



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Shark Fishing” by Winslow Homer

January 22, 2023
ORDINARY TIME

Prelude *Adagio from Symphony V C.* M. Widor

Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy* Russian Liturgy

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship from Psalm 27**

Leader: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name.

People: Come, follow me.

Leader: It's a simple call, and it's a hard call.

People: Come, follow me.

Leader: Following requires leaving. It's hard to abandon our nets and walk away. But we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen, and be transformed.

People: Come, follow me.

***Opening Hymn 435** *We All Are One in Mission*

Confession

Loving God, you have called us to a life of abundance, but too often we sit alone. You call us to community, but we shut ourselves off from one another. You call us to friendship, but we neglect those important relationships.

Open us to your hope, love, and friendship.

(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.

Epistle Lesson

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, siblings, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Anthem

A. Bruckner

Locus Iste (This place was made by God)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:18-23

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers,

James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

***Hymn**

Will You Come and Follow Me?

Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Offering

Anthem

God Is Light

H. Bramma

***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.**

Joys & Concerns

***Prayer of the People & 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 446**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response

Fivefold Amen

E. Margetson

***Postlude**

Grand Jeu

N. deGrigny

*Please stand if able

Announcements

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



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.

Winter Youth Group Schedule

- 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!

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**.

JAN 22-28, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
PM Rain/Snow Showers 41°	Rain/Snow 42°	Rain/Snow Showers 44°	Rain/Snow Showers 44°	Partly Cloudy 37°	Partly Cloudy 35°	Partly Cloudy 33°

WHAT WE ARE READING

January 24th was the birthday of the writer and theologian, Henri Nouwen. In his book, *Bread for the Journey*, he wrote, "The marvelous vision of the peaceable Kingdom, in which all violence has been overcome and all men, women, and children live in loving unity with nature, calls for its realization in our day-to-day lives. Instead of being an escapist dream, it challenges us to anticipate what it promises. Every time we forgive our neighbor, every time we make a child smile, every time we show compassion to a suffering person, every time we arrange a bouquet of flowers, offer care to tame or wild animals, prevent pollution, create beauty in our homes and gardens, and work for peace and justice among peoples and nations we are making the vision come true."

WORD OF THE WEEK

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Yoga

Every Monday in Fellowship Hall
9 - 10 am
\$20
*part of the cost benefits the church



Coffee Hour Sign Up

Sunday Coffee Hours have been a wonderful time for congregation members to reconnect with those they haven't seen recently and a nice opportunity to meet new visitors in a casual environment. The church provides the main equipment needed so volunteers only supply the food items. Instructions are provided.

Go to our website to sign up.

Contact Sarah Alley or Michele Eames with questions.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Every week the sanctuary is decorated with beautiful flower arrangements donated and dedicated by congregants.



If you would like to sign up to sponsor a week of flowers, please do so no later than one week prior. You can sign up, enter your dedication and make your \$50 secure online donation on the BPC website.



Checks and dedications can also be sent to the church office.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Green is used as a liturgical color during the weeks known as Ordinary Time. Generally, this period of time occurs from the end of the Christmas season until the beginning of Lent, and from the end of the Easter season until the beginning of Advent. At its etymological root, the word "ordinary" has a rich meaning, far beyond the usual understanding of humdrum, commonplace or everyday. The word has its source in a Sanskrit, or Indo-European, word, which entered into Latin as the verb *orior*, meaning to rise up, to be stirred up and to grow. The word for "east" in Latin, *oriens*, conveys the same rich meaning: It indicates the rising of the sun. The color green evokes life and growth.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday
10 - 11 am via zoom

Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net for the Zoom link.
All are welcome.



**We are trying to update our
church directory.**

If you haven't recently, could you please email the church office a photo of your family that we can include in our directory?

Close photos (shoulders up and not side by side) are best as the directory can't accommodate large photos.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, January 22nd

9 am Nativity Farm Committee
9:15 am Youth Worship Class
10 am Worship.

Monday, January 23rd

9 am Yoga.

Tuesday, January 24th

12:30 pm Lunch with Friends.
1 pm Quilting.

Thursday, January 26th

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

Sunday, January 29th

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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Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, & Diane Palmento

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