

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



San Miguel Allende by Hale Woodruff

FEBRUARY 6, 2022
5th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Ruhig Bewegt

Paul Hindemith

Ringing of the Bells

Introit

O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

G. Thalben-Ball

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 138**

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, with our whole hearts. We sing your
praise.

People: We give you thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Leader: For on the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength
of soul.

People: Let us worship God!

***Hymn 138**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Confession

Call to Confession

Loving God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response

**Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Anthem*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Chorale arr. J. S. Bach

Gospel Lesson*Luke 5:1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Sermon*My Self for Thy Self*

Carol Howard Merritt

Offering**Anthem***Thou Will Keep Him in Perfect Peace*

S. S. Wesley

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*Communion****Invitation to the Table**

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to God...

Breaking of the Bread

***Communion**

Prayer after Communion 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.

***Hymn 377** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

***Charge and Blessing**

Sung Response

Twofold Amen

R. Warner

***Postlude**

Allegro

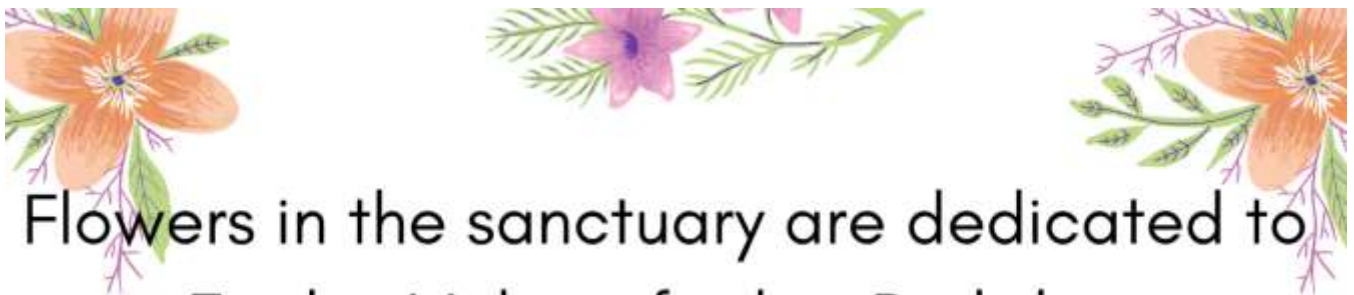
C. V. Stanford

***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.



Flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to
Tinsley Valenti for her Birthday.

**Thank you for everything you do for the
children and the church.**

Carol, Courtney & Elyssa



Candle Making

Candle making will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for the new date.

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. Parents, go to our website to join the Joyful Noise's Google Classroom!

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!



SECOND SUNDAY SOUP



We will be having Second Sunday Soup on Feb. 13th !
We are looking for one more volunteer to make soup.

Please email Sarah Ryan to sign up.
Sarahryan237@gmail.com

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 will be working with a family that is resettling from Afghanistan.

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 Target, Khol's or Visa 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 Tefila, 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 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.

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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
2/9 & 2/16*

The Zoom link for the meeting can be found on our website.

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

Contact Alan McDougal at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link.

Join the Bedford Bellringers

The Bedford Bellringers have been playing together for over 60 years at BPC. The Bellringers play 3-4 times a year and rehearse on Tuesday evenings, for a few weeks prior to performances. If you are interested in playing with the bells or have any questions, please contact Heidi Michaels at hmichaels425@gmail.com.

MIDNIGHT RUN

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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

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, February 6th** - Worship and Communion at 10 am.
- **Monday, February 7th** - **NO YOGA.**
- **Tuesday, February 8th** - Lunch with Friends at 12:30 & Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, February 9th** - Spirituality at 7 pm.
- **Thursday, February 10th** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Sunday, February 13th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am and Second Sunday Soup immediately following.
- **Sunday, February 20th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am.
- **Sunday, February 27th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am & Service Sunday
- **Friday, March 4th** - Midnight Run

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