



# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



'Blocks and Strips' by Ruth Kennedy of Gee's Bend

# World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

**Prelude**            *Voluntary on 'All People That on Earth Do Dwell'*            H. Purcell

**Introit**                            *Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises*            South African

**Ringing of the Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Gathering God, we join as one family to worship you today, mindful of your breath that calls us into being. You have set the places, you have poured the wine, and you have made room for one more.

**People: Jesus, our friend, you call us to your table and invite us to feast with you, so that we might feed others. Let our hunger for justice and our desire for peace never be exhausted until all your children are safe and fed.**

Leader: Life-giving Spirit, at this table, we hold the seeds of healing, we dream of a new creation, and we long for the things that make peace. Help us to give up our appetite for despair and know the taste of delight.

**\*Hymn 514**                    *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**Call to Confession**

**Confession**

**Almighty God, You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride and arrogance,**

**the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us at this table and send us from this table as your people, by your Spirit.**

### **Silent Confession**

### **Sung Response**

Paraguay

*Senor Ten Piedad - Kyrie - Lord Have Mercy*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

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

People: **And also with you.**

### **Joyful Noise Children's Choir**

Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino

*Give Light*

### **Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 22:14-20*

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

### **Anthem**

*The Handiwork of God*

Mark Miller

Henry Tate, vocals; Rowan Pedraza, piano

### **Sermon**

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

### **Offering**

**Anthem**

African American Spiritual, arr. H. Burleigh  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**\*Doxology and 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.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**\*Communion**

Anthem

*Somos Pueblo Que Camino*

Nicaraguan

**Prayer after Communion and Lord's Prayer**

Hymn 589

*Our Father, Which Art in Heaven*

**\*Hymn 440**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

*May the Love of the Lord*

Lim Swee Hong

**\*Please rise, if able.**

## Announcements



## Youth Group Returns!!

On October 14th at 6:30 pm, Middle and High School Youth Groups will be meeting at Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park in Mount Kisco.

Please RSVP to Courtney by October 5th or contact her with any questions. This event is free for our youth participants.



# World Communion Sunday

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Potluck dinner and worship  
featuring guest musicians



**2 OCTOBER**  
6 pm



**Stephanie Pizza**



**Anjali Shinde**



**Carla Fortmann**

# Sunday, October 16th

*Ordination & Installation - 10 am*

*Labyrinth Dedication - 10 am*

Learn about the ancient practice of walking the Labyrinth during the Sunday morning service.

*Blessing of the Animals - 6 pm*

Bring your pets to the evening service to receive a blessing.

# October 23rd

Fresh Food Drive  
Service Sunday - 11 am



*October 23*

6 pm

Sunday Evening Service  
and Cooking with Barbara Kanner





A photograph of a white cup filled with a light brown beverage, likely coffee or tea, with a small round cookie on the table next to it. The background is a light, textured surface.

*All Shall be Well*  
**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
HOLMES CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

October 28-30

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt and Rev. Katherine Pater will lead a retreat on the wisdom of Julian of Norwich.

A photograph of a field of white flowers, possibly daisies or similar, with a soft, blurred background.

**FLOWER DONATIONS**

Every week the sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flower arrangements donated and dedicated by congregants.

If you would like to sign up to sponsor a week of flowers, please do so no later than one week prior. Please be sure to include your dedication when you sign up. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your \$50.00 secure online donation on our website.

**Go to our website to donate.**

**Millie Kane Luncheon**

Please contact Vickie Dey if you are interested in helping to plan this wonderful, traditional holiday event being held this year on  
**December 7th.**

**[vdey1@optonline.net](mailto:vdey1@optonline.net)**



## CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Next week: October 9

Bring cash! The children are raising money to build a community garden in a food desert through the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



“Holy Cow!”

### THE TRAIN HAS LEFT THE STATION!

You have been hearing and reading about the Church Assessment Tool, and by now you should have received the link to the CAT. If you haven't already, please set aside time to complete the assessment. The information gained from this tool will be critical to your leaders as they plan for our future. Please make this a priority this week. If you haven't already shared your experiences and perspectives by participating in this important process.















If you need a paper copy, please call the office, and we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped return envelope. Please have your assessment completed by October 2nd.

Thank you!

OCT 2- OCT 8, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Cloudy 60°	Partly Cloudy 60°	Mostly Cloudy 62°	Partly Cloudy 66°	Partly Cloudy 66°	Mostly Sunny 59°	Mostly Sunny 62°

**ON THE FARM**

Our kale continues to grow prolifically and our peppers are slowly catching up. Our radishes are also about ready to be harvested in the next week or so. We will continue to grow for as long as we can, but as we move to a winter sabbath season for the soil, we will shift our focus to topsoil regeneration for many of our beds. That means trying to restore nutrients to our soil so that it will continue to be healthy and support biodiversity for years to come.

**THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST**

Harvest and prepare kale for Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry. We will also be spreading mulch and transferring compost. As always, Courtney is looking for volunteers!

**OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We continue to harvest large amounts of kale. Please let Courtney know if you would like to help deliver it to the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry.

**WHAT WE ARE READING**

*"God requires that we assist the animals when they need our help. Each being (human or creature) has the same right of protection."*

*"Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in His sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing you have received, but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage."*

*-St. Francis of Assisi, in honor of his Feast Day on October 4*

**A GRATITUDE**

Grateful for Norm Michaels and the Property and Maintenance Committee for their help in setting up the farm.

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

permaculture



## Coffee Hour Sign Up

Sunday Coffee Hours have been a wonderful time for congregation members to reconnect with those they haven't seen recently and a nice opportunity to meet new visitors in a casual environment. The church provides the main equipment needed so volunteers only supply the food items. Instructions are provided.

**Go to our website to sign up.**

Contact Marcy Carlson, Sarah Alley or Michele Eames with questions.

### This Week's Cover

This fall, as the outside temperatures cool, we will be celebrating the warmth of our community. We will highlight the quilters of Gee's Bend.



Scan the QR Code to learn more.

### Upcoming Events at a Glance

**Sunday, October 2nd**

Sunday Worship at 10 am, with Children's Choir & Special Musical guests. Sunday Night Service at 6 pm with Potluck Dinner & Chamber Musicians.

**Monday, October 3rd**  
**Thursday, October 6th**

Yoga at 9 am.  
Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net).

**Sunday, October 9th**

Sunday Worship and children's offering at 10 am.  
Sunday Night Service at 6 pm.



## **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 Elyssa (**Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org**) and Jessica at(**Office@bedfordpreschurch.org**) by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

### **Our Leadership**

#### **Session**

**Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont**, Linda Burpee,  
Alison Cape, **President Jeanne Collins**,  
Michelle Gosh, Alan McDougall, Suzanne Millette, Sarah Ryan,  
& Bart Tyler  
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

#### **Deacons**

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

#### **Staff**

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