

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Abraham and Three Angels” by Marc Chagall

Ordinary Time
August 28, 2022

Prelude

Andantino

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Hebrews 13**

Leader: As we gather, we remind each other of ancient wisdom.

People: Let mutual love continue.

Leader: Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so, we might be entertaining angels without knowing it.

People: Remember those who are in prison, as though you are in prison with them.

Leader: Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have.

People: Live simply, and share what you have. For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

***Opening Hymn 343** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
Verses 1, 2, 3

Confession

Call to Confession

God of mercy, we are exhausted. We live in a world designed to make us discontent. We want more power, status, or things. We create technologies that quantify our friendships and rank our success. We strive harder and work longer hours. We never quite relax.

Wake us up to the comfort of your acceptance, the joy of gratitude, and the peace of your presence. Free us from our greed so that we might live abundant lives, through your Spirit.

(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.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the wounded, the disabled, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

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 423** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
Verses 1, 2, 3, 4

*Charge and Blessing

***Postlude** *The Heavens Declare* B. Marcello

**Please stand, if you are able.*

OUR NEW LOGO



Announcements

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

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



Welcome Back Picnic

Sunday,
September 11th
11 am





Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 17th
at 11 am.

In person at the church.

We will be electing new Elders and Deacons, and there will also be a finance update.



Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS RETURNS!







Starting September 27th at 12:30 pm.

5th Week

AUG 28- SEP 3, 2022

8th Month

Weather: Bedford, NY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						
Mainly cloudy. High 82F.	Showers early in the day. High 82F.	Thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 83F.	Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 83F.	A shower or two in the area in the morning. High 81F.	Partly cloudy. High near 80F.	

September 1 is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It is a day of prayer shared by the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, and Protestant churches. Below is a prayer you can use inspired by Pope Francis' "Laudato si":

Praised Be

Living God,
 have mercy on us,
 for the times we forget
 that we belong to each other.
 You call us to be still,
 to hear the whisper of our Sister Wind,
 to feel the radiance of our Brother Sun,
 and to be nourished by our Mother Earth.
 Renew us in your healing love.
 Inspire us to water the earth,
 and nurture one another,
 so all may flourish.
 Together, as one family,
 may we always sing your praise.
 Through Christ our Lord,
 Amen.



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.

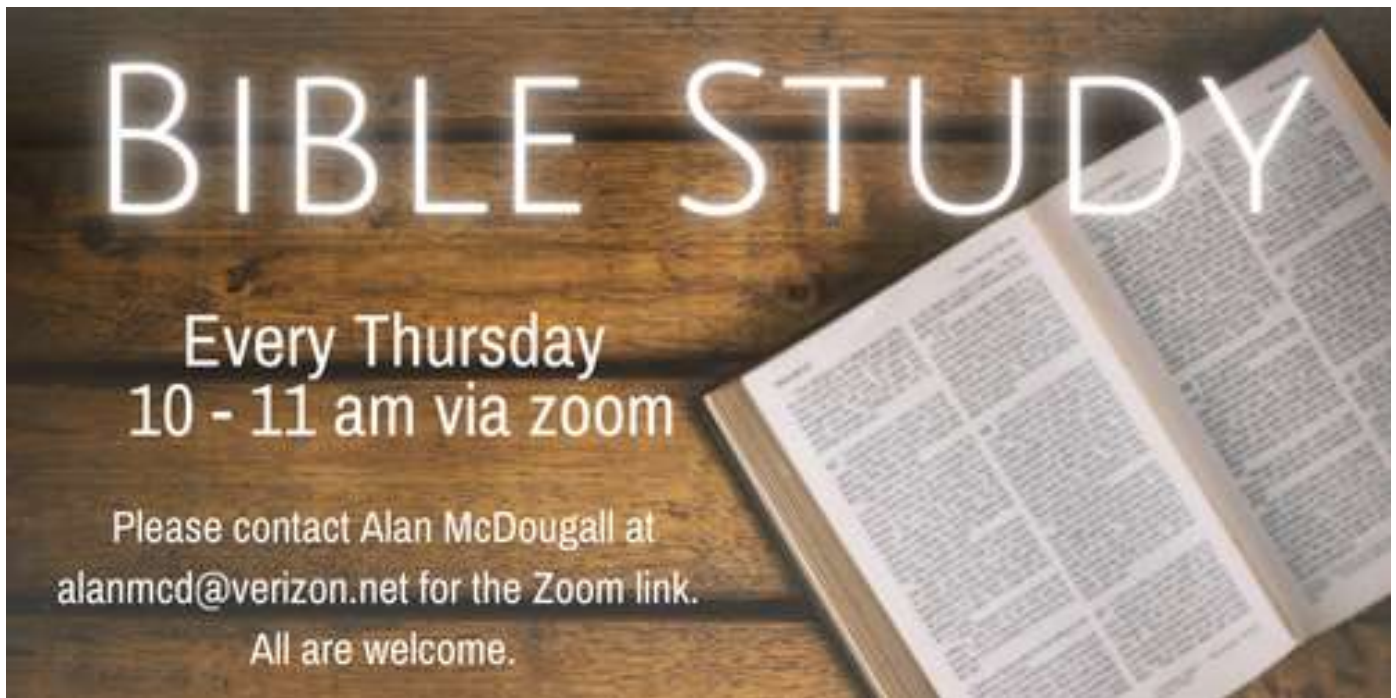
We decided to begin in the fall. We'll gather in a relaxed setting to share a simple meal, listen to great music, and break bread with one another. In the New Year, we can evaluate whether we should continue.

Watch out for more details!

Yoga

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

Please email bobbestultz@gmail.com for information.



Upcoming Events at a Glance

Monday, August 29th - Yoga at 9 am. **OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, August 30th - **OFFICE CLOSED**

Thursday, September 1st - Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net.

Sunday, September 4th - Sunday Worship and Communion at 10 am.

Monday, September 5th – **OFFICE CLOSED, NO YOGA**

Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS Announcements

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Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont, Linda Burpee,
Alison Cape, **President Jeanne Collins**,
Michelle Gosh, Alan McDougall, Suzanne Millette, Sarah Ryan,
& Bart Tyler
Moderator Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Deacons

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Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson,
Kim Lapple, Natasha Mast, & Rebecca Rivard

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