



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Sower by Vincent Van Gogh

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

Prelude *O God, Thou Faithful God* J. Brahms

Introit *Kyrie Eleison* A. Dvorak

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Through this season of Lent, God restores our souls.

People: The Holy One leads us to the deep pools of peace and lush fields of abundance.

Leader: God comforts us through the dark shadows and death's valley. We are called to anoint the stranger with hope.

People: We will eat at tables together. Goodness and love will follow us.

***Opening Hymn 171** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Confession

Loving God, artist of our souls, help us as we face the hardships in our lives. In our fear, we forget your presence. In our anxiety, we lose sight of your comfort. Instead, we deny our problems and avoid our shadows.

Help us to renew our hope in you. Awaken us to your presence and love, especially as we struggle. Through your Spirit, we pray.

(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.

Poetry Lesson

Psalm 23

*Please read in parts. F is for the baptismal font side.
P is for the pulpit side.*

F: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

**F: He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil, for you are with me.

**F: Your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**F: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

Anthem

Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord Thomas Weelkes

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-11

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

Some were saying, "It is he."

Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him."

He kept saying, "I am he."

But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering**Anthem**

O Savior of the World

John Goss

***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

Prayers 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 298** *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy*

***Charge and Blessing**

Sung Response *Twofold Amen* R. Warner

***Postlude** *I Shall Not Abandon God* J. L. Krebs

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

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

Today's flowers are dedicated
In loving memory of Paul Hawryluk.

Carla Hawryluk



Our summer mission trip to Webster Springs, WV will take place on June 25 - July 2. Please reserve your spot with Courtney!

Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the church for Easter!

With a \$25 donation you can add flowers to the sanctuary. You may also submit a dedication that will appear in the Sunday bulletin.

You can pay by check or on our website. Dedications should be email or mailed to the office. Deadline is March 30th.



Easter Reception Volunteers Needed

We will be having our Easter Reception at 10 am, between the 9 am & 11 am services.

We need volunteers to help us make this a success so please sign up for the various food items we need to make this day special.

If you have any questions please email
Pat Ferguson - pkferg1@gmail.com or
Marcy Carlson - marciabcarlson@gmail.com.



Holy Week & Easter 2023 Schedule



Palm Sunday
April 2nd, 10 am
Worship service featuring Bell Choir



Maundy Thursday
April 6th, 7 pm
Worship with a simple meal in
Fellowship Hall




Easter Sunday
April 9th, 9 & 11 am worship
Reception & Easter Egg Hunt
at 10 am

PAINT & PIZZA

Saturday, April 1st 6 pm

- Join us at 6 pm for pizza
- Painting begins at 6:30 pm
- Ages 9 & up is recommended
- All are welcome! Bring your friends!

**RECOMMENDED
DONATION OF \$20**



Go to website,
E-NEWS or
email Elyssa to
RSVP

Thank you from the Deacons!!

We have loved doing Second Sunday Soup and appreciate the help and cooperation of the congregation. We will return next fall and look forward to seeing everyone again.



EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

EASTER EGG DYEING

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - 11 AM

**EASTER EGG HUNT, SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH - 10 AM
(IN BETWEEN SERVICES)**

Senior Luncheons



March 30th & May 4th at 12 pm

Join us for lunch and the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of friends (old and new). Everyone is invited, women, men, and couples, to reconnect and connect anew after our past two years of being so isolated. Bring a friend who is not a member of BPC if you'd like. Maintaining our connections is very important to many of us, so please join us on the above dates.

Please bring your bag lunch and come whenever you can.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

MARCH 20 - MARCH 26



We need many more volunteers!

ESP starts on Monday, March 20th. We are looking for volunteers for the following dates and items:

- Dinner: 3/21, 3/24 - 3/26
- Dessert: 3/23 - 3/26
- Soda/Juice: 3/22 - 3/26
- Snacks: 3/22 - 3/26

Go to our website or use the link in our E-NEWS to sign up.











All items except for dinner can be bought and dropped off at the church and labeled with the date. Specific details about each are located at the top of the SignUpGenius.

Email Elyssa with any questions: Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org.

MAR 19 - 25, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Partly Cloudy 39°	Mostly Sunny 49°	Sunny 53°	Partly Cloudy 54°	Mostly Cloudy 52°	Showers 52°	Showers 52°

WHAT WE ARE READING

March 22 is World Water Day. Not only is water crucial to our ecosystem, it is crucial to our faith.

"You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it." -Psalm 65:9

WORD OF THE WEEK

biomagnification



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SEED STARTING SUNDAY

Led by Allison Turcan of Dig Farm

Take seedlings home and plant seeds for Nativity Farm

April 2
11:30 am

Fellowship Hall, Bedford Presbyterian Church



You are invited to

THE PROM SHOP

AT THE COMMUNITY SHOP

196 Katonah Avenue, Katonah, NY 10536

Come find your entire stylish Prom outfit **free of charge!**

Our Prom Shop has an amazing selection of short dresses, long dresses, jewelry, bags, shoes, tuxedos and suits to complete your look for a magical evening of fun at your Prom!



**NO APPOINTMENT
NEEDED!**
Just bring your school ID

If these dates and times don't work for you,
please email us at
nsorgi@communitycenternw.org

All calls will be kept strictly private and confidential.

PROM SHOP IS OPEN:

Sunday, March 26 - from 11am to 5pm

Monday, March 27 - from 3pm to 7pm

Sunday, April 16 - from 11am to 5pm

Monday, April 17 - from 3pm to 7pm

Sunday, April 23 - from 11am to 5pm

Monday, April 24 - from 3pm to 7pm

Sunday, May 7 - from 11am to 5pm

Monday, May 8 - from 3pm to 7pm



COMMUNITY CENTER
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

84 Bedford Road, Katonah, NY 10536
914.232.6572 | communitycenternw.org

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.



Youth Group

March 25th, 9 am, at Fox Lane High School

Join us for 'The Power of Trees' forum with the Westchester Youth Alliance, hosted by Bedford 2030.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, March 19th

10 am

Worship & Youth Collection

Monday, March 20th

9 am

First Day of Spring

8 pm

Yoga

Emergency Shelter Partnership begins

Runs March 20th thru March 26th

Tuesday, March 21st

1 pm

Quilting

7:15 pm

Bells Practice

Thursday, March 23rd

10 am

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

7 pm

NO Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 26th

10 am

Worship & Baptism

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.