

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Mother Hen by Lauren Wright Pittman

Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022

Prelude *O God, Thou Faithful God* J. Brahms

Introit *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Anonymous

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When the world is no longer a paradise,
and creation shows its full power over us still,
and we are brought down to size on this small
planet of ours,

**People: When the memories linger of the past,
and war shapes us beyond our knowing,
and conflict becomes a story of life,**

Leader: When the way is more barren than beautiful,
when the path is more a climb than a stroll,
when the desert expands and the horizon stretches,

**People: We lift our hearts to you.
Let us worship God.**

***Opening Hymn 85** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Confession

Call to Confession

**Forgiving God, in this Lenten season, we have fallen short of what you
have called us to be. You have promised us your presence, in Spirit
and in community, even so, we neglect, ignore, and reject your
purposes for us. Have mercy on us. Forgive us for what we do and**

what we fail to do. And with your gifts, promises, and grace, continue working in our lives that we might live abundant and blessed lives. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Amen.

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response *Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Hymn 303)*

**Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!**

Introduction of New Members and Friends

Baptism of Isla and Ronan Flynn

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.

Baptism Hymn*Baptized in Water*

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit,
We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

The children can leave for Sunday Spirit.

Anthem*Call to Remembrance*

Richard Farrant

Gospel Lesson*Luke 13:31-35*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Sermon*Images of God*

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering

Anthem

Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord

Thomas Weelkes

***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 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Presentation of Psalm 27

Children of BPC

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Twofold Amen

Henry Purcell

***Postlude**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

SECOND Sunday Soup



We will be having our final Second Sunday Soup of the season
today after worship!

Please join us!!



This week's flowers have been donated by
Albert Porter,
in honor of the Flynn family.

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

We are very excited that we can now hold Coffee Hour in person again! It will be wonderful to be able to have the interpersonal connections once again after the service. We do need volunteers to sign up to bring a few food items and to make the coffee. Please go to our website to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact
Sarah Alley or Michelle Eames.



Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the church for
Easter!

With a \$25 donation you can add flowers to the sanctuary. You may also submit a dedication that will appear in the Sunday bulletin.

You can pay by check or on our website. Dedications should be email or mailed to the office. Deadline is April 9th.



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 secure online donation of \$50.00 on our website.

Go to our website to sign up.



Joyful Noise will be singing with the adult choir on Sunday, March 27th.

TOGETHER

WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE

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

OUR NEXT SERVICE SUNDAY IS MARCH 27TH. WE WILL GATHER TOGETHER AFTER CHURCH TO WORK ON A SERVICE PROJECT TOGETHER.



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10th

During Worship,
children
are invited to play
tone chimes and
participate in the
processional.



Easter Services

Sunday, April 17th
9 am & 11 am

Easter Egg Hunt
10 am

Easter Receptions
after each service



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.

SPIRITUALITY GROUP

*During Lent, we will continue working through various spiritual practices from Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*.*

Please contact Courtney with any questions

*Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
via zoom*

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



Northern Westchester
Refugee Resettlement Initiative
resetwestchester@gmail.com

We are excited that through ReSET Westchester, we now are helping three refugee families!

We are currently looking for financial donations to help support the families and organization. A link is available on our website to donate. Checks can be made payable to Neighbors Link (ReSET on memo line) and dropped at the church.

This is an ongoing mission that will need the help of many. Volunteers of all types of involvement are needed and welcomed. There are many committees within ReSET ranging from education, finance, youth, housing, etc. We also need drivers to bring the families to their appointments and such. We would love to have you involved!

If you would like to volunteer, email resetwestchester@gmail.com.

Email Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee with any questions.



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.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday
10 - 11 am via zoom

Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link.
All are welcome.



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

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, March 13th** - Sunday Worship & Baptism at 10 am followed by Second Sunday Soup at 11 am.
- **Monday, March 14th** - Yoga at 9 am.
- **Tuesday, March 15th** - Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, March 16th** - Spirituality Group at 7:30 pm.
- **Thursday, March 17th** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Sunday, March 20th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am.

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