



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Creation” by Aaron Douglas

January 15, 2023
ORDINARY TIME

Prelude *Andante Tranquillo* C. V. Stanford

Introit *Alleluia, Alleluia* Native American

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 40**

Leader: Siblings, let us celebrate! For we live sustained by God's presence and love.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

People: God weeps with us.

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

People: God struggles with us.

Leader: As we strive for peace,

People: God strives with us.

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

People: God works with us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn 440** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are too slow in good. We are blind to injustice and complicit in deferring the dreams of the oppressed. We have not heard your call to do justice and love mercy.

Help us to name our sin, claim responsibility for our actions, and change our behavior. Help us make things on earth as they are in heaven. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: And also with you.

***Passing of the Peace**

(You may stand and greet one another.)

Time with the Children

*The children are welcome to stay for the service or they
may leave for Sunday Spirit.*

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."
I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
Do not, O Lord, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.

Anthem

African American Spiritual arr. N. Luboff
All My Trials

Gospel Lesson

John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and

followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Sermon

Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

***Hymn 434**

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples
Versus 1 and 4

Joys and Concerns

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 and Children's Offering

Anthem

African American Spiritual arr. W. Whalum
The Lily of the Valley

***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 369**

I'm Gonna Live So God So God Can Use Me

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response

Chinese Folk

May the Lord, Mighty God

***Postlude**

Fela Sowande

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

*Please stand if able

Announcements

Please fill out the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor.



BPC Women's Association & Mistletoe Mart Organizational Meeting

Sunday, January 15th
11am in the Chapel

This organizational meeting is an opportunity to decide how to allocate the funds from the 2022 Mistletoe Mart. In addition, we will brainstorm new ideas and organize the 2023 Mart. Your help and ideas are greatly appreciated.

Please join us and bring your ideas, concerns, expertise and support. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to contribute your ideas and/or time, please email
Julia Newton at julianewton@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Today!!

Each year, the Presbyterian Mission Agency publishes the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, which provides an opportunity to make specific small gifts that can make a big impact.

Our children will vote on where to spend the Children's Offering money for this year. For more information, visit presbyteriangifts.org.



Midnight Run

There are multiple ways to support BPC's Midnight Run on January 20th.

We are in need of toiletry donations, specifically:

- 40 Travel Sized Toothpastes
- 40 Washcloths
- 40 Travel Sized Shampoos
- 20 Deodorants
- 40 Lip balms

We are also in need of food donations:

- Fruit
- Cheese sticks
- Juice Boxes
- Individually packaged cookies/dessert

Please contact Courtney at courtney@bedfordpreschurch.org for more info.



Winter Youth Group Schedule

- **January 20th, 8pm Midnight Run into NYC**
- **February 12th, 12pm Bowling at Spins Bowl**
- **February 18th-25th Bridges to Community HS Mission Trip**
- **March 17th, 8pm Midnight Run into NYC ...and more to come!**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

7-9 PM VIA ZOOM

WOMAN 2 WOMAN TRAINING SESSION

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Woman 2 Woman, Bedford Presbyterian Church's prison ministry program. Over the years, we have connected well over 150 women in this community with those incarcerated at the two women's prisons in Bedford. And yet, sadly, the need persists.

We have a long list of women who would love to have a visitor.















If you are interested in learning more, please attend our visitors' training on Wednesday, February 8th from 7-9 p.m. via Zoom.

To RSVP and to receive the Zoom link, please contact Nancy Gernert at nancygernert@gmail.com.

JAN 15-21, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Sunny 38°	Sunny 43°	Mostly Cloudy 42°	Partly Cloudy 50°	Showers 45°	AM Showers 47°	Partly Cloudy 44°

WHAT WE ARE READING

"King's phrase, "network of mutuality," is perhaps as good a definition of ecology as any offered by an ecologist. Is it possible that recovering the ecological and cosmological dimensions of King's vision could help inspire our present work to link issues, connect ecology and social justice, and build a culture with a viable future?..." From "Martin Luther King, Jr.: Ecological Thinker" by Drew Dellinger

WORD OF THE WEEK

mutuality

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SECOND SUNDAY SOUP**Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for two volunteers for Second Sunday Soup on
February 12th, and March 12th.

If you are interested, please contact

Diane Palmento at skippyhouse@aol.com.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, January 15th

10 am

Worship and Children's Offering.

11 am

Mistletoe Mart meeting in the chapel.

Monday, January 16th

9 am

OFFICE CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Yoga.

Tuesday, January 17th

1 pm

Quilting.

Thursday, January 19th

10 am

Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall
at **alanmcd@verizon.net**.

Friday, January 20

8 pm

Midnight Run.

Sunday, January 22nd

10 am

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 both Elyssa at **Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org** and Jessica at **Office@bedfordpreschurch.org** by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont, President Michelle Gosh,

Linda Burpee, Jessica Cunningham, Danielle Gamar,

Maria Andrea Laverde,

Suzanne Millette, Sarah Ryan, & Bart Tyler

Moderator Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

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