



# BEDFORD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"What does the Kingdom of God look like?"  
by Lucas Mejía, Children's Sabbath 2022

**October 15, 2023**  
**Children's Sabbath**

**Prelude**

*Church Sonata in Eb*

W. A. Mozart

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Introit**

*Invocation*

William Billings

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Opening Sentences**

Lucas Mejía

Leader: We have gathered in this space.

**People: Welcomed like a prodigal child back into our warm,  
safe home.**

Leader: We have gathered in this space.

**People: Embraced like children greeted by Jesus when others  
turned us away.**

Leader: We have gathered in this space.

**People: Let us worship God as beloved children, heirs to God's  
beloved kin-dom of peace.**

**\*Opening Hymn 387** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**Confession**

**You created a world of plenty, yet there are children starving for food, and thirsting for clean water. You created a world for peace, yet there are children in the path of war. You created a world with time for rest, yet there are children in homes and communities where no rest comes and sleep carries with it memories of fear. You created a world touched by your compassionate hand, yet there are children who never hear kindness and never experience unconditional love in ways they can understand. Forgive us. Place us back into the work of**

**uniting with our neighbors and this world so that we may again  
return to your loving creation.**

(Silent Confession.)

Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Sung Response**

**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to Me."**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.**

## **\*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**                      *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*    Chorale arr. J. S. Bach

**Gospel Lesson**                      *Matthew 19:13-15*                      Brady Lapple

Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

**Sermon**

Rev. Carol Howard

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**    *He Watching Over Israel*    F. Mendelssohn

**\*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**

**Joys and Concerns**

Brady Lapple and Noah Mejía

**Prayers of the People 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 364**    *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Benediction Response**    *Alleluia Amen*    P. Barnard

**\*Postlude**    *Trumpet Voluntary in D*    John Stanley

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

## 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 dedicated in  
gratitude to BPC for many years  
of support for the Mount Kisco  
Interfaith Food Pantry.  
-Jeff & Sharon Seidell

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT 5 PM

ANIMALS OF ALL FAITHS AND DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME





**The Mount Kisco  
Interfaith Food Pantry**

Please click on the Take a Bite out of Hunger link at  
[www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org](http://www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org) or scan the QR code to the right.

THE MOUNT KISCO  
INTERFAITH  
FOOD PANTRY



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**

**Cooking for the food pantry**

*Ingredients*

**Wednesday,**

**October 18th**

**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**

**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**.

## Woman 2 Woman Offering a Training in October!

This fall marks the tenth anniversary of this prison ministry founded at Bedford Presbyterian Church in 2013.

Over the past decade, they have connected more than 150 women in the community surrounding Bedford Hills Correctional Facility with 130 individuals incarcerated there. Lots of deep and meaningful friendships have been formed.

Unfortunately, there are many people inside the prison who have been waiting a long time for a visitor. There are lots of newly incarcerated people who have heard about W2W's visiting program and are very interested in participating.

Woman 2 Woman has scheduled a Zoom training for Monday, October 16th from 7 - 9 p.m.

Here's the link:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6193223941> Meeting ID: 619 322 3941

Please note that in order to become a Woman 2 Woman visitor, you must attend a training session. Even if you do not live in the Bedford area, or in this country, you may want to learn more about this program to consider emulating it where you live.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



BEDFORD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29

AFTER THE SERVICE

FELLOWSHIP HALL



## All Saints' Day

*Sunday, November 5*

Bring in photos of your  
deceased loved ones to place  
in the front of the sanctuary.

## Quilting

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm  
Chapel Room



Learn as you go  
from other quilters.

## 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.

## 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.

Don't Need It Anymore?

**Don't Throw It Away!**

DONATE IT AND SUPPORT OUR



## USED CLOTHING DRIVE

**Saturday, Oct. 28th 9am-12:30pm**

Bring your well tied bags filled with your donation items to the parking lot of:  
**St. Francis Church—2 Green St., Mt. Kisco**

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR:



The Emergency Shelter Partnership is a local not for profit organization that aids those in need of shelter during the winter months. Our organization runs on funds received through local congregations, various community supporters, individual donors and small grants. It is run by local caring individuals looking to make a difference in the lives of community members.

PO Box 427, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549 / 914-582-5020 / info@esp-nyc.org / www.esp-nyc.org /  

### COLLECTING THESE ITEMS:

#### CLOTHING/SHOES

All Types / Styles of  
Used Wearable Clothing  
(Men, Women and Kids)  
All Sneakers and Shoes



#### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Blankets  
Sheets  
Bedspreads  
Quilts  
Comforters  
Towels

Table Cloths  
Drapery/Curtains  
Bath Rugs  
Kitchen / Bath



**NO** Books/CD's, VHS Tapes, Kitchen Appliances,  
Outdoor Toys or Furniture, Please.

**PLEASE PUT ALL ITEMS IN WELL TIED TRASH BAGS.**

We are working with [clothingdrivefundraiser.com](http://clothingdrivefundraiser.com) and we'll receive a monetary donation based on the total weight of the items we collect.

#### ACCESSORIES

Purses, Backpacks,  
Briefcases, Belts,  
Hats / Gloves,  
Under garments,  
Socks, Scarves / Ties



Stuffed Animals, clean  
and smaller than 12"



THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT. WE APPRECIATE  
YOUR DONATIONS OF CLEAN,  
WEARABLE CLOTHING AND  
ITEMS FROM YOUR HOUSE.

**Items can also be dropped at BPC by  
12pm on 10/28 and they will be  
transported to St. Francis.**



## Mistletoe Mart Wreath Making

Wednesday, Nov. 29  
9 am - 5 pm

Join Mary Lou Pappas at the Church for wreath making! Come for an hour or come all day! Help us to make wreaths to sell. You can even make your own wreath to purchase.

## EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

**JANUARY 1 - 7, 2024 AND FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3, 2024**



We want to let the congregation know about the two weeks that we are signed up to host the Emergency Shelter Partnership this year. We will send out our sign up shortly.

We will be looking for volunteers for dinner, desserts, snacks, and drinks or sign up to be a back up volunteers.

Find a friend or someone you would like to get to know in the congregation, to host dinner one night together!

Email Elyssa with any questions. [Elyssa@bedfordpreschurh.org](mailto:Elyssa@bedfordpreschurh.org).



see  
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believe  
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do

**BPC invites you to see, feel, believe, do.**

SEE our beautiful building.

BPC stands peacefully in the heart of Bedford Village. Our building has been a community center since the 1860's. The inside and outside of the sanctuary spark awe and calmness. It allows space for moments of reflection and action.

●  
FEEL our inviting community.

First-time visitors often say the same thing, "I just felt so welcomed and at home." From Sunday morning services, to special events like the fall picnic, to regular gatherings like lunch with friends, we simply enjoy being together. All are invited and embraced.

●  
BELIEVE in faith for today

Our shared faith values tie us together. At the same time, we are open to different beliefs and respectful of various practices of faith. There is no "right place" to sit. There is no "shushing" of kids (we love joyful noise!). We are a community where all can worship and fully be themselves.

●  
DO make a difference where you are inspired

BPC has a long history of caring for the community. We put our faith in action to make a positive impact. There are many ways to be inspired and get involved in the Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, the Woman 2 Woman Prison Ministry, Nativity Farm's Garden, the Emergency Shelter Partnership, and many more.

# New Member Class

*Sunday, October 22 - 11:30 am*  
*Chapel Room*

## 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 15th

10 am	Worship and Children's Collection
11 am	Coffee Hour & Session Meeting
5 pm	Blessing of the Animals

### Monday, October 16th

9 am	Yoga
7 pm	Woman 2 Woman Training via Zoom

### Tuesday, October 17th

1 pm	Quilting
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### Wednesday, October 18th

12 pm	Cooking for the Interfaith Food Pantry
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### Thursday, October 19th

10 am	Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at <b>alanmcd@verizon.net</b> .
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### Sunday, October 22nd

10 am	Worship
11 am	Coffee Hour & Mistletoe Mart meeting
11:30 am	New Member Class

# **Our Leadership**

## **Session**

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

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

## **Staff**

The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager

Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries

The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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