

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Aspiration” by Aaron Douglas

Ordinary Time
August 7, 2022

Prelude

The Celestial Banquet

Olivier Messiaen

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 30**

Leader: Truly the eye of God is on those who hope in God's steadfast love.

People: For God will deliver our souls from death and keep us alive in famine.

Leader: Our souls wait for God, our help and shield. Our hearts are glad in the Holy One.

People: Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

***Hymn 455**

All Creatures of Our God and King
verses 1-4

Call to Confession

Confession

Loving God, you create us and call us to a purpose. You give us resources and talents, so that our lives might have meaning. But we do not trust your voice or follow your will. Instead, we believe the loathsome whispers and critical lies that haunt us. We feel worthless. We worry that we're imposters. We sabotage ourselves.

Forgive us for resisting your call and ignoring your gifts. Give us courage for our fear, as we learn to rely on your steadfast love and live into your hope.

Silent Confession

Assurance of 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 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hymn 507

I Come with Joy
verses 1-2

Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:32-40

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open

the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Sermon

Offering

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

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.

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.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

***Breaking of the Bread**

Solo

Let Us Break Bread Together
Anne Bentzen, Soprano

Traditional Spiritual

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 538** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune in D* John Stanley

**Please stand, if you are able.*



Announcements

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






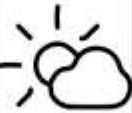
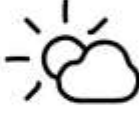
Join us after worship every week
for lemonade in front of the church.

2nd Week

AUG 7- 13, 2022

8th Month

Weather: Bedford, NY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						
Some clouds and possibly an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon.. High 89F.	Partly cloudy skies in the morning and chance of rain in the afternoon. High 91F.	Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon.. High 89F.	Scattered thunderstorms. High 81F.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 84F.	Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 83F.	Partly cloudy skies. High 81F.



SCRIPTURE LESSON... "The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth."

-Psalm 50: 1-2

QUESTION...This is a psalm of instruction, not prayer or praise. What do we learn about the symbols in nature from these opening lines? How can we live to embody the way that God shines forth?

THIS WEEK AT NATIVITY FARM...It's potato season! During our work session this Sunday, we will be harvesting our potatoes for the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry.



We continue to water our plants and watch them grow, and more kale will be harvested shortly!

NATIVITY FARMERS' ALMANAC



About this week's cover art:



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 for information.



BLESSING IN THE BACKPACKS

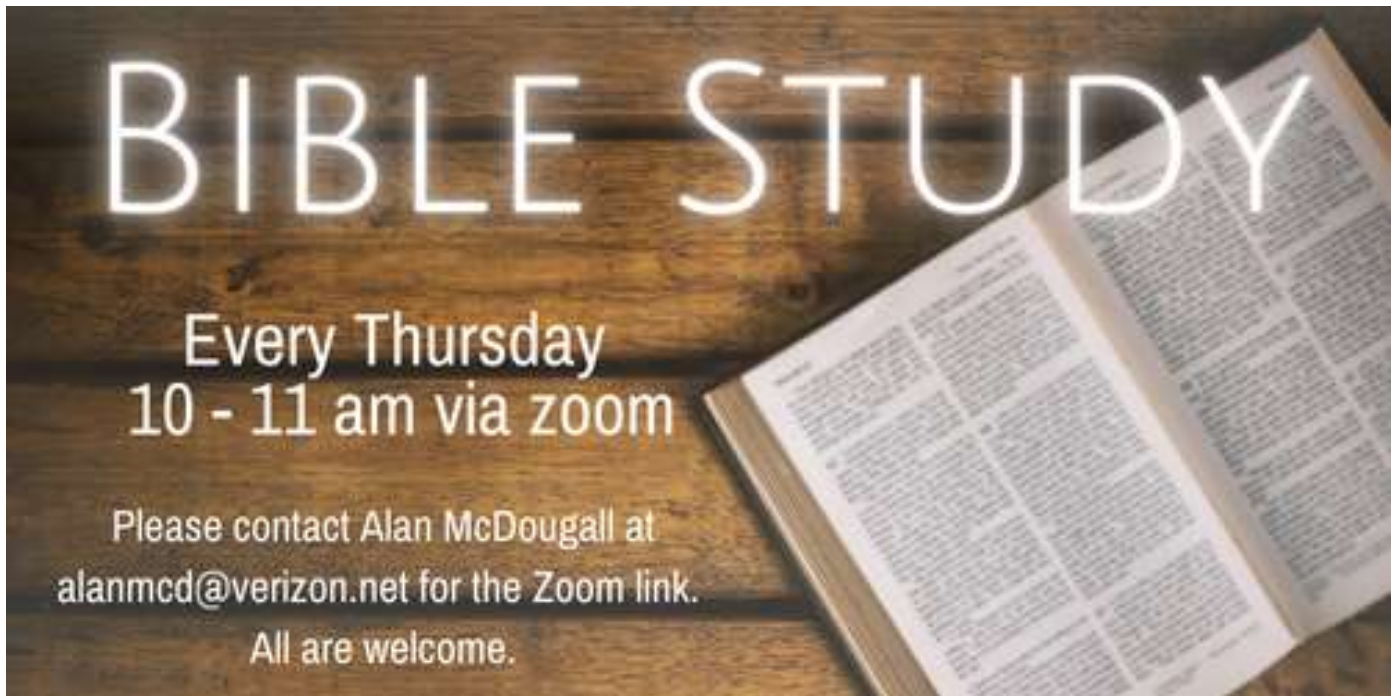
August 14

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

Please donate:

- composition notebooks
- pencil cases
- notebook filler paper
- crayons
- washable markers
- glue sticks
- pencil sharpeners
- 3 ring binders
- subject dividers
- highlighters
- index cards
- rulers
- pens
- pencils
- folders
- erasers





Upcoming Events at a Glance

Monday, August 8th - Yoga at 9 am

Thursday, August 11th - Bible Study at 10 am. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net.

Sunday, August 14th - 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 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.

Our Leadership

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