



# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Blessing Children in the Americas" by Jorge Cocco Santángelo



## Confession

### Call to Confession

**God, we confess that at times, we care for only that which we have deemed ours and not all that you claim as yours. We acknowledge that we have been participants in greed, violence, oppression, hurt, disparity. We acknowledge that we have created too many systems filled with poverty and lack. Convict us, O Lord, of our apathy. Forgive us as we repent and participate in your vision for the world.**

(Silent Confession)

### Pardon

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

**People: And also with you.**

### Sung Response Hymn 432

*May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Refrain:*

*Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

### First Reading

*Joel 2:23-32*

Charlie Tate

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.



**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 589**

*Our Father, Which Art in Heaven*

**Offering and Children's Offering**

Lucas Mejia

**Anthem**

*To Thee We Sing*

Peter Tkach

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn 272**

*God of the Sparrow*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Benediction Response** *The Peace of the Earth Be with You*

John Bell

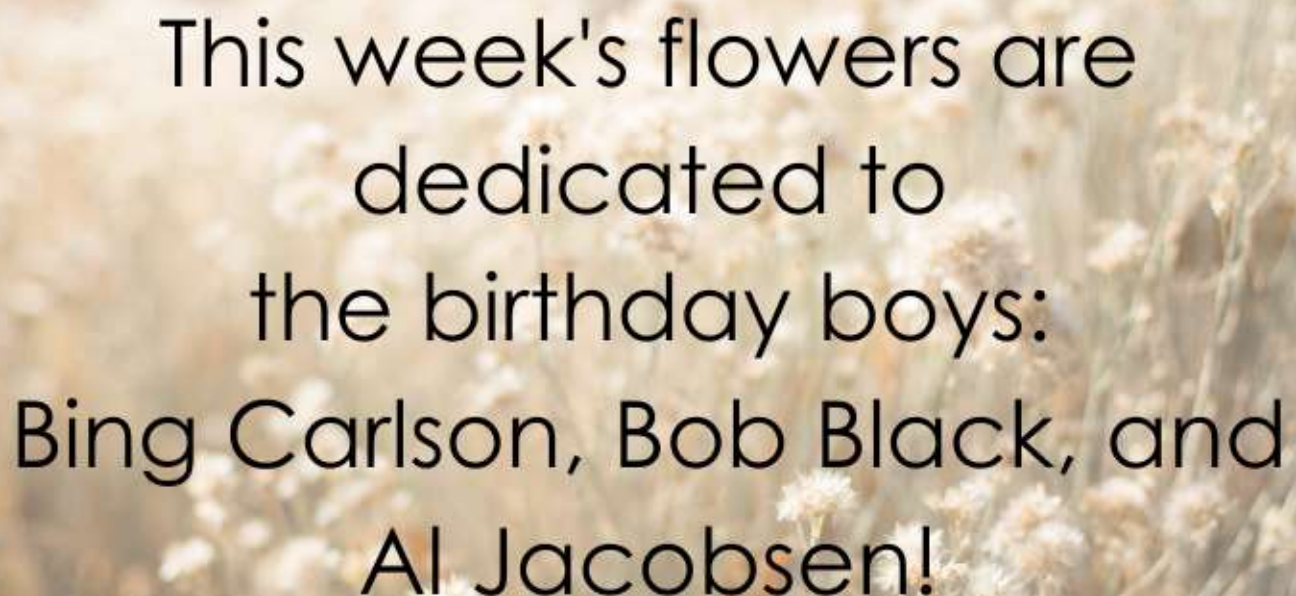
**Postlude**

*Menuet Gothique*

L. Boellmann

\*Please rise, if able.

**Announcements**



This week's flowers are  
dedicated to  
the birthday boys:  
Bing Carlson, Bob Black, and  
Al Jacobsen!

## WHAT IS CHILDREN'S SABBATH?



Children's Sabbath is more than just an opportunity for the wonderful children in our congregation to lead worship. Children's Sabbath also emphasizes urgent problems facing children in our nation (such as food insecurity), encourages intergenerational participation, and calls us to action-oriented follow-up.

## Mistletoe Mart Meeting

Sunday, October 23rd following the 10 am service in the Chapel Room.

Please join us as we make preliminary plans for the 2022 Mistletoe Mart, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd. This is an opportunity to support and organize the 2022 Mart and your help and ideas will be greatly appreciated. Please come and bring your ideas, concerns, expertise and support. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to contribute your ideas and/or time, please email Julia (Judy) Newton at [julianewton@yahoo.com](mailto:julianewton@yahoo.com).



## COOKING WITH BARBARA KANNER

Sunday, October 23  
6 pm



### Menu

- Squash Salad with Kale and Roasted Garlic Dressing
- Cast Iron Pull Apart Pandasel



*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.



**Trunk**  
-Or-  
**Treat**

SUNDAY, 10/30 AT 6 PM

**DECORATE YOUR CAR FOR PRIZES**















Come dressed up in your Halloween best! Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cars. Enjoy a Halloween movie and play some fun games.

Rain or shine.

OCT 23- OCT 29, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Showers 61°	Showers 64°	Cloudy 68°	Mostly Cloudy 67°	AM Showers 64°	Mostly Sunny 60°	AM Showers 60°

**ON THE FARM**

It is radish and kale season in the learning garden! We are coming to the end of our growing season but we have our last two crops to harvest, which will happen this week. Additionally, as the leaves have started to change and come down, we have a lot of raking to do, and we will be composting all of the leaves in the garden,

**THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST**

TODAY is Service Sunday. Please join me in the garden to harvest our kale and radishes, which will be sent to the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry along with all of the donations from the Fresh Food Drive.

**OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Courtney is looking for volunteers to rake leaves for compost in the learning garden. Please let her know if you would like to help!

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

transpiration

**WHAT WE ARE READING**

O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

-Joel 2:23-24





# Join the Bedford Bellringers



The Bedford Bellringers have been playing together for over 60 years at BPC. The Bellringers 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](mailto:hmichaels425@gmail.com).

# Joyful Noise Children's Choir



Joyful Noise will be singing with the adult choir on Sunday, November 6th, during the morning worship service.

Please email Don Hiller-Dupont with any questions at [dondupont@outlook.com](mailto:dondupont@outlook.com).

Parents, please join the Joyful Noise Google classroom on our website.



# Spirituality Group

Wednesdays at  
7 pm  
via Zoom.

Please email  
Courtney for  
more  
information!

## 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.**



## 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.

### Upcoming Events at a Glance

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| <b>Sunday, October 23rd</b>               | Children's Sabbath Sunday Service and Fresh Food Drive at 10 am. Service Sunday at 11 am, Mistletoe Mart meeting at 11 am, and Cooking with Barbara Kanner at 6 pm. |
| <b>Monday, October 24th</b>               | Yoga at 9 am.   |
| <b>Tuesday, October 25th</b>              | Lunch with Friends at 12:30 pm, Quilters at 1 pm and Bellringers at 7:15 pm.  |
| <b>Wednesday, October 26th</b>            | Spirituality Group at 7 pm.   |
| <b>Thursday, October 27th</b>             | Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at <a href="mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net">alanmcd@verizon.net</a> .   |
| <b>Friday-Sunday, October 28th – 30th</b> | Women's Retreat at Holmes Camp  |
| <b>Sunday, October 30th</b>               | All Saints' Sunday Service at 10 am and Trunk or Treat 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, President Michelle Gosh,**  
Linda Burpee, Jessica Cunningham, Danielle Gamar, Maria Andrea Laverde,  
Suzanne Millette, Sarah Ryan & Bart Tyler  
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

#### **Deacons**

**Chair Kim Lapple,** Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,  
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson & Diane Palmento

#### **Staff**

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor  
Courtney Steininger, Director of Christian Education & Youth  
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