

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Iris, Tulips, Jonquils, and Crocuses by Alma Woodsey Thomas

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022

Prelude

Prière à Notre-Dame

Leon Boelmann

Ringling of the Chimes

Introit

Praise be to God

M. Vulpius

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 23**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: You make me lie down in green pastures. You lead me beside still waters. You restore my soul.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil. For you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

People: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***Opening Hymn 171** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Confession

Call to Confession

Loving God, too often we speak before realizing how our words might wound our loved ones. We act without thinking how we might hurt our neighbor. We ignore your voice echoing in our community and whispering in our conscience. Give us wisdom and guidance as we make decisions. Help us to discern your call and direction. Through your Spirit, we pray.

(Silent confession)

Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response 106 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever. Alleluia, alleluia...

Time with the Children

The children may leave for Sunday Spirit.

History Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Anthem

Cantate Domino (Psalm 49:1-2)

G. Pitoni

Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Sermon

Good Works

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.

Offering

Children's Offering

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson

***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 495** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

John Bell

Let the Giving of Thanks Be Our Sacrifice to God

***Postlude**

Christ is Arisen

J. S. Bach

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

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.



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
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Parole Justice



NYCLU
ACLU of New York

Spring Canticles

Thompson - Schubert - Brahms & More

CHARIS CHAMBER VOICES - Jeremy Wiggins, Artistic Director



Saturday, May 14 - 4:00 pm

Bedford Presbyterian Church
Village Green Bedford NY

Sunday, May 15 - 4:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan
178 Oenoke Ridge Rd. New Canaan CT

Tickets \$25, \$20 (seniors), \$15 (students)
www.charisvocals.com

CHARIS


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

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 Bellingers - Please contact Heidi Michaels at hmichaels425@gmail.com.

Mission Activities



**Sign Up:
Summer Mission Trip**
POINT PLEASANT, WEST VIRGINIA
JULY 2-JULY 9, 2022
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, EMAIL
COURTNEY@BEDFORDPRESCHURCH.ORG



**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.

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).

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**.

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 9th** - Yoga at 9 am.
- **Tuesday, May 10th** - Lunch with Friends at 12:30 & Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, May 11th** - Spirituality Group will resume May 25th.
- **Thursday, May 12th** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Saturday, May 14th** - Charis Chamber Voices performance at 4 pm.
- **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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