

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Sedalia, North Carolina” by Lois Mailou Jones

FEBRUARY 20, 2022
7th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude *Tiento* Pablo Bruna

Introit *Alleluia* Native American

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 37**

Leader: Do not worry because of the wicked, do not become jealous of those who do wrong, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.

People: Trust in God and do good, so you will live in the land and enjoy security. Take delight in God, and God will give you the desires of your heart.

***Opening Hymn 472** *Cantad al Señor/O Sing to the Lord*
(Spanish vs. 1 /English vs. 1, 2, 3)

Confession

Call to Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have not lived into what you have called us to be. We listen to those who criticize us above those who encourage us. We believe that cynicism is more realistic than hope. We have wasted your gifts and forgotten your love. Forgive us and help us to abide in the ways of Jesus Christ.

(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.

Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 15:45-50

Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Anthem

Deep River

African American Spiritual
Arr.D.Moore

Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Sermon

Of Dust and Spirit

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Celebration of Bridges Founders, Bart and Diana Tyler

Choral Blessing

Santo, Santo Santo, Mi Corazon Te Adora

Argentina

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**

***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.

***Hymn 343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

May the Lord, Mighty God

Chinese folk tune

***Postlude**

Sonata de 1^o tono

Jose Lidon

***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 in honor of Bart & Diana Tyler for their many years of help and commitment to Bridges to Community.

From the many people that the program has helped and those who have had the memorable experience of going on a work trip.



SUNDAY SPIRIT IS BACK AGAIN!



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

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

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.



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.](#)



DROP OFF YOUR FOOD SCRAPS

Compost needed for Nativity Farm's soil health

No meat or dairy!

Compost bin is located on the playground side at the back of the paved parking lot.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE

JOIN US FOR SERVICE SUNDAYS (4TH
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)!

OUR NEXT SERVICE SUNDAY WILL BE FEBRUARY
27TH. IT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH
OTHER CONGREGANTS WHILE WORKING ON A
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT. WE WILL BE
PUTTING TOGETHER THE TOILETRY BAGS FOR THE
MIDNIGHT RUN. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU
THERE!



Annual Congregational Meeting for 2021

Sunday, March 6, 2022

In person, immediately
following the worship
service.

Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS Announcements

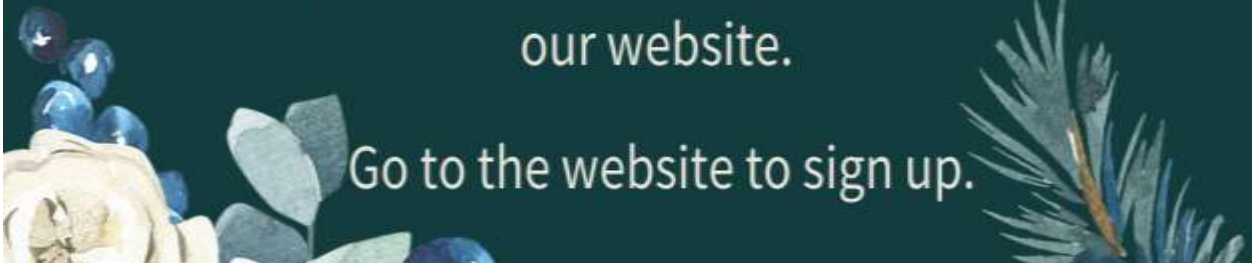
To sign up for our weekly E-NEWS that has live links to all of our announcements, please go to the BPC website at bedfordpreschurch.org and select either **'Contact'** at the top *or* **E-NEWS** just below it. To have information entered into the Bulletin and/or the E-NEWS, please email both Elyssa and Jessica by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org Office@bedfordpreschurch.org

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.





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.

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.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, February 20th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am. Coffee Hour reception at 11 am.
- **Monday, February 21st** – Yoga at 10 am. **OFFICE CLOSED.**
- **Tuesday, February 22nd** - Lunch with Friends at 12:30 /Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, February 23rd** - Spirituality at 7 pm.
- **Thursday, February 24th** - Bible Study 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.

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