



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The Last Supper" by John August Swanson.

**World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2023**

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

Introit *Njalo/Always* Zimbabwe Traditional

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The whole world is in God's hands.

**People: Everything that lives and breathes.
Everything that simply is.
Everything.**

Leader: From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

People: God is with us and we are with God.

***Hymn** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (4x All sing)* Caribbean arr. J. Bell

Call to Confession

Confession

Almighty God, You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.
Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, you have been forgiven. Go in peace.

Sung Response

**Santo, Santo, Santo, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you; you are holy Lord.**

***Passing of the Peace**

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

People: And also with you.

You may stand and greet one another.

Anthem *He's Got the Whole World* arr. Joel Raney
Joyful Noise Children's Choir and BPC Choir
Don Hiller-DuPont, John Lettieri Directors

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

Gospel Lesson *Matthew 21:23-32*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know."

And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

The son answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went.

The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?"

They said, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the sex workers are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the sex workers believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering and Youth Collection

Anthem

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual arr. William Hall

***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**

Dedication of the Joseph Palmer Communion Set

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

***Communion**

Canto de Esperanza/Song of Hope Argentinian Folk

Prayer after Communion and the 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 472**

Cantad Al Senor/O Sing to the Lord
Verse 1 Spanish – Verse 1, 2, 3 English

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

May the Love of the Lord Swee Hong Lim

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

**A big thank you to Barbara Kanner for playing flute and to
Rev. Courtney for playing percussion today.**

Announcements

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

Child Care Available

*In addition to Sunday Spirit for elementary school kids, childcare is
provided during worship for kids not yet in kindergarten.
Please contact Courtney for more information.*

Today's flowers are in
celebration of Jean Palmer &
Ruth Ragonese for their 75 years
of membership at BPC!



Bereavement Group

A newly formed bereavement group is beginning on Wednesday, October 18th at BPC. We will meet each Wednesday evening from 7-8 pm, room to be determined.

This group is Open to ALL; not just BPC members. The purpose is to share, learn and navigate the emotional impact of our loss.

The group members will remain confidential.

Please contact Rev. Carol or Rev. Courtney at the church or Diane at: skippyhouse@aol.com or 516-457-1412 for more information.

Cooking for the food pantry

Ingredients

Wednesday,
October 4th
12 pm
BPC Kitchen



Instructions

- 1) Join in with the Westchester Local Food Project
- 2) Cook for the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry and the Community Center of Northern Westchester
- 3) Socialize while we cook

Serves: Our community

join us after the service for

COFFEE HOUR



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. Please be sure to include your dedication when you sign up. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your \$50.00 secure online donation on our website.



JOYFUL NOISE

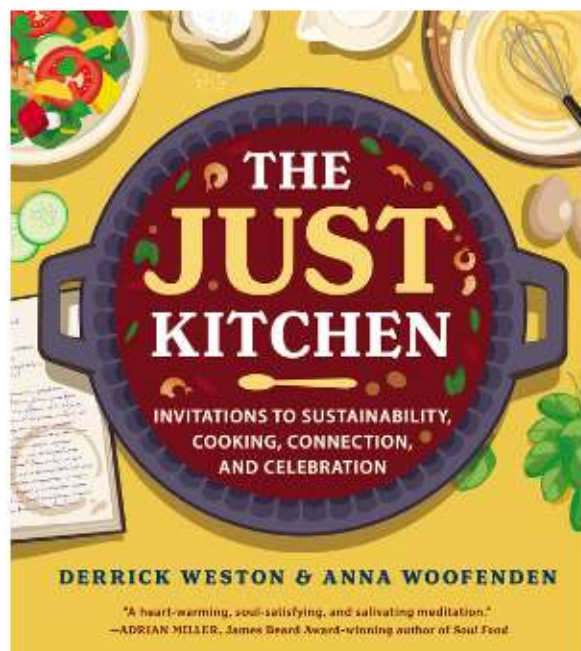
At BPC we love music and want kids of all ages to have a chance to sing throughout the year. Songs will be posted online and then rehearsed the morning of the performance. Contact Don Hiller-Dupont for more information.



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

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

12:30 pm - Chapel Room



The Just Kitchen

Book Launch
October 13, 2023
2 - 4 pm

Derrick Weston and Rev. Anna Woofenden
return to BPC to launch their new book
at Nativity Farm!



Quilting

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm
Chapel Room.



Learn as you go
from seasoned
quilters.

Bedford Bellringers

If anyone is interested in joining the bell choir or learning more about the bells, please contact Heidi Michaels at Hmichaels425@gmail.com or (914) 263-8659



**The Mount Kisco
Interfaith Food Pantry**

Please click on the Take a Bite out of Hunger link at
www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org or scan the QR code to the right.



The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry is a
501(c)(3) charity and contributions are
tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.



TAKE a BITE out of HUNGER

**October 15th, 2023
1:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Captain Lawrence Barrel House
369 LEXINGTON AVENUE, MOUNT KISCO, NY**

suds • sliders • songs

FEATURING MUSIC BY THE FOUR26

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT 5 PM

ANIMALS OF ALL FAITHS AND DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME



SENIOR LUNCHEON

**October 26th at 12:30 pm,
in the chapel room.**

**Bring your bag lunch and join us as we connect
with each other and make new friends.**

**You don't need to be a member of
Bedford Presbyterian Church to attend.**

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

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, October 1st

10 am	Worship, World Communion Sunday, Dedication of Communion Set & Youth Collection
11 am	Coffee Hour
5 pm	Harvest Festival

Monday, October 2nd

9 am	Yoga
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Tuesday, October 3rd

1 pm	Quilting
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Wednesday, October 4th

12 pm	Cooking for the Interfaith Food Pantry
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Thursday, October 5th

10 am	Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net
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Sunday, October 8th

10 am	Worship
11 am	Coffee Hour

Our Leadership

Session

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

Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel and Stewardship),
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

Deacons

Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson &
Diane Palmento

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The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

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