

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Calla Lilies" by Georgia O'Keeffe

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

Prelude *Lyra Davidica for Organ and Brass* Richard Purvis

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *An Easter Greeting* Martin How

Call to Worship

Leader: On this Easter morning,
We celebrate that through Jesus Christ,

**People: Life overcomes death,
Grace crushes shame,**

Leader: Hope defeats despair,
And love conquers hate.

People: Let us worship God!

Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Gospel Lesson *John 20:1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set

out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon *“Abundant Life” Rev. Carol Howard Merritt*

Anthem *Antiphon from “Five Mystical Songs” R. Vaughan Williams*
Joseph Gansert, Baritone solo

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.

(Many people say the Lord’s Prayer with “trespasses” or “sins” instead of “debts.” Please feel free to pray in any form that makes you feel the most comfortable.)

Hymn *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Allegro in C for Two Trumpets and Organ* John Stanley

We wish to thank Trumpeters Seneca Black and Kerry MacKillup and Joseph Gansert, Baritone soloist for adding to our service this morning.

Announcements

The following announcements are also included in our weekly E-NEWS, which has 'live' links that bring you directly to websites and documents that are referenced here.

To sign up for our E-NEWS, please go to the BPC website at bedfordpreschurch.org and select either '**Contact**' at the top or **E-NEWS** just below it.





Easter Services – Sunday, April 4th

Online Easter Service at 10:00 am

Outside Easter Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am

We would love to have you join us at our Easter Sunday services. We will be holding both a **9:00 am** service and an **11:00 am** service. The 11:00 am service is already filled up.

Both services will be held outdoors this year in front of the church. If you would like to sign up for the **9:00 am** service, please contact Elyssa Michaels at: **youthgroup@bedfordpreschurch.org** Please include the total number of people in your group. This will help us keep track of attendance for both seating and contact tracing purposes. If you have already signed up for the 11:00 am service and want to switch to the 9:00 am service, you can also contact Elyssa Michaels for this as well.

*We will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt at **10:00 am**.*

BPC Parenting Blog



BPC Parents is a parenting blog written by a team of professionals from our community. We are here to give insight, care and thoughtfulness to fellow

parents as we do the challenging, yet rewarding work of raising children.

This month's article is written by **Adrian Kalikow** titled ***A Year Later...*** Visit: bpcparents.tumblr.com/





Grace Ji-Sun Kim
Theologian
April 6 at 7 pm

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Ph.D. is a Korean-American theologian and Professor of Theology at Earlham School of Religion. She is ordained in the PC(USA).

Dr. Kim has written, edited, and contributed to 28 books. She is best known for books and articles on the social and religious experiences of Korean women immigrants to North America.



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PASTOR & AUTHOR



4/20 • CINDY WANG BRANDT
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#StopAsianHate • Tuesdays • 7 pm

<https://bedfordpreschurch.org/upcoming-zoom-gatherings/>

Let's Cook Together – Saturday, April 10th at 6 pm



BPC members can come together virtually for fun. Join us as Chef Mark, an award-winning chef who has been teaching at the Culinary Institute for

over 25 years, instructs us in cooking dinner! He'll plan a menu and tell us what ingredients we should each have on hand the week before the event. We will cook and eat together. The menu will consist of 2 courses and a dessert. Some minor prep may be required ahead of time, but he will walk us through most of it together.

Acquire new cooking skills, and learn about healthy eating, food prep and environmental sustainability that can extend to folks beyond our doors. **The cost is \$25 per household.** Final details will be in next week's E-NEWS.

By making a payment using the link below you will automatically be registered for the "Let's Cook Together" event. You can also submit a check to the BPC office. *The Zoom call for this event will begin at 6:00 pm.*

Visit: onrealm.org/bedfordpreschurch/give/Cook



Thank you to the following people for their donations towards the purchase of beautiful Easter Lilies and Palms.

Dedications

Gordon and Judy Aydelott ~ *In loving memory of Gordon's parents Marj and Jack Aydelott and Judy's parents Jack and Ruth Agor.*

Skip Beitzel ~ *In loving memory of Spike, Mary Lou & David Beitzel.*

Hope and Bob Black ~ *In celebration of all of our extended family members.*

Heather Brown-Huston ~ *To the glory of God from Heather Brown-Huston, in memory of her grandparents, the Rev. George and Mrs. Virginia Halstead, and Dr. Charles Sr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, with thanks for the faithful values they taught and the generous love that they shared.*

Bing & Marcy Carlson ~ *In memory of Barney and Teddie Carlson & In memory of Lou and Elberta Buerger.*

Eleanor Cox ~ *In memory of Lloyd B. Cox.*

Kathy DiBiasi ~ *In memory of Mom and Dad. Love you! Kathy.*

Pat Ferguson ~ *In loving memory of Tom Ferguson, from his family.*

Victor & Linda Fried ~ *With good thoughts for family and friends.*

Carla Hawryluk ~ *In honor of Ted and Paul Hawryluk.*

The Hermansen Family ~ *In Loving memory of Roy W. Hermansen
Who remains in our hearts forever.*

Brian and Don Hiller-Dupont ~ *Dedicated to loved ones who are no
longer with us; shining in heaven and in our hearts forever.*

Sue and Ed Kelly ~ *With prayer and hope for a COVID free future.*

Alan and Joan McDougall ~ *In loving memory of Tom Ferguson &
In loving memory of Jim Johnson.*

Mema and Pop Pop ~ *In loving anticipation of our
newest grandson.*

Norm and Heidi Michaels ~ *In honor of Thomas and
Gloria Hughart.*

Caroline Molyneux ~ *For my loving family.*

Judy Newton ~ *To all of my grandchildren; Brendan, Sadie, Claire,
James, and Cecily.*

Andrew Strawcutter ~ *In loving memory of Dr. James Johnson.*



**The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor
John Lettieri, Director of Music
Elyssa Michaels, Director of High School &
Middle School Youth Groups
Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager**

**Sunday Worship Service
In person and virtual
10:00 AM**

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