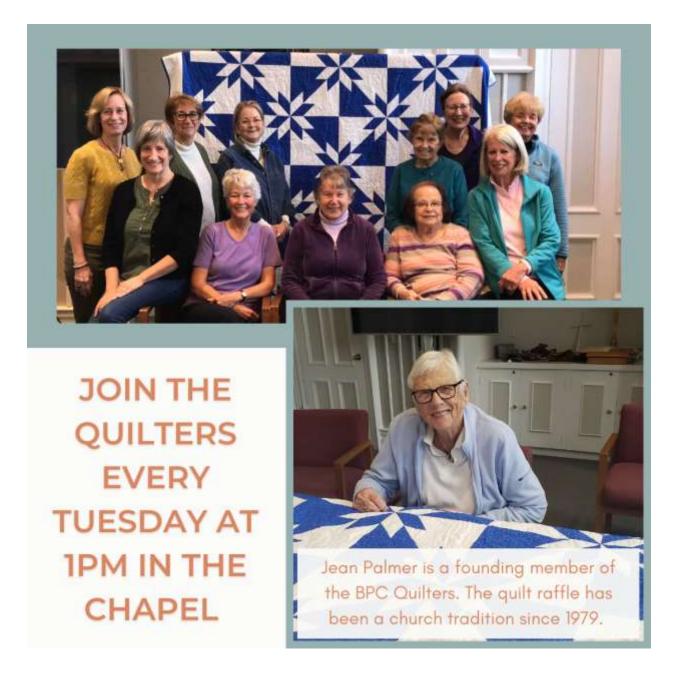






## Bible Study Every Thursday between 10 - 11am via Zoom.

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





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.

## **Bedford Presbyterian Church Staff**

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor
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John Lettieri, Director of Music
Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries
Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager
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Sunday Worship Service in person and virtual at 10:00 am

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## **Our Leadership**

## Session

Linda Burpee, Alison Cape, **President Jeanne Collins**,
Michelle Gosh, **Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont**,
Alan McDougall, Suzanne Millette **Moderator Rev. Carol Howard Merritt** 

### **Deacons**

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