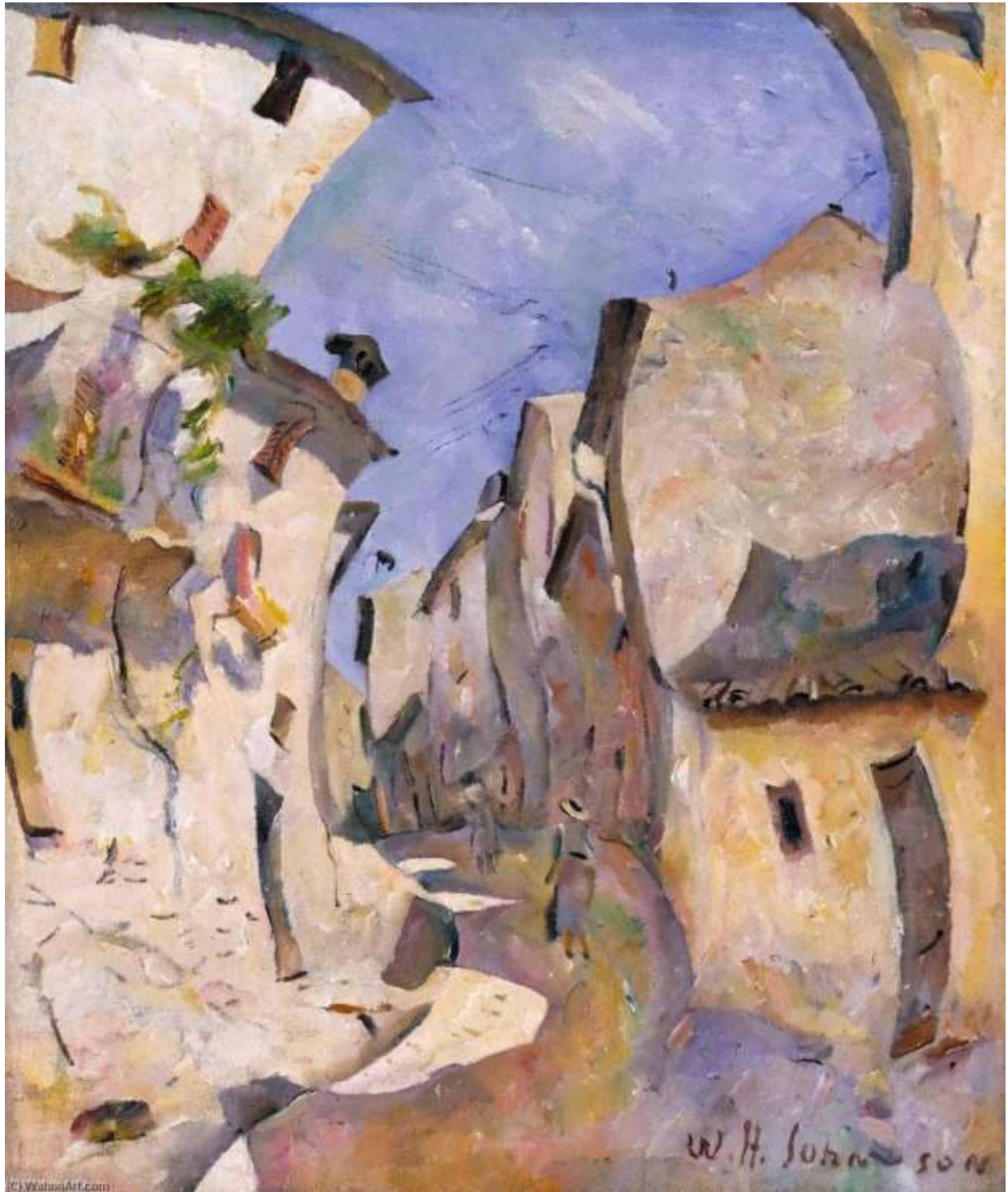


# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Street in Cassis* by William H Johnson

**FEBRUARY 13, 2022**  
**6th Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prelude** *Romanze* J. Rheinberger

**Introit** *Sing, Rejoice and Give Thanks* Don Muro

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship from Psalm 1**

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that wrongdoers, or sit among the cynics.

**People: Instead, they delight in God's teaching and meditate on it day and night.**

Leader: They will stand like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in season.

**People: Their leaves will not wither. And in everything they do, they will prosper.**

**Opening Hymn 487** *When Morning Gilds the Sky*

**Confession**

**Call to Confession**

**Loving God, we often feel helpless in the face of injustice. We want the hungry to be filled, the earth to be cared for, and the weeping to laugh. But the problems we face are too big, and change is too difficult, so we become cynical and apathetic.**

**Forgive us. Help us to open ourselves to your hope. Give us courage to take steps toward justice and peace, so that we might enter your dream for us.**

(Silent confession)

Amen.

## **Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

### **Sung Response 432**

*Song of Hope*

**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.  
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.**

## **Time with the Children**

*The children may leave for Sunday Spirit.*

## **Hebrew Bible Lesson**

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

**Anthem**

*Locus Iste*

Anton Bruckner

*This is the Lord's house, which he hath made. Profoundly sacred, it is beyond reproach.*

**Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 6:17-26*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

**Sermon**

*The Hungry will be Filled*

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

## **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**      *Cause Me To Hear Thy Lovingkindness*      Raymond Haan

### **\*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 426**      *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

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

**\*Sung Response**      *Fivefold Amen*      E. Margetson

**\*Postlude**      "We Shall Overcome"      James McGregor

**\*Please stand, if you are able.**

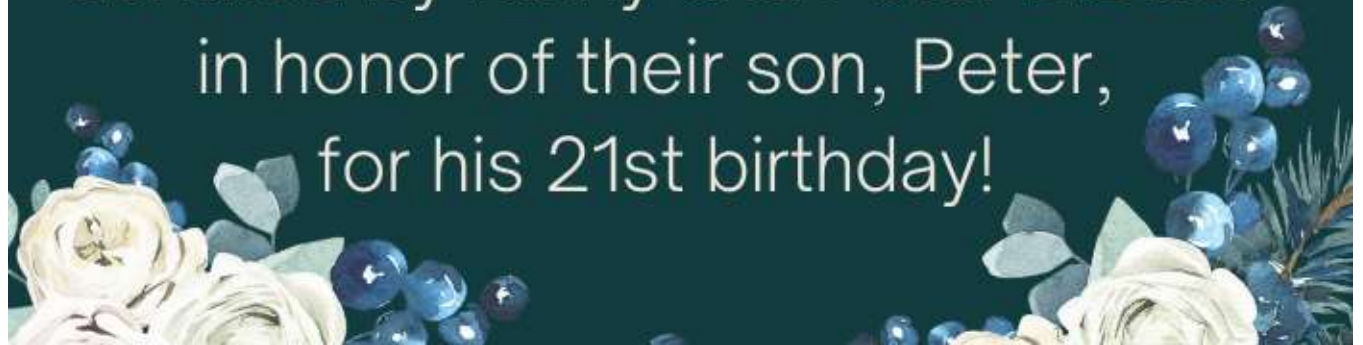




**Read about our cover artist by using this QR code.**

During this church season, we are focusing on Howard Thurman's prayer, "Open unto me." Our covers feature doors painted by artists from the Harlem Renaissance.

This week's flowers have been donated by Kathy and Peter DiBiasi in honor of their son, Peter, for his 21st birthday!



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND  
7-9 PM VIA ZOOM

## WOMAN 2 WOMAN TRAINING SESSION

**We had to cancel our January training because of the rapid rise in Covid cases both inside Bedford's two correctional facilities and in the community. Thankfully the numbers are now steadily decreasing and we feel confident that we can start in-person visiting again.**

**If you are interested, please attend our in-person visitors' training via Zoom.**

**To RSVP and to receive the Zoom link, please contact Nancy Gernert at [nancygernert@gmail.com](mailto:nancygernert@gmail.com).**

## 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! Please email Don Dupont with any questions at [dondupont@outlook.com](mailto:dondupont@outlook.com). Parents, go to our website to join the Joyful Noise's Google Classroom!



## Bible Study

Bible Study meets via Zoom, every Thursday at 10 am.

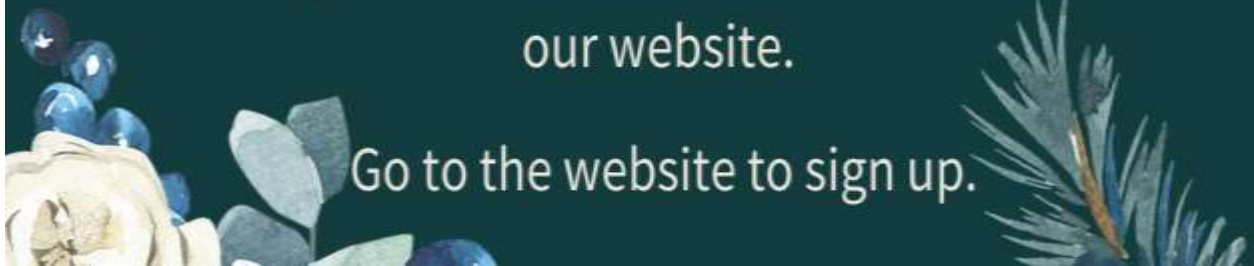
Please contact Alan McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net) for the Zoom link.



# FLOWER DONATIONS

We have many Sundays available for Sunday flower sponsors. Please sign up no later than one week prior to the Sunday you want to sponsor to ensure that your dedication gets placed in the bulletin. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your \$50.00 secure online donation on our website.

Go to the website to sign up.



## Annual Congregational Meeting for 2021

Sunday, March 6, 2022

In person, immediately  
following the worship  
service.





Northern Westchester  
Refugee Resettlement Initiative  
resetwestchester@gmail.com

**Through ReSET\* we have adopted a family of 5 who will be arriving in Northern Westchester this weekend! Bedford Presbyterian Church, along with other organizations have come together to help the family.**

**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](mailto:resetwestchester@gmail.com).**

**We currently need gift cards to Acme, Target or Kohl's 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 Teflia, 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.

## **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](http://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](mailto:Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org)

[Office@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Office@bedfordpreschurch.org)

# SUNDAY SPIRIT IS BACK AGAIN!



For the month of February, we will be highlighting Black History Month.

## 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*

*[Click here for the Zoom link.](#)*

# MIDNIGHT RUN

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**Friday, March 4th**  
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*We will be holding a Midnight Run on Friday, March 4th.*

*We are looking for donations of new or gently used items. Please see the sign up genius for specific items.*

*We also need people to join us on the run. Please email Courtney if you would like to attend.*

*[Courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org)*

## **Upcoming Events at a Glance**

- **Sunday, February 13th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am and Second Sunday Soup immediately following.
- **Monday, February 14th** - **NO YOGA.**
- **Tuesday, February 15th** - Lunch with Friends at 12:30 /Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, February 16th** - Spirituality at 7 pm.
- **Thursday, February 17th** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Sunday, February 20th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am.
- **Sunday, February 27th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am & Service Sunday at 11:00 am.
- **Wednesday, March 2nd** - Woman 2 Woman training session at 7 pm.
- **Friday, March 4th** - Midnight Run at 9 pm.
- **Sunday, March 6th** – Congregational Meeting at 11:00 am.



## **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  
Edwin Acevedo, Building & Grounds Maintenance  
The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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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