

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Music" by Alma Woodsey Thomas

Pentecost

June 5, 2022

Prelude

Veni Creator

N. de Grigny

Children's Processional

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: To all who are weary and seek rest,

People: the Holy Spirit is given.

Leader: To all who mourn and long for comfort,

People: the Holy Spirit is given.

Leader: To all who are strangers and want community,

People: the Holy Spirit is given.

Leader: To all who hunger and thirst after goodness,

People: the Holy Spirit is given.

Leader: and to all who will come,

the church opens wide her doors

People: In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

***Hymn 313**

Come Down, O Love Divine

Call to Confession

Confession

O God, have mercy on us. You have united us in community, yet we allow our misunderstanding of one another to bring division and exclusion. You have given us gifts and resources for the good of all people, yet we hoard our gifts for our own comfort and success while ignoring the needs of others. You have filled us with the power of your Spirit, yet we continue to

lead timid lives, relying only on our own efforts. You work in our midst, yet we fail to recognize your transforming work and the hope that we have in you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

Sung Response *Holy Spirit, Come to Us (Repeat)*

History Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Matteus Steins
Ruby Steins
Charlie

Tate

ALL: (SING) Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love. Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

ALL: (SING) Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love. Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native

language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

ALL: (SING) Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love. Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Presentation of Student Bibles

Matteus Steins

Ruby Steins

Charlie Tate

Time with the Children

Recognition of Children's Ministry Volunteers

The children may leave for Sunday Spirit.

Anthem

Come, said the Spirit

Timothy Broege

Gospel Lesson

John 14:8-17

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

Sermon

My Self for They Self Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering

Anthem

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

Martin How

***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 319

Spirit

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

Twofold Amen

R. Warner

*Postlude

Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost

J. S. Bach

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

**Please stand, if you are able.*



TO OUR AMAZING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Jeanne Collins
Lila Cummings
Kathy DiBiasi
Amy Drabek
Michele Eames

Michelle Gosh
Don Hiller-Dupont
Brian Hiller-Dupont
Kim Lapple
Natasha Mast

Calla Merritt
Rebecca Rivard
JK Rasamny
Sara Ryan
Tinsley Valenti

This week's flowers are
dedicated in loving memory of
Tom Ferguson
from his family.



Featured Upcoming Events



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

RSVP BY MONDAY, JUNE 6. COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME!

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

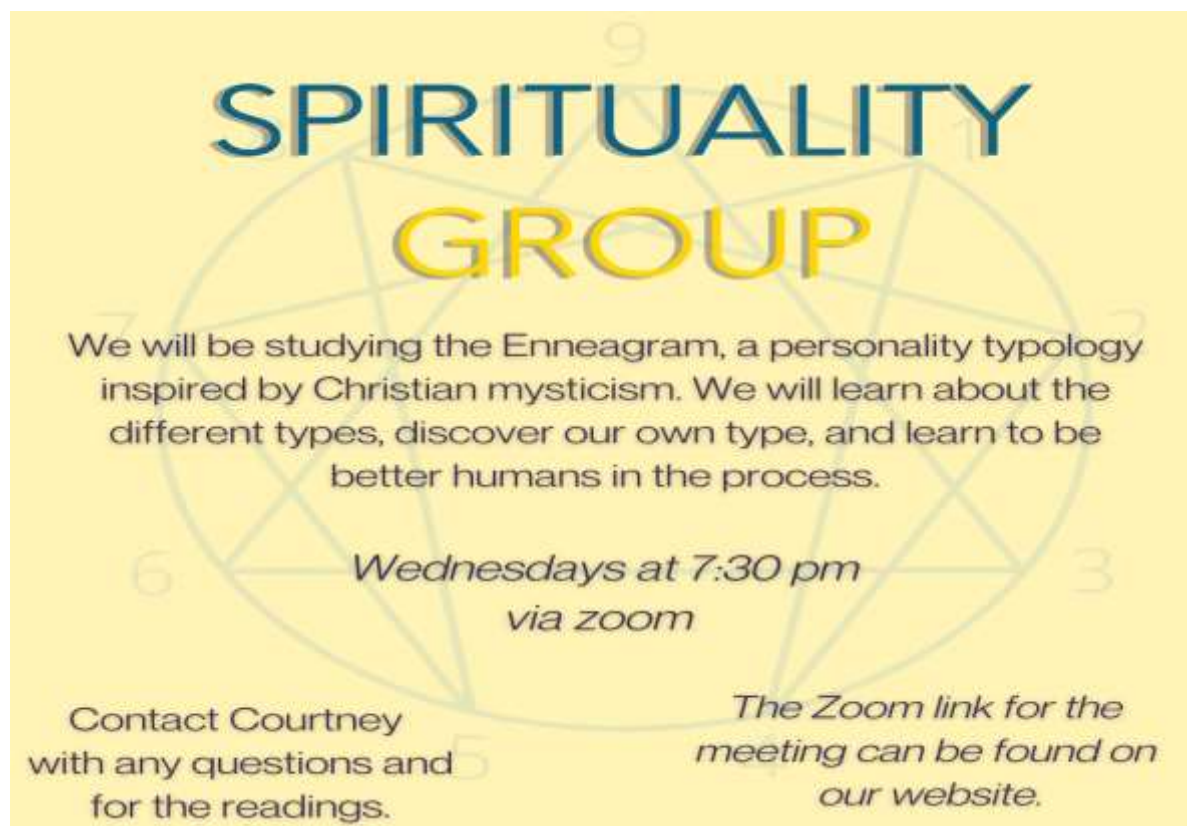
Bible Study - Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link or for more information. Class is held every Thursday between 10 - 11 am.

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.

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.

A graphic for the Spirituality Group featuring a large, faint Enneagram symbol in the background. The symbol is a circle with nine points and connecting lines, with the numbers 1 through 9 placed at each point. The text is centered and overlaid on the symbol.

**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 type, and learn to be better humans in the process.

*Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
via zoom*

Contact Courtney with any questions and for the readings.

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

FLOWER DONATIONS

Only one Sunday left to sponsor
flowers before the summer break.

- June 29th -

You can make a donation
by sending a check to the church or
by making a secure online donation.

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, June 6th** - Yoga at 9 am.
- **Wednesday, June 8th** - Spirituality Group at 7:30 pm.
- **Thursday, June 9th** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Sunday, June 12th** - Sunday Worship and Confirmation Sunday at 10 am.

Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor
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