

# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"All Saints" by Wassily Kandinsky

**Ordinary Time**  
**August 14, 2022**

**Prelude**

*We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit*

Georg Bohm

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us set aside every weight and sin that clings to us.

**People: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.**

**\*Opening Hymn 461**

*God is Here!*  
*verses 1, 2, 3*

**Confession**

**Call to Confession**

**Loving God, you lead us to the valley of the shadow of death, but we refuse to walk through it. We ignore our grief, we swallow our tears, and we numb our heartaches. We expect loved ones to turn away from their sorrow. We do not care for ourselves or others when we face the loss of life.**

**Show us a better way, O God. Teach us how to mourn and how to remember. Help us to honor the legacies of those who came before us. And make us aware of that great crowd of witnesses that surrounds us.**

(Silent confession)

**Pardon**

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

**People: And also with you.**

## Time with the Children

*Childcare is provided. Children are always invited to stay and participate in the service.*

### Epistle Lesson

*Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**\*Hymn 171**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
verses 1, 2,3, 6

**Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 12:49-56*

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

**Sermon**

**Prayers of the People 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.

**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

## \*Hymn 526

*For All the Saints*

## \*Charge and Blessing

## \*Postlude

*Toccata in E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

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

*Many thanks to our guest organist, Lana Kollath, for playing for us.*



## Announcements



# Welcome Back Picnic

Sunday,  
September 11th  
11 am



## SESSION UPDATE

At the last session meeting, we talked about how to keep families engaged as their kids grow older and have commitments to sports and other activities on Sunday mornings. In response, we decided to start a Sunday evening service.

We decided to begin in the fall. We'll gather in a relaxed setting to share a simple meal, listen to great music, and break bread with one another. In the New Year, we can evaluate whether we should continue.

Watch out for more details!

## LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Join us after worship every week  
for lemonade in front of the church.





## BLESSING IN THE BACKPACKS

TODAY

We will be filling bags with school supplies for the Community Center of Northern Westchester after worship.



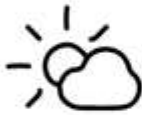
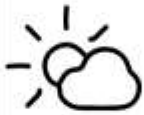




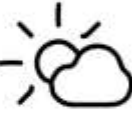


3rd Week

**AUG 14- 20, 2022**

8th Month

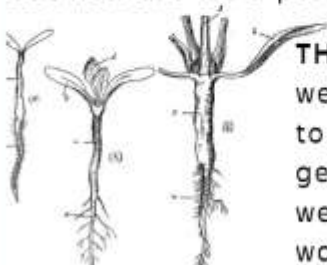
Weather: Bedford, NY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						
Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 82F.	Mostly cloudy skies early. High 77F.	Considerable cloudiness with potential rain shower. High around 75F.	Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms. High 77F.	Partly cloudy skies. High 81F.	Mostly sunny skies. High 82F.	Partly cloudy skies. High 83F.



**SPIRITUAL LESSON...** We often talk about humanity being made in God's image (imago dei), but we do not highlight how humanity is formed from the Earth's clay. Humanity is both divinely inspired and a part of nature.

**REFLECTION QUESTION...** How do we think about our relationship with our gardens? Often, it is framed as a way we are controlling our environment, but how are we a part of nature while intentionally growing things?



**THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY FARM...** A couple of weeks ago, we sowed carrot and radish seeds directly into our beds to start our fall crop rotation. These seeds have now germinated and have begun to emerge from the soil! As we continue to harvest our summer crops, we eagerly watch our next round of veggies grow!

NATIVITY FARMERS' ALMANAC

# 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 Wednesday, August 17th at 7 pm at the church. If that date or time does not work for you, Brian, Jeanne, or Carol would welcome setting up a conversation with you.

## Yoga

Every Monday in Fellowship Hall  
9 - 10 am ~ \$20 per class

Please email [bobbestultz@gmail.com](mailto:bobbestultz@gmail.com) for information.



# BIBLE STUDY



Every Thursday  
10 - 11 am via zoom

Please contact Alan McDougall at  
[alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net) for the Zoom link.

All are welcome.

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

**Monday, August 15th** - Yoga at 9 am.

**Wednesday, August 17th** – Staff Strategy Listening Session at 7 pm.

**Thursday, August 18th** -Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan  
McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net).

**Sunday, August 21st** -Sunday Worship at 10 am and Blessing in the  
Backpacks after worship.

## 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](http://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](mailto:Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org)) and

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by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.



## **Our Leadership**

### **Session**

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Michelle Gosh, Alan McDougall, Suzanne Millette, Sarah Ryan,  
& Bart Tyler  
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### **Deacons**

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