

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



22nd Sunday in
ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, August 29, 2021

Prelude

Andante Religioso

F. Mendelssohn

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

***Call to Worship from I Corinthians 13**

Leader: Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not envious, or boastful,
or arrogant, or rude.

**People: Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable
or resentful.**

Leader: Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but it rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and
endures all things.

People: Love never ends.

*** Opening Hymn 335** *Though I May Speak*

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

Call to Confession

Confession

Loving God, forgive us for we can become hardened and cruel to the people we love the most. We become complacent in our relationships, taking advantage of our friends. We neglect our loved ones, and we forget to be grateful for those who care for us.

Teach us how to give and to receive. Give us the courage to be vulnerable and help us to find different ways to love one another. Through your Spirit, we pray.

Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Poetry Lesson

Song of Songs 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

Gospel Lesson

John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Sermon

Love Endures Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering

Offertory

***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 and Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

The 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 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

H. Purcell

***Please stand if you are able**

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.



Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Tuesdays 12:30pm behind the church. Bring a chair.

Join Carol for a socially distanced lunch under the tent on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Just bring your lunch and a chair. No sign up necessary. Tell your friends!

The next lunch is September 14th.



Please support the **Bedford-Armonk Rotary Club** with their Food Pantry Drop-Off located in front of the church. Collected food will be distributed to the **Community Center of Northern Westchester** and the **Interfaith Food Pantry**.

Sunday Flowers

Flowers in the sanctuary were graciously dedicated by Elyssa Michaels.

In loving memory of Kathleen Rohm. Thank you for your friendship and love. Continue to spread your light from above.

You can go to our website or call the church office to sponsor flowers.

SAVE THE DATES!

September 12

Welcome Back Sunday!
Children's Choir, Open House,
Picnic & Blue Grass Band

September 26

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt's Installation
with Dr. Diana Butler Bass

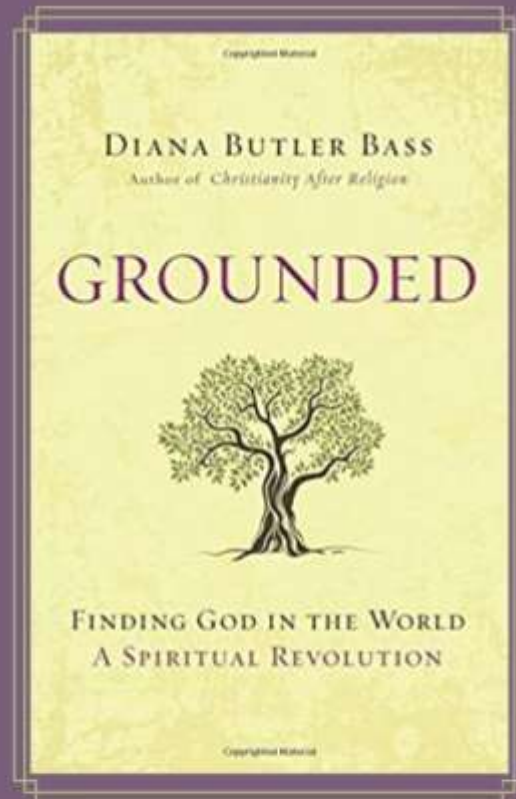
The Sleepy Hollow String Band will be performing at our Welcome Back Picnic and Open House. Come and hear them play!!



Join us!

READ, GATHER, DISCUSS

MONDAY, SEPT 20TH • 7:00 PM
BACKYARD OF THE MANSE



Our next Communion will be Sunday, September 5th.



Members worked on Intergenerate gardens and collected fresh food for distribution to Neighbors Link!

BPC YOGA

Every Monday between 9 am & 10 am in Fellowship Hall



Come and work on your downward dog.

Join Kripalu Yoga Instructor Bobbe Stultz every Monday between 9:00 and 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$20.00 per class.

A percentage of proceeds go to BPC! For more information, contact bobbestultz@gmail.com.



The BPC Quilting Group welcomes everyone to come and learn about the many joys of quilting. Feel free to come anytime between 1 and 4 pm. We will be in the Chapel Room.

No experience necessary. Creating a quilt together for the Mistletoe Mart is the perfect antidote for coming out of the pandemic!

RSVP to:

- Jeanne Morrison at Rjmorr145@verizon.net,
- Karen Ulanowski at karen.ulanowski@gmail.com, or
- Anne Bentzen at r.bentzen@verizon.net to join or inquire with any questions.



Calling all children!

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 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!

Our first song will be performed on **Sunday, September 12th** which is also our Welcome Back Picnic. Don Hiller-Dupont will lead Joyful Noise. Don is an active member at BPC and a Music Educator for the Chappaqua Central School District. Please email him with any questions at **dondupont@outlook.com**.

Look for the link to a **Joyful Noises Google Classroom** in our weekly E-NEWS.



Volunteer Opportunity

We have opportunities to volunteer at **The Mt. Kisco Food Pantry**. We've also partnered with a local nonprofit organization, **Intergenerate**, to tend their "giving gardens." They distribute the harvest through a number of organizations including Neighbor's Link.

If you're interested in volunteering for either of these initiatives, please contact Sharon Seidell at sps1256s@gmail.com.



The Bible Study group meets 10:00 am - 11:00 am Thursdays via Zoom and anyone interested is welcome. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Monday, August 30th** - Yoga at BPC
- **Tuesday, August 31st** – Quilting
- **Thursday, September 2nd** - Bible Study
- **Sunday, September 5th** - Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to the link on our website. ***Childcare available. Communion will also be held.***
- **Sunday, September 12th** – Welcome Back Picnic
- **Tuesday, September 14th** - Pub Theology
- **Sunday, September 26th** – Reverend Carol’s Installation

Bedford Presbyterian Church Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor

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

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