



# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



'Dove' by Pablo Picasso

# October 22, 2023

## Ordinary Time

**Prelude** *Lied* Louis Vierne

**Introit** *Dona Nobis Pacem* Traditional

### Ringling of the Bells

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Opening Sentences

Leader: In the name of God,

**People: who created us and holds us.**

Leader: In the name of the Son,

**People: who came into the world and reconciles us with God.**

Leader: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

**People: who fills us with eternal life and incites us to peace, we come together.**

**\*Opening Hymn 401** *When Will People Cease Their Fighting?*

### Confession

Leader: God of love, you have created humankind to be one great family. Forgive our inability to be reconciled with others, both our dear ones and our enemies.

**People: Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.**

Leader: God of grace, you have given us the gift of speech to be an instrument for change. Forgive us for the times when we have spoken too hastily without thinking of the consequences, or have remained silent out of fear or indifference.

**People: Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.**

Leader: God of life, you have placed us on this earth to tend and watch over it. Forgive us when we have failed to care for your world, to protect nature, the home of our ancestors and of our descendants. Help us to promote life and seek peace.

**People: Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.**

Leader: God of mercy, you love us even when we harm ourselves and others. Strengthen us so that we might walk in your ways.

[Silent confession]

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Sung Response**

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

Traditional

#### **\*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.*

#### **Anthem**

*Peace is My Last Gift to You*

J. McGregor

#### **Gospel Reading**

*John 14:27*

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

#### **Sermon**

Rev. Carol Howard

## Offering

**A Moment for Generosity**

Dylan Eichhorn

## Offertory

**Anthem**

P. Aston

*Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*

## \*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

## \*Prayers of the People

**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 434

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

## \*Charge and Blessing

**Benediction Response**

*Chinese folk tune*

*May the Lord, Mighty God*

## \*Postlude

Praeludium in C

J. S. Bach

\*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.*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



SUNDAY | OCTOBER 29

AFTER THE SERVICE  
IN THE SANCTUARY

AGENDA:  
1 - CHANGE BYLAWS  
2 - RE-ELECT ELDERS & DEACONS



## All Saints' Day

*Sunday, November 5*

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

## Cooking for the food pantry

### *Ingredients*

Wednesday,

November 1st

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**.

## 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.

## Quilting

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm  
Chapel Room



Learn as you go  
from other quilters.

## Donations Needed! Vintage Christmas Treasures

Bedford Presbyterian Church is hosting their annual Mistletoe Mart on December 2nd. We are looking for new or old Christmas/holiday decorations. Any other treasures that you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated. They do not have to be holiday. They will be part of the Mistletoe Marts tag sale.

If you would like to donate, please contact:  
Vickie Dey: 914-419-9062 or [vdey1@optonline.net](mailto:vdey1@optonline.net)  
Pat Ferguson: 914-234-7833 or [pkferg1@gmail.com](mailto:pkferg1@gmail.com)

**\*Donation pickup available**





# 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.

Don't Need It Anymore?  
**Don't Throw It Away!**  
DONATE IT AND SUPPORT OUR



[ClothingDriveFundraiser.Com](http://ClothingDriveFundraiser.Com)

## 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:**



**Emergency Shelter Partnership**  
*offering shelter, meals and kindness*

PO Box 427, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549 / 914.582.5020 / [info@esp-ny.org](mailto:info@esp-ny.org) / [www.esp-ny.org](http://www.esp-ny.org) / [f](#) [ig](#)

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.

**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

**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.**

**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.

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

## 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@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org).





# SECOND SUNDAY SOUP



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



WE ARE LOOKING FOR 2 VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE SOUP FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:

11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11 AND 3/10.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED HELPING WITH ANY OF THOSE WEEKENDS PLEASE EMAIL ELYSSA.



### HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

THE COMMUNITY CENTER  
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER



START DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

*Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in need this holiday season!*  
The Community Center collects food and monetary donations so that hundreds of our neighbors in need can enjoy special Thanksgiving meals. Families begin receiving these items on November 1st.

#### MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Frozen Turkeys
- Frozen Turkey Breasts
- Frozen Roaster Chickens
- Flour (1 or 2 lb. bags)
- Sugar (1 or 2 lb. bags)
- Vegetable/Olive Oil
- Coffee (instant or ground)
- Tea Bags (small boxes)
- Hot Chocolate
- Cookies

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS BEGINNING OCTOBER 3rd

HOURS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 10 AM - 4 PM,  
THURSDAY 12 PM - 6 PM, SATURDAY 10 AM - 1 PM



COMMUNITY CENTER  
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER  
30 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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For more information about us visit our website at [communitycenternw.org](http://communitycenternw.org)



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**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** and 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 22nd

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

### Monday, October 23rd

9 am	Yoga
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### Tuesday, October 24th

12:30 pm	Lunch with Friends
1 pm	Quilting
7:15 pm	Bells Rehearse

### Thursday, October 26th

10 am	Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at <b>alanmcd@verizon.net</b> .
12:30 pm	Senior Luncheon

### Sunday, October 29th

10 am	Worship & Woman 2 Woman 10 year Anniversary Celebration
11 am	Congregational Meeting
11:15 am	Coffee Hour & Woman 2 Woman Reception

# **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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