

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Transfiguration of Jesus" by Armando Alemdar Ara

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Prelude

Sicilienne

Maria Theresia Von Paradis

Ringing of the Bells

Introit

Sing, Rejoice and Give Thanks

Don Muro

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,

People: and God said: This is my Beloved Son.

Leader: As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,

People: God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: At the mountain of the Lord bow down,

People: for the Lord our God is holy.

***Hymn 267**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Confession

Call to Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the dazzling light of your glory and the shining splendor of your majesty, but we turn away from the brightness, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silent Confession)

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.**

Time with the Children

The children may leave for Sunday Spirit.

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Anthem

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Sermon

Transformed, Transfixed, and Transfigured

Courtney Steininger

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

Hosanna in Excelsis Deo

Charles Gounod

***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 285** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response** *Twofold Amen* Richard Warner

***Postlude** *Allegro* William Boyce

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



Northern Westchester
Refugee Resettlement Initiative
resetwestchester@gmail.com

We are excited that through ReSET Westchester, we are now helping two refugee families! One family of 5 (soon to be 6) and a family of 3.

We are currently looking for financial donations as well as gift cards to Acme, Target or Kohl's to help support the families. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or you can email Elyssa at elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org to coordinate other arrangements.

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.



Ash

Wednesday

Services

March 2, 2022

- 12pm- Brief prayer and Imposition of Ashes
- 6pm- 30 minute worship service and Imposition of Ashes

This week's flowers have been donated by Elyssa Michaels in celebration of her grandfather, Thomas Hughart, who celebrated his 90th birthday this past week.



SUNDAY SPIRIT IS BACK AGAIN!



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



Annual
Congregational
Meeting for
2021

Sunday, March 6, 2022

In person, immediately
following the worship
service.

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.



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.

CARD WRITERS WANTED



The Care Team is looking for volunteers to help us write cards to reach out people in our congregation. If you would be interested in helping or in donating some blank cards please reach out to Kate Branch (Katebranch@gmail.com) or Rebecca Rivard (rebeccarivard@me.com).

We are also looking for volunteers to be a part of our Care Team. The Care Team helps keep in contact with church members, make meals for anyone in need (surgery, new baby, sickness, etc.), people in need of rides, sending care packages to college kids, etc. We would love to have a team of people so that we can easily achieve all of these tasks. Contact Rebecca Rivard at the email shown above if you are interested in joining us.

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!



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

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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.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, February 27th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am & Service Sunday.
- **Monday, February 28th** - Yoga at 10 am.
- **Tuesday, March 1st** - Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, March 2nd** - Ash Wednesday (ashes available 9 am - 4 pm and services at 12 & 6 pm).
- **Wednesday, March 2nd** - Woman 2 Woman training session at 7 pm.
- **Thursday, March 3rd** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Friday, March 4th** - Midnight Run at 7 pm.
- **Sunday, March 6th** - Sunday Worship and Communion at 10 am, followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting at 11 am.

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