

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Twilight" by Hale Woodruff

"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither." Psalm 1:3

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

Prelude
Chorale

Adagio from A minor
C. Franck

Introit

Holy, Holy, Holy

F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 1**

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow harmful advice, follow in the path of corruption, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

People: But their delight is in the words of God, and they meditate on them day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

People: Their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

*** Opening Hymn 481** *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show*

1 Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia!

Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!

Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!

All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!

2 Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!

Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia!

Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!

Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!

3 Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!
All that God for us has done, Alleluia!
All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!

Confession

Loving God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear.

Set us free from a past we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us peace, through Jesus Christ.

(Silent Confession)

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Time with the Children

Baptism of Ryan Scott Clark Presentation

To the parents:

Do you desire that Ryan Scott Clark be baptized? **We do.**
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian
faith, and teach that faith to your child? **I do.**

To the congregation:

Do you, as members of the church, promise to guide and
Nurture Ryan Scott Clark by word and deed, with love and
prayer? **We do.**

To the parents:

Trusting in God's mercy, do you turn from sin and renounce
its power in the world? **I do.**

Will you be a faithful follower of Jesus, showing his love until
your life's end? **I will.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

The Anointing

Welcome

The children will leave for Sunday Spirit after the baptism.

Baptism Hymn

1 Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.
Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!

Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.

2 Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are; from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.
Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

Epistle Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

Anthem

Day By Day

Martin How

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,

“The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Sermon

Hospitality

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 of Dedication

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

*** Hymn 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad

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.

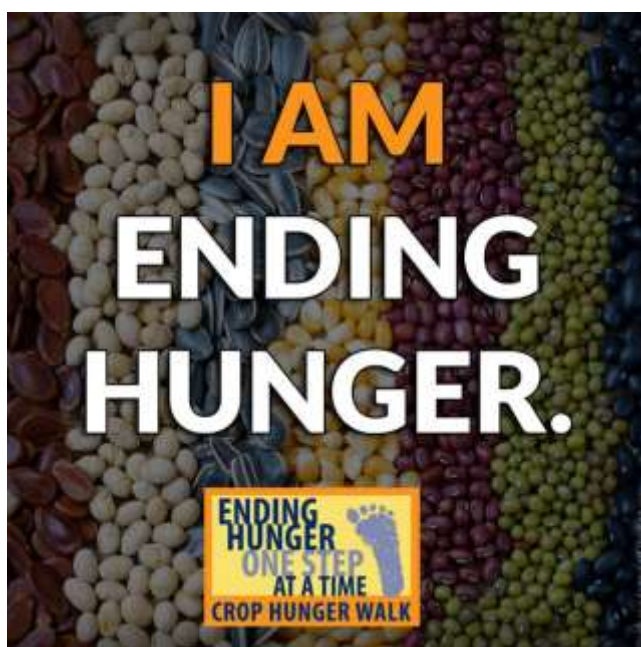




NOW
HIRING!

Sunday Sexton and Childcare

Please contact office@bedfordpreschurch.org
if you or someone you know might be interested



The Northern Westchester Crop Walk is happening OCTOBER 17th.

If you would like to join our team and collect sponsors please go to our website and find the link for the Crop Walk or scan the QR Code below.

Click on the blue "join the team" button at the bottom.



If you cannot join the team, your sponsorship would be much appreciated. Please donate at the Crop Walk link (click on the orange "donate now" button), or if you prefer give cash or checks (made out to Church World Service) to Charlotte or Alison Cape.



Flowers in the Sanctuary
today are sponsored by
Kathy DiBiasi, in honor of

Ryan Scott Clark's

BAPTISM

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

10:00 A.M.



BPC Quilting

The next meeting is

September 21st

1 pm - 4 pm



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

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

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

The next lunch is September 28th.

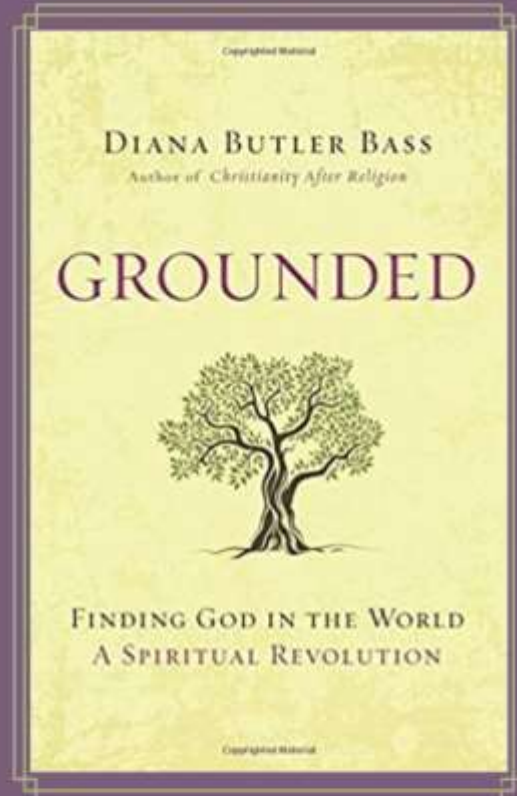


The Bible Study group meets between 10 – 11:00 am Thursdays on Zoom and anyone interested is welcome. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link.

Join us!

READ, GATHER, DISCUSS

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





Volunteer Opportunity

The **Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry (MKIFP)** is seeking a volunteer to act as Treasurer. The primary role would be to work with a bookkeeper and an outside accountant in addition to tax reporting, budgeting and banking, but there is flexibility in the role to be tailored to individual strengths. Prior experience in either finance or accounting is preferred.

The Pantry has a number of events marking Hunger Awareness Week. Oz Pearlman, a well known mentalist will perform at the Bedford Playhouse on September 30th. On October 6th from 6 – 7:00 pm there is a free virtual discussion with Katie Martin, author and educator on the future of Food banks. In addition, there will be several food drives at local groceries on September 25th. Details, links, information and signups can all be found on the MKIFB's website.

If you are interested or have questions please contact Sharon Seidell, sps1256s@gmail.com.



Calling all children!

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

Our first song was performed on Sunday, September 12th which was also our Welcome Back Picnic. 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**.

The date of our next performance is **Sunday, October 3rd** and the rehearsal will be at 9:30 am the morning of the service.

CHOIR

Do you love to sing?

**OUR CHOIR IS MEETING AGAIN! WE
WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US! ALL
SINGERS MUST BE VACCINATED AND
MASKED TO SING. CONTACT JOHN FOR
MORE INFORMATION.**

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, September 19th** - Installation of Deacons & Elders & Baptism
- **Monday, September 20th** – **Office Closed** and No Yoga
- **Tuesday, September 21st** - Quilting
- **Thursday, September 23rd** - Bible Study
- **Sunday, September 26th** - **Worship with us in person in the sanctuary at 10:00 am, or *virtually* by going to the link on our website. *Childcare available.***
- **Sunday, September 26th** – Reverend Carol's Installation

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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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