

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Icon of the Multiplication of Loaves & Fishes,
by Sr. Patricia Reid, RSCJ

July 24, 2022

Prelude

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Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship from Psalm 138

Leader: I give thanks to God, with my whole heart.

People: On the day I called, you answered me. You increased the strength of my soul.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me from the wrath of my enemies. Your right hand delivers me.

People: You will fulfill your purpose for me. Your steadfast love endures forever.

*Opening Hymn 462 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Confession

Call to Confession

God, forgive us for all of the times when we ignore you. In our turmoil, we let our anxieties overwhelm us, and we forget to rest in your steadfast love. In our confusion, we let our worries drown us, and we do not listen to your wisdom. In our isolation, we try to depend on ourselves, and we refuse to rely on your people. Have mercy on us. When we are in trouble, help us to rest, listen, and reach out. 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

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.**

Time with the Children

During the summer months, we do not have Sunday Spirit. Childcare is still provided. Children are always invited to stay and participate in the service.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Sermon

Prayers of the People

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!**

Offering

Anthem

***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 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.

***Hymn 361**

How Firm a Foundation

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Fuga in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Announcements



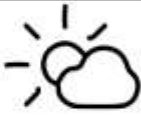






4th Week

JULY 24-30, 2022

8th Month

Weather: Bedford, NY

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| Partly to mostly cloudy. A stray shower is possible. High near 95F. | Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoon. High 89F | Partly cloudy skies. High 87F. | Some clouds in the morning. Showers later in the day. High 87F. | Scattered showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 88F. | Scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 88F. | Partly cloudy skies early. A few showers developing later in the day. High 86F. |



SCRIPTURE... And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. Luke 11:5-6,8

QUESTION...This teaching comes directly after Jesus teaches us to pray for our daily bread. What does this model of asking for our daily sustenance and sharing it say about how the Church should approach food insecurity?

THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY FARM...It is time to direct sow our fall crops. Unlike our summer crops, which we started indoors and transplanted outside, we will sow the seeds into the ground directly for our fall crops, which include carrots, beets, radishes, and more.



NATIVITY FARMERS' ALMANAC

A graphic with a background of stylized lemons and green leaves. The text is centered and reads:

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP EVERY
WEEK FOR LEMONADE IN FRONT
OF THE CHURCH.

A graphic with a light blue background featuring colorful floral patterns in orange, yellow, and green. A central green shield-shaped box contains the text:

SUMMER SUNDAYS PICNIC

JOIN US ON SUNDAY,
JULY 31ST AT 11 AM. WE
WILL MEET AT THE
BEDFORD VILLAGE PARK
PAVILLION

JOIN US FOR A FUN
AFTERNOON
OF FOOD AND GAMES



rewarding
potential
COLLEGE WITHIN REACH

Celebrating 2022

High School & College Graduates

Wednesday, August 3rd - 7:00 pm

The reception will be held in the Hughart Courtyard and all BPC members and friends are invited to attend. RPS is grateful for the support of the Bedford Presbyterian Church that allows us to continue awarding scholarships to these deserving students.

For more information about RPS, please visit our website:

<https://rewardingpotentialscholarship.org/>

Thank you!

Nativity Farm



We have a variety of tasks for Nativity Farmers of all abilities to help with during the summer months. Shifts will take place:

- Sundays from 1-3 pm
- Thursdays from 4-6 pm

Nativity Farm is also looking for the following gardening materials (new/used):

- Gardening gloves (children's and adult sizes)
- Shovels
- Spades
- Trowels
- Composting bins
- Hand-forks or claws
- Hoe
- Hand pruners
- Wheel barrows

Items can be dropped off at the learning garden.

As always, reach out to Courtney at courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org with any questions.

STAFF STRATEGY LISTENING SESSIONS

As the session continues their visioning and long-term planning, they want to hear from you about the structure of our staffing.

Please join us on July 27th at Michelle Gosh's house. The next date will be Wednesday, August 17th at 7 pm at the church. You

can sign up for the July date by clicking the link below or emailing Elyssa. If those dates or times do not work for you,

Brian, Jeanne, or Carol would welcome setting up a conversation with you.

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.



Northern Westchester
Refugee Resettlement Initiative
resetwestchester@gmail.com

We have found housing for our Ukrainian family and now we need help to furnish the house.

Please go to our website and use the SignUpGenius to sign up for donations of household items. Items can be new or used. If you have something to donate, please sign up and contact Elyssa at resethousefurnishings@gmail.com.

If you have larger furniture items, please take a picture and measurements and send to the email above.

Neighbors Link, a 501(c)3 organization, is the fiscal sponsor for ReSET

Email Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee with any questions.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- Monday, July 25th** - Yoga at 9 am
- Thursday, July 28th** - Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net.
- Sunday, July 31st** - Sunday Worship at 10 am and Picnic .

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