



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Autumn Leaves Fluttering in the Breeze” by Alma Thomas

November 19, 2023
Ordinary Time

Prelude *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here* J. S. Bach

Introit *Alleluia, Alleluia* Native American

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Bell Choir *With Praise and High Thanksgiving* Michael Ryan

***Opening Sentences from Psalm 90** Brady Lapple

Leader: God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or you formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: For a thousand years is like one day in your sight.

People: Teach us to count our days, so that we might gain a wise heart.

***Opening Hymn 559** *We Gather Together*

Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may walk in your ways.

[Silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.**

***Passing of the Peace**

You may stand and greet one another.

Anthem

Thankful Shawna Belt Edwards
Joyful Noise Children's Choir Don Hiller-Dupont

Reading

Matthew 25:14-29

Rebecca Fastert

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

"And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servants; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'

Bell Choir

*Carillon Celebration
Directed by Heidi Michaels*

Douglas Wagner

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

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

Offering and Youth Collection

Minute for Mission

Emergency Shelter Partnership & Midnight Run

Chris Perry

Offertory

Anthem *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*

J. Brahms

***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**

Ordination & Installation

Elders: Anne Bentzen, Amy Drabek and Ashley Glod-Hayes

Deacons: Andres Mejía and Lisa Sayre

Joys & Concerns

***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 554**

Let All Things Now Living

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response

Let the Giving of Thanks

John Bell

***Postlude**

Fantasy on Now Thanks We All Our God

S. Karg-Elert

*Please stand, if you are able.

Announcements

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

A big thank you to today's greeter, Sharon Seidell, and to Inger Savitt for hosting today's coffee hour.

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.



Sunday, November 19th
5 - 7:30 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Church
2 Green Street, Mt. Kisco

Can't make it to Swing on In?
You could be a Sponsor...
Make a Donation...
or
Buy a Brick (go to their website)

Outside the main entrance to Lammers House at 1035 Broadway, bricks will be a permanent addition to the entryway. You can help support the rebuild of 1035 and be a part of A-HOME history.

...MUSIC...WINE...

...HORS D'OEUVRES...BEER...

It's going to be a fun night!

Featuring

The Don Dupont Big Band

SWING ON IN



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

TODAY AT 5 PM

HOSTED BY TEMPLE SHAARAY TEFILA

JOIN US AFTERWARDS
FOR A SHARED
THANKSGIVING MEAL





This weeks flowers are dedicated in celebration of their grandson, Dylan Joseph Iacomini's baptism by his great grandfather, Rev. Thomas Hughart and Rev. Carol. -Heidi & Norman Michaels

MIDNIGHT RUN

Friday, January 5th



We will be holding a Midnight Run on Friday, January 5th. We are looking for donations of new or gently used items. Please see the sign up genius for specific items. We also need people to join us on the run. Please email Courtney if you would like to attend.

Care Packages for the Women's Prison

Bedford Presbyterian Church is putting together care packages for the women's prison in partnership with Interfaith Prison Partnership. We will be assembling them at Coffee Hour.



The care packages are \$17. If you would like to sign up to sponsor one or a few please go to the sign up genius in the ENEWS or on the website or email Elyssa. Checks can be made out to the church with the memo of Prison Care Packages or you can use this QR Code.

Confirmation Class



If you have a high schooler who is interested in participating in this year's confirmation class, please contact Courtney.



Please remember to pick up the special program that lists all holiday events being held at BPC. They are by both entrances to the sanctuary.

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**.

We need a volunteer for coffee hour for Sunday, November 26th. If you are available please email Kim Lapple or Elyssa!



Bridges to Community
building communities, changing lives

Dominican Republic Trip

February 17-24, 2024

If you are interested in joining the trip or learning more please contact Courtney.
All are welcome!





Mercado de las Fiestas (Holiday Market)



Bedford Presbyterian Church will be collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts for children & youth ages 0-12 and gift cards for teenagers ages 13-18 for Neighbors Link's Holiday Market. In December, they will hold this event in all three of their centers, where parents in our community will be able to select gifts for their children.

Gift suggestions can be found linked in the enews.

Gifts can be dropped off at the church by November 30th.

SECOND SUNDAY SOUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

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

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED HELPING PLEASE EMAIL ELYSSA.

Quilting

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm
Chapel Room



Learn as you go
from other quilters.

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 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! Sign ups will be in Fellowship Hall today!

Email Elyssa with any questions. Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.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 they 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.

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, November 19th

10 am	Worship, Youth Collection, Ordination/Installation, Children's Choir, Bells and & Hunger & Homelessness Sunday.
11 am	Session Meeting & Mistletoe Mart Meeting
5 pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Shaaray Tefila

Monday, November 20th

9 am	Yoga
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Tuesday, November 21st

1 pm	Quilting
7:15 pm	Bells Rehearse

Thursday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Friday, November 24th – Office Closed

Sunday, November 26th

10 am	Worship
11 am	Coffee Hour

Our Leadership Session

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

Anne Bentzen, Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel and Stewardship),
Amy Drabek, Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),
Ashley Glod-Hayes, 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, Andres Mejía,
Diane Palmento & Lisa Sayre

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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