

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Resurrection by Alma Woodsey Thomas

**Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022**

Prelude

Praeludium in A

J. S. Bach

Ringing of the Bells

Introit

Alleluia, Alleluia!

South African

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 30**

Leader: O God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

People: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You have turned by mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

People: I will give thanks to you forever.

***Hymn 113**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Call to Confession

Confession

O God, your loving-kindness endures forever. We confess that we have failed to love our neighbours and ourselves. We do not forgive or accept forgiveness. Our harsh words have hurt, and our selfishness has caused pain. Yet, even when we fall short of our good intentions, your mercy never ends. Heal us from our self-hatred and free us from the burden of our failures. Renew us with your loving assurance that we have been forgiven, through your Spirit.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response 106 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)**

History Lesson *Acts 9:1-6*

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Anthem *Eastertide Carol* Traditional arr. R. Proulx

Gospel Lesson *John 21:1-19*

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons

of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?"

They answered him, "No."

He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Sermon

Revealed

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

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 429 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

*Charge and Blessing

Sung Response *May the Love of the Lord* Chinese Folk Tune

*Postlude *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Dark Bonds* J. S. Bach

*Please stand, if you are able.

A graphic for a May Day celebration. It features a blue background with a central image of a maypole. The top of the maypole is decorated with a colorful, multi-colored ball. Numerous colorful ribbons (red, yellow, green, blue, purple) are attached to the top and hang down. A light blue rectangular box is overlaid on the lower part of the image, containing the text 'May Day Celebration' in a large, bold, dark blue font, and 'Sunday, May 1st' in a smaller, white font below it. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a white text box with a blue border containing the text: 'After worship we will have a maypole out front for the kids. This Welsh and Scottish folk tradition is said to represent the lengthening of the days as summer approaches.'

May Day Celebration

Sunday, May 1st

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Featured Upcoming Events

Documentary Screening of The Interview + Panel Discussion About Parole Justice in NY



MONDAY MAY 9 AT 7PM

The Bedford Playhouse Theater

The Interview asks viewers to confront their feelings about justice and mercy, while revealing the heavy toll our current legal system takes on incarcerated people and their families.

Buy tickets: bit.ly/interview-tickets



People's Campaign
Parole Justice



NYCLU
ACLU of New York

NATIVITY FARM

NEW DATE!

Saturday, May 21st

11 am – 1 pm

Potluck Lunch + Garden Workshop

Join us outside on the farm, behind the church, for some good food while we put the finishing touches on the learning garden.

All are welcome. Bring your friends and family for lots of fun!



Congregational Meeting

NEW DATE

Sunday, May 22nd - 11 am



Save the Date: Summer Mission Trip

POINT PLEASANT, WEST VIRGINIA
JULY 2-JULY 9, 2022

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, EMAIL
COURTNEY@BEDFORDPRESCHURCH.ORG

Music at BPC

Joyful Noise Children's Choir - Please contact Don Hiller-Dupont at dondupont@outlook.com.

Adult Choir - Please contact John Lettieri at john@bedfordpreschurch.org.

Join the Bedford Bellringers - Please contact Heidi Michaels at hmichaels425@gmail.com.

Mission Activities

CARD WRITING
REQUESTS



If you know of anyone who could use a card from the church for any reason please reach out to Kate Branch (Katebranch@gmail.com) or Rebecca Rivard (rebeccarivard@me.com).

An advertisement for a food scrap drop-off event. It features a dark green background with white and green text. On the left, there is a photo of a person's hands holding a white container of vegetable scraps over a black compost bin. On the right, there is a photo of a plate of food scraps, including sliced cucumbers, tomatoes, and other vegetables. The text is arranged in a central area with a white oval containing the reason for the compost.

**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.

Ongoing Activities

Bible Study - Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link or for more information. Class is held every Thursday between 10 - 11 am.

Coffee Hour - Please contact Sarah Alley or Michele Eames with any questions. You can go to our website to sign up and access contact information.

Communion - Join us on the first Sunday of every month during worship.

Quilters - Please contact Anne Bentzen at r.bentzen@verizon.net or Karen Ulanowski at karen.ulanowski@gmail.com for information.

Spirituality Group - Please contact Courtney Steininger at courtney@befordpreschurch.org. The group meets via zoom every Wednesday at 7:30 pm and the meeting link can be found on our website.

Yoga - Please contact Bobbe Stultz at bobbestultz@gmail.com. Classes are held every Monday at 9 am in Fellowship Hall.

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 Elyssa (**Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org**) and Jessica (**Office@bedfordpreschurch.org**) by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

FLOWER DONATIONS

To donate beautiful flower arrangements for the sanctuary, please go to our website to sign up no later than one Sunday prior to your chosen date.

You can donate by check (send to the church office) or online.



Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Monday, May 2nd** - Yoga at 9 am.
- **Tuesday, May 3rd** - Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, May 4th** - Spirituality Group at 7:30 pm.
- **Thursday, May 5th** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Sunday, May 8th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am. Children's offering collected.
- **Sunday, May 15th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am.
- **Saturday, May 21st** - Nativity Farm Open Work Day anytime between 11am and 1 pm.
- **Sunday, May 22nd** - Sunday Worship and Bells/Joyful Noise Children's Choir performance at 10 am. Congregational Meeting at 11 am and Service Sunday following the meeting.

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