



# BEDFORD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Milky Way" by Nettie Young of Gee's Bend.

# NOVEMBER 13, 2022

## ORDINARY SUNDAY

# Prelude      Canon in C      Robert Schumann

# Introit      God is Love      G. Thalben-Ball

# Ringing of the Bells

## Welcome and Announcements

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: God is about to do a new thing. Can you perceive it?  
It's wondrous! A new heaven and a new earth!

**People: The bruised and angered, fearful and alienated, will pass away.**

Leader: In its place, God will offer new hope and peace.

**People: God will dwell with God's people forevermore.**

## \*Opening Hymn 469      Morning Has Broken

# Confession

## Call to Confession

Loving God, sometimes we are too busy for our own good. We fill up our hectic schedules, until we suffer from stress. We place demands on our time, energy, and resources, until they erode all too quickly. We rush through life, without giving our bodies time to rest. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities.

**Remind us again that we are loved, and that love is not dependent on how much we accomplish. You love us freely and abundantly, through your Spirit.**

(Silent confession)

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## **Sung Response**

**Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.**

## **Time with the Children**

The children are welcome to stay for the service or they may leave for Sunday Spirit.

## **Hebrew Bible Lesson**

*Isaiah 65:17-25*

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating,  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it  
or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat,  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the Lord.

**Anthem***Pray That Jerusalem*

C. V. Stanford

**Gospel Lesson**

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?”

And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.”

**Sermon**

Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

**\*Hymn 450***O Day of Peace***Offering****Anthem***The Last Words of David*

Randall Thompson

**\*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****\*Hymn 446***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***\*Charge and Blessing****Benediction Response**

R. Vaughan Williams

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

**\*Postlude**

Corale

S. Karg-Elert

\*Please rise, if able.

## Announcements

This weeks' flowers are  
dedicated by

Kathy & Chris Perry

In loving gratitude for the many blessings  
Bedford Presbyterian Church has brought  
into our lives and those of our kids.

## SECOND Sunday Soup



We will be holding our first Second Sunday Soup (SSS)  
today after worship.

We are looking for two volunteers for SSS on  
December 11th, January 8th,  
February 12th, and March 12th.

If you are interested, please contact  
Diane Palmento at [skippyhouse@aol.com](mailto:skippyhouse@aol.com).



# Save the Date

## *Annual senior citizens Christmas luncheon, in honor of Millie Kane.*

Wednesday, December 7th  
12 - 2 pm in Fellowship Hall

Come join us for some good cheer, food & Christmas carols during our annual luncheon. This is for senior congregation members, age 65 & older. Please RSVP to the church office by Nov 27th at (914)-234-3672 X1001 or [Office@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Office@bedfordpreschurch.org). Please make sure to mention the number & names of the people who are in your party.

We are also looking for volunteers to help serve, clean up or make a dish. Please call Vickie Dey at (914)-419-9062 or email [vdeyl@optonline.net](mailto:vdeyl@optonline.net).



### **Update from Session**

Dear Friends,

We are in the process of finalizing the Executive Summary from the Holy Cow survey. We hope to be able to share this summary with you in the coming weeks.

**BPC Session**



After the success of our Lenten devotional, "Images of God," Courtney is putting together an Advent devotional, "Those who dream." Please let Courtney know if you would be willing to write a page on the question "What do you dream of this Christmas season?"



## *"Garden Trellis" Quilt Raffle*

The 2022, Garden Trellis Quilt, is queen sized and hand-quilted by the Bedford Quilters. It will be raffled at our annual Mistletoe Mart on Dec. 3rd. All proceeds go towards programs and mission projects at BPC. Tickets are \$5 each or a booklet of 5 for \$20. Not on our mailing list and want to receive a booklet? Call the office 914-234-3672 to order your tickets and be entered in the quilt raffle. You need not be present to win!!

NOV 13 – NOV 19, 2022

## Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Partly Cloudy 51°	Mostly Sunny 46°	Mostly Cloudy 45°	Showers 47°	Partly Cloudy 47°	AM Rain 45°	Mostly Sunny 45°

## ON THE FARM

Our garlic has been planted for the spring and we are approaching our last kale harvests of the year. Winter is fast approaching and we will be shifting from our "harvest" season to our "sabbath" season at Nativity Farm.

## THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

Harvest kale for Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry. There are lots more leaves to rake and use as leaf mulch in the raised beds of the Learning Garden.

## OTHER NEWS &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS

Courtney is looking for volunteers to harvest kale and deliver it to the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry. This may be the last harvest of the year, so take advantage of the chance to get your hands dirty as a Nativity Farmer!

## PHRASE OF THE WEEK

stewardship of creation

## WHAT WE ARE READING

*Throughout the Scripture, we hear of an enduring vision of "new heavens and a new earth" (Is 65:17) where God's justice will reign (see 2 Pt 3:12, Rev 21:1). The Old Testament calls us to care for the land and provide for those who need food, especially those who are poor and outcast. The tradition of the Sabbath Year is one example: "But during the seventh year the land shall have a complete rest, a sabbath for the Lord, when you may neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard" (Lv 25:4). God explains to Moses that the land should be used to provide food for all who need it: "While the land has its sabbath, all its produce will be food equally for you yourself and . . . for your hired help and the tenants who live with you . . ." (Lv 25:6).*

*From "For I was Hungry & You Gave me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers" which was published on this date in 2003. It reminds us of our shared faith basis for agricultural justice.*

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# Mistletoe Mart

**Saturday, December 3rd  
9 am - 3 pm**

Knitted goods - Hand hooked pillows  
Handmade pottery - Jewelry  
Hand-painted home decor  
Pottery - Felted wool accessories  
Wreaths & Floral arrangements  
- Toffee - Vintage  
Christmas Treasures

**"Garden Trellis"  
Quilt Raffle**

Drawing at 3 pm



- Homemade Chili
- Delicious Baked Goods
- Hot Chocolate & Cider

**Holiday photo booth for  
family and digital photos  
with Santa between**

**11-1 pm**

Proceeds benefit local community  
charities.

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
44 VILLAGE GREEN BEDFORD, NY

**WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS**

Can you help our local children have a  
warm and joyful holiday season?

COMMUNITY CENTER  
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

# SHARE THE WARMTH DRIVE



Please help us SHARE THE WARMTH this holiday season  
at the Community Center by donating new pajamas, hats,  
scarves and gloves for our local children!

#### WE ARE CURRENTLY COLLECTING:

- ❖ NEW warm pajamas (newborn to 18 years)\*
- ❖ NEW hats, scarves & gloves (newborn to 18 years)

*\*Fleece pajama bottoms are a great idea for teens!*

Please bring or send unwrapped donations to the Center.  
We will begin distributing pajamas on December 1st.

HOURS: TUES, WED, FRI from 10 AM to 4 PM, THURS from 12 PM to 6 PM, SAT from 10 AM to 1 PM  
Please email Nicole, [nsorgi@communitycenternw.org](mailto:nsorgi@communitycenternw.org), with any questions about the Share the Warmth drive.

**Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in need this holiday season!**

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## **Second Mistletoe Mart Meeting**

A second meeting to make final plans for the 2022 Mistletoe Mart (to be held December 3rd) will be held in the chapel on Sunday, November 13th, following our 10:00 am service. This is an opportunity to support and organize the 2022 Mart and your help and ideas are 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).



# DIY SUCCULENT TERRARIUMS

Make and bring home your own mini-ecosystem at this  
Nativity Farm workshop! Choose from a variety of  
succulents to create an open-air succulent terrarium.

\$25 fee covers all materials and proceeds go to Nativity Farm.  
Registration required. RSVP to Courtney at  
[courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org).

Sunday, December 4  
11 am

Great gifts for teachers!  
Great gifts for co-workers!  
Great gifts for friends and  
family!



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## CHOOSE YOUR GARLIC GANG!

Are you team Romanian Red or Svea? Chesnok Red or Northern White Porcelain? Now that the garlic has been planted, which do you think will be most prolific come springtime?





## 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 Sarah Alley or Michele Eames with questions.

## CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Next week: November 20th

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



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.



# 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. You can sign up, enter your dedication and make your



\$50 secure online donation on the BPC website.

Checks and dedications can also be sent to the church office.

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

### **Sunday, November 13th**

11:00 am      Second Sunday Soup.

### **Monday, November 14th**

9:00 am      Yoga at 9 am.

### **Tuesday, November 15th**

1:00 pm      Quilters.

7:15 pm      Bells Practice.

### **Thursday, November 17th**

10:00 am      Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net).

### **Sunday, November 20th**

10:00 am      Worship, Children's Offering, and Bells performance.

4:00 pm      Thanksgiving Service.

## **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 at **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, 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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