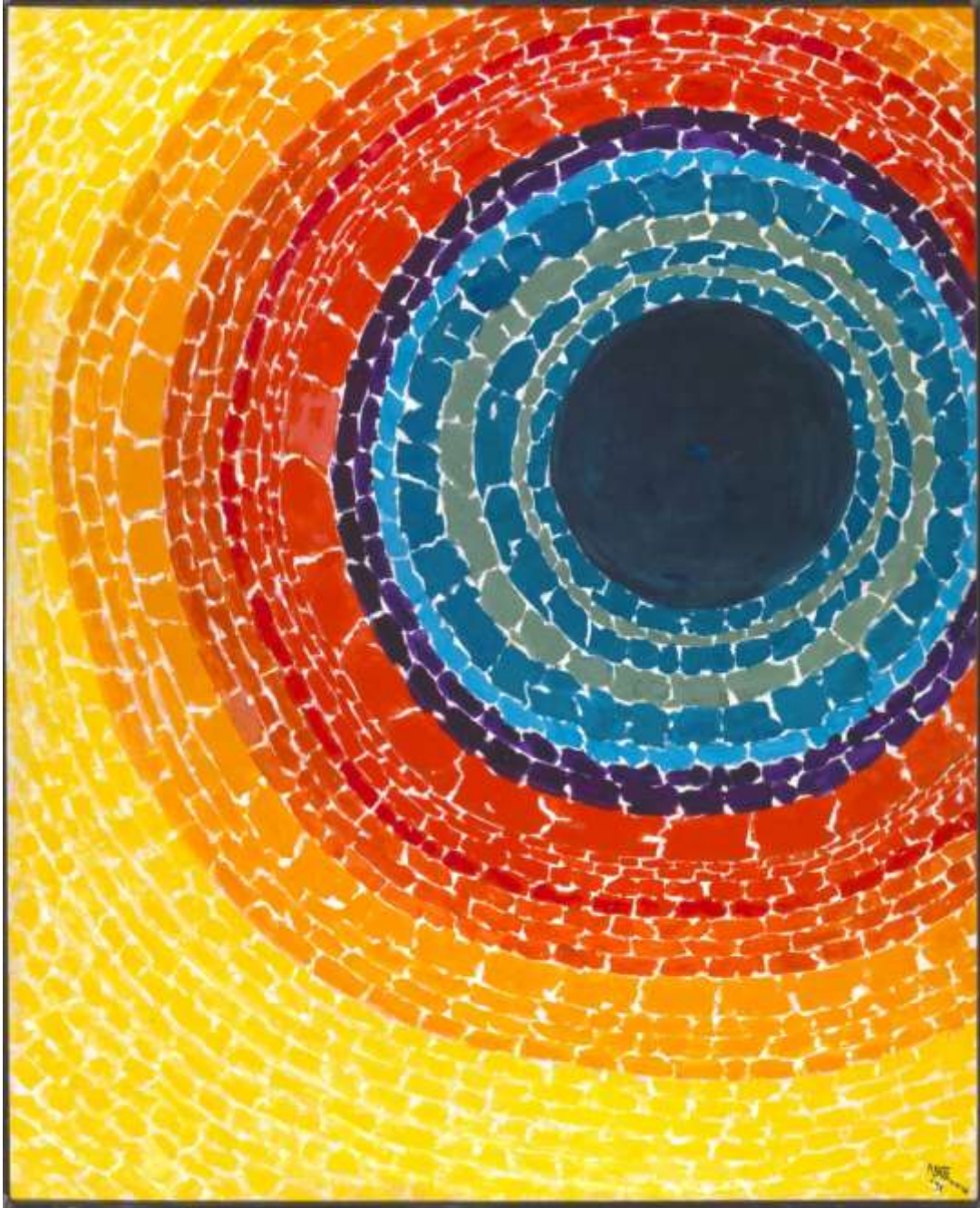


BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Eclipse by Alma Woodsey Thomas

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Prelude

Voluntary in C

Maurice Greene

Introit

Now Let Us Come Before Him

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 67**

Leader: God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us.

People: We praise you for the earth is abundant and you have given us good things.

***Opening Hymn 267** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Confession

Call to Confession

Merciful God, we feel guilty for the times when we have not loved our neighbors or ourselves. We have not done justice or loved kindness. We have refused to hear the cry of the needy. We shut ourselves off from new thoughts and revelations. Forgive us. Help us to cast off our shame and embrace your love. Through your abiding Spirit, we pray.

(Silent confession)

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The ill man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.

Sermon *Law of Love* Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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.

Anthem *A Bell Prayer* A. Steven Taranto
Bedford Bellringers

Offering

Anthem *Open My Eyes* K. Lee Scott

***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 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Alleluia, Amen

Parker S. Barnard

***Postlude**

Caprice

L. N. Clerambault

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Featured Upcoming Events



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 22nd
11 am

Agenda:

- Call to order and prayer
- Introductions of Proposed Nominating Committee/Discussion/Vote
 - Brian Hiller-Dupont, Chair,
 - Jeanne Collins, Session Liaison,
 - Bob Black, Chris Perry, Kathy DiBiasi
- Budget update
- Update on Associate Pastor position
- Q&A



JUNE 5, 2022

JOIN US DURING WORSHIP TO HONOR ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED WITH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS PAST YEAR.

WE WILL ALSO BE CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING BIBLES THIS YEAR.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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JOIN US DURING WORSHIP TO SUPPORT OUR CONFIRMANDS AS THEY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

AFTER WORSHIP, JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR NEWEST MEMBERS.

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.

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

Mission Activities



RSVP for the Summer Mission Trip

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

TO RESERVE YOUR
SPOT, EMAIL
COURTNEY

Hour Children Seeking Local Host Families This Summer

After a two-year hiatus, Hour Children, which provides family service programs to incarcerated women and their families, will once again be offering a summer visiting program for children whose mothers are incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Not surprisingly, many of the mothers and children Hour Children serves, particularly those from upstate, have not seen each other during the pandemic and have suffered deeply from the loss of connection.

Local host families, who are critical to the success of this program, are needed for the following dates to be responsible for the child/children's wellbeing:
July 17-20, July 24-27, August 7-10 & August 14-17.

For further information, please contact **Emily Kerr**, Bedford Hills Program Manager, at **615-636-7396** or ekerr@hourchildren.org.

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 Steinger 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.

SPIRITUALITY GROUP

We will be studying the Enneagram, a personality typology inspired by Christian mysticism. We will learn about the different types, discover our own and learn to be better humans in the process.

6 Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

via zoom

Beginning May 25

Contact Courtney
with any questions
and for the
readings.

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

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).

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.



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.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Monday, May 23rd** - Yoga at 9 am.
- **Tuesday, May 24th** – Lunch with Friends at 12:30 & Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, May 25th** - Spirituality Group meeting resumes at 7:30 pm.
- **Thursday, May 26th** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Sunday, May 29th** - Sunday Worship at 10 am.
- **Monday, May 30th** – **OFFICE CLOSED** / Yoga at 9 am.
- **Sunday, June 5th** - Sunday Worship, Communion, and Christian Ed Sunday at 10 am.
- **Sunday, June 12th** - Sunday Worship and Confirmation Sunday at 10 am.

Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor
Courtney Steininger, Director of Christian Education & Youth
John Lettieri, Director of Music
Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries
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Alison Cape, **President Jeanne Collins**,
Michelle Gosh, Alan McDougall, Suzanne Millette, Sarah Ryan,
& Bart Tyler
Moderator Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Deacons

Chair Don Hiller-Dupont, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson,
Kim Lapple, Natasha Mast, & Rebecca Rivard