

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Corner of Laura Wheeler Waring's Studio, by Laura Wheeler Waring

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Prelude *Now Praise the Holy Spirit* D. Buxtehude

Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy* Franz Schubert

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Music

Call to Worship

Leader: Can you keep silent?

People: Can you close your heart when God calls your name?

Leader: Do you dare to rejoice in God?

People How can you not sing when the Spirit says sing?

Leader: Come then, let us joyfully celebrate God's presence with us.

People: Let us praise God for all God's blessings.

***Opening Hymn 324** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Prayer of Confession by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"O thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being. We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive, we love our friends and hate our enemies, we go the first mile but dare not travel the second, we forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against thee. But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know thy will.

Give us the courage to do thy will. Give us the devotion to love thy will.”
In the name and spirit of Jesus we now silently confess our sins...

(Silent confession)

Amen.

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

Refrain:

**There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again. (Refrain)**

Time with the Children

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, siblings, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is

the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Anthem Lord, I Want To Be A Christian African-American Spiritual arr.
Moses Hogan

Gospel Lesson *John 2:1-11*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon *Wealth of the Spirit* Courtney Steininger

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offering

Anthem

Soon I Will Be Done with the Troubles of the World African-American
Spiritual arr. William Dawson

***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

***Closing Hymn 369** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response** *Amen, Amen* African-American Spiritual

***Postlude** *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho* Arr. Fela Sowande

CHOIR

Do you love to sing?

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

Joyful Noise Children's Choir



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 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, leads Joyful Noise. Please email Don with any questions at dondupont@outlook.com.

Parents, **go to our website** to join the Joyful Noise's Google Classroom!



SPIRITUALITY GROUP

*We will be working through various spiritual practices from Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* in order to re-ground our sense of self and our sense of faith.*

*Wednesdays at 7pm
via zoom
1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16*

The Zoom link for the meeting can be found on our website.



Northern Westchester
Refugee Resettlement Initiative
resetwestchester@gmail.com

Through ReSET* we will be working with a family that is resettling from Afghanistan.

This is an ongoing mission that will need the help of many. Volunteers of all types of involvement are needed and welcomed. If you would like to volunteer email resetwestchester@gmail.com.

We currently need gift cards to Target, Khol's or Visa so that we can help the family settle and get everything they need. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or email Elyssa to coordinate other arrangements.

*Bedford Presbyterian Church, Temple Beth El, Temple Shaaray Tefila, Antioch Baptist Church & other local organizations have joined together to form an initiative called ReSET (Northern Westchester Refugee Resettlement Initiative). ReSET will play a direct role in helping refugees establish new homes in Northern Westchester.

Join the
Bedford Bellingers



The Bedford Bellingers have been playing together for over 60 years at BPC. The Bellingers play 3-4 times a year and rehearse on Tuesday evenings, for a few weeks prior to performances. If you are interested in playing with the bells or have any questions, please contact Heidi Michaels at hmichaels425@gmail.com.

BPC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

Please join us for a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 1:00 pm. We will elect officers for the coming year, discuss allocation of the 2021 Mistletoe Mart funds, review the 2021 Mart, and review the draft financial statement that will be included in the 2021 Annual Report.

The zoom link can be found in our E-NEWS and below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81420410656>



CANDLE MAKING

Saturday, January 29th
5pm
in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a
fun night of
candle
making!



BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday, 10 -11 am via zoom

Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link.

All are welcome.



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE

JOIN US FOR SERVICE SUNDAYS (4TH SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH)!

OUR INITIAL SERVICE SUNDAY WILL BE JANUARY 23RD. WE
WILL GATHER TOGETHER AFTER CHURCH TO WORK ON A
SERVICE PROJECT TOGETHER. WE WILL BE PREPARING FOR
OUR UPCOMING MIDNIGHT RUN, PUTTING TOGETHER BAGS
FOR THE WOMENS PRISON, ETC.



SECOND SUNDAY SOUP



We will be having Second Sunday Soup on Feb. 13th and March 13th! We are looking for volunteers to make soup for each of these weekends. Please email Sarah Ryan to sign up. Sarahryan237@gmail.com

Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS 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. 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

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, January 16th** – Worship
- **Monday, January 17th** – **OFFICE CLOSED** – Yoga being held.
- **Wednesday, January 19th** – Spirituality
- **Thursday, January 20th** – Spirituality & Bible Study
- **Sunday, January 23rd** – Sunday worship
- **Saturday, January 29th** – Candle Making

Communion will be held the first Sunday of every month.

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

A Worshiping Community

Shortly after the founding of the town of Bedford in 1680, plans were made to build a multi-purpose "meeting house" for town gatherings and religious services. In its first years, the church was Anglican and Congregational, but became Presbyterian by 1720 under the pastorate of Rev. William Tennent.

Today, Sunday morning worship at BPC is grounded in progressive Presbyterian tradition. Our values are exemplified by our short mission statements:

- *Love Your Neighbor*
- *Teach Our Children*
- *Never Stop Learning*



More than Just Sundays.

Opportunities to participate in outreach abound at BPC. BPC was a co-founder of the Emergency Shelter Partnership in which local churches and synagogues provide shelter for homeless people during the winter months. The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry is another organization we have a strong, ongoing partnership with. Additionally, we participate in Midnight Runs, and our high school youth participate in work trips both domestically, to Appalachia and internationally. We believe that living our faith means involving ourselves in social justice work.

For additional information about Bedford Presbyterian Church, visit us online at: www.bedfordpreschurch.org or call us at 914.234.3672



Bedford Presbyterian Church Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor
Courtney Steininger, Director of Christian Education & Youth
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Sunday Worship Service in person and virtual at 10:00 am

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Our Leadership

Session

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

Deacons

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