



# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Pig in a Pen" by Minnie Sue Colman

# NOVEMBER 20, 2022

## ORDINARY SUNDAY

**Prelude**                      *How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou*                      M. Dupre

**Introit**                      *Thanksgiving Day Acclamation*  
   Bedford Bellringers

### Ringling of the Bells

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship from Psalm 100

Leader: We gather to give thanks to God, for God is good.

**People: God's love endures forever.**

Leader: In wisdom, God made the heavens and spread out the earth upon the waters.

**People: God knit us together and knows us inside and out.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God!

\*Opening Hymn 559              *We Gather Together*

### Confession

#### Call to Confession

**Abundant God, we lose sight of all that we have and all that you have made us to be. We focus on the tasks that we want to accomplish, without appreciating our full lives. We imagine the things that we hope to acquire, while neglecting all that we have. We compare ourselves to others, noticing the ways that we fall short, without realizing the abundance within us. We allow perfectionism to take over our satisfaction, and greed to consume our gratitude.**

**Grant us the ability to appreciate our gifts, ourselves, and loved ones. Help us to focus on our abundance, so that we might live our lives in thanksgiving to you.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## **Sung Response**

I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

## **Time with the Children**

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

## **Epistle Lesson**

*Philippians 4:4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, siblings, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **Anthem**

*Carillon Celebration*  
*Bedford Bellringers*

Douglas Wagner

## **Gospel Lesson**

*John 6:30-35*

So they said to Jesus, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**Sermon** Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

**Anthem** *Ring for Joy* Douglas Wagner  
Bedford Bellringers

## **Ordination and Installation of Danielle Gamar**

### **Sentences of Scripture**

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God, but it's the same God who is served.**

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### **Statement on Ordination**

### **Constitutional Questions**

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in the government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Do we, the members of the church, accept Danielle Gamar as a Ruling Elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

## **Prayer**

### **Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

#### **Prayers of the People and 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**                      *To Everything There is a Season*                      Ed Harris

#### **\*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 554**                      *Let All Things Now Living*

#### **\*Charge and Blessing**

**Benediction Response**      *Let the Giving of Thanks*                      J. Bell

**\*Postlude**                      *Now Thank We All Our God*                      S. Karg-Elert

\*Please rise, if able.

## Announcements





### **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**



# 2022 MISTLETOE MART

*Here are some ways to get involved*

## **Volunteer**

Want to volunteer a couple of hours to help out at the Mart? Call or text Judy Newton at 914-523-1324 or email at [julianewton@yahoo.com](mailto:julianewton@yahoo.com).

## **Mistletoe Mart Bake Sale**

Calling All Bakers!! Are you looking for an easy way to get involved and help support the Mistletoe Mart? If you enjoy baking we would love your help!

Please use the SignUpGenius in the enews or contact Sharon Seidell at [sps1256s@gmail.com](mailto:sps1256s@gmail.com) to join in the fun!

## **Donations Needed: Vintage Treasures**

We are looking for new or old Christmas/holiday decorations. Any other treasures that you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. They do not have to be holiday. They will be part of the Mistletoe Mart's sale.

If you would like to donate, please contact:  
Vickie Dey: 914-419-9062 | [vdey1@optonline.net](mailto:vdey1@optonline.net) or  
Pat Ferguson: 914-234-7833 | [pkferg1@gmail.com](mailto:pkferg1@gmail.com)

**\*Donation pickup available**

## **Wreath Making**

Join Mary Lou Pappas on Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 9am-5pm at the Church for wreath making! Come for an hour or come all day! Help us to make wreaths to sell.

You can even make your own wreath to purchase.

# 2022 QUILT RAFFLE



## "Garden Trellis Quilt

FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, JEAN PALMER'S DAUGHTER, ABBY GROVES, HAS BEEN EMBROIDERING EXQUISITE LABELS FOR US WHILE LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA. THANK YOU, ABBY!

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 December 3rd. All proceeds go towards programs and mission projects at BPC and you can purchase tickets at the Bedford Free Library this Friday and Saturday. Single tickets are \$5 each or a booklet of 5 is \$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!!

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR  
RAFFLE TICKETSTUB(S)  
TO THE CHURCH**

## Chili for Mistletoe Mart



Sign up to cook chili, contribute supplies for chili or hot drinks, and loan out your crock-pots!



All proceeds from selling chili, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate go to the youth mission program. Contact Courtney to sign up.




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 and 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).



## DECORATORS' LUNCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

Join us after the service to help us decorate the sanctuary  
for the Christmas season!

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & GREENS

**Please help us decorate the church for Christmas!**

A \$25.00 donation will help us beautify the church, and along with your donation, you can make a dedication to anyone you would like. Your name along with your dedication will go in our bulletin and E-NEWS.

**The deadline is Sunday, December 11th.**

Donations & dedications can be mailed to the church, made on the website under “donate” tab or call the church office at **914-234-3672** or email **Office@bedfordpreschurch.org**.



## **Advent Class for Middle and High School Youth**

*9:15 am on December 4 and 18*

*Participants will be invited to help lead worship on December 18!*



# Calling All Kids:

## Christmas Pageant & Choir Opportunity

After the service on December 11th, we will have our annual Christmas Pageant.

The Joyful Noise Children's Choir will be singing at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Service.

If your child would like to participate in either event, please email

Don Hiller-Dupont at [dondupont@outlook.com](mailto:dondupont@outlook.com).

4th Week

FARMERS ALMANAC

11th Month

NOV 20 - NOV 26, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mostly Sunny 37°	Sunny 42°	Mostly Sunny 49°	Mostly Sunny 51°	Partly Cloudy 49°	Rain/Snow Showers 44°	Rain/Snow Showers 46°

### WHAT WE ARE READING

Farmers and ranchers take home just 12.1 cents from every dollar that consumers spend on their Thanksgiving dinner meals, according to the 2019 Thanksgiving edition of the National Farmers Union (NFU) Farmer's Share publication.

"As we gather around the Thanksgiving dinner table this year, we should take time to recognize and thank the family farmers and ranchers who provide our Thanksgiving meals." --NFU President Roger Johnson

### PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Fairness for Farmers

# DIY SUCCULENT TERRARIUMS

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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 coworkers!  
Great gifts for friends and  
family!



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## RSVP for the Mission Trip

LA GUAMA,  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
FEB 18 - FEB 25, 2023

TO RESERVE YOUR  
SPOT, EMAIL  
COURTNEY

## SECOND SUNDAY SOUP

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for two volunteers for Second Sunday Soup 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).

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

### Sunday, November 20th

- 10:00 am Children's Offering. Bedford Bellringers will play in worship.
- 1:30 pm Youth cooking with Westchester Youth Alliance at Temple Shaaray Tefila.
- 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Service.

### Monday, November 21st

- 9:00 am Yoga at 9 am.

### Tuesday, November 22nd

- 7:15 pm Bells Practice.

### Thursday, November 24th

Happy Thanksgiving – **Office Closed**

### Friday, November 25th **Office Closed**

### Sunday, November 27th

- 10:00 am Worship. First Sunday of Advent.

## **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  
John Lettieri, Director of Music  
Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries  
Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager  
The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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