



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Archaeological Reminiscence of Millet’s Angelus
by Salvadore Dali

Second Sunday of Lent March 5, 2023

Prelude

Our Father

G. Bohm

Introit

Lord Have Mercy

Swhee Hong Lim

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: We gather in this place to proclaim the mysteries of life and spirit.

People: God, give birth to us.

Leader: We do not know where the wind comes from or where it goes.

People: God, give birth to us.

Leader: We are born of water and the Spirit.

People: God, give birth to us.

Leader: God sent the Son so that all might be liberated.

People: God, give birth to us.

***Hymn 483**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Confession

Loving God, we lift up our eyes to the hills, looking for your mercy and forgiveness. We confess that our feet go astray. We slip and stumble. We do not watch for your guidance, trust in your protection, or offer your comfort to others.

Forgive us, save us, and guide us as we go out into the world. By 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 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
 from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
 he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day
 nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
 he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
 your going out and your coming in
 from this time on and forevermore.

Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Jean Berger

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Mission Reflection

Olive and Eliot Cape

Offering and Children's Offering

Anthem

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

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**

Prayer after Communion and 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 371**

Lift High the Cross

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Fourfold Amen

John Stainer

***Postlude**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee J. S. Bach

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

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

Cover Art

Salvador Dali was morbidly obsessed with Jean-François Millet's painting, "The Angelus." He first encountered it as a child and he repainted it numerous times. He even wrote a book on it. He longed to uncover the hidden meaning in it.

Dali asked that the painting be x-rayed. The x-ray found that hidden under the basket of potatoes was the small coffin of a child.



I chose this painting to illustrate our Lenten theme: Longing is like the Seed.

"Longing is like the Seed
That wrestles in the Ground,
Believing if it intercede
It shall at length be found."

--Emily Dickinson

Today's flowers are dedicated in
gratitude of all grandparents,
near and far.

Kate Flynn

RSVP: OLD FRIENDS NEW FRIENDS DINNER



POTLUCK DINNER AT BING & MARCY CARLSON'S HOUSE AT 6 PM

GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO RSVP AND SIGN UP FOR A FOOD ITEM TO BRING



SECOND SUNDAY SOUP

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for one volunteer for Second Sunday Soup on
March 12th.

If you are interested, please contact
Diane Palmento at skippyhouse@aol.com.

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**

Hello BPC!

We (the Deacons) are writing to all members of our congregation to ask for your help. Coffee hour and the Care Team are two critical ways for our church to come together.

Coffee hour: We are in desperate need of volunteers for this winter and spring. Please review the **SignUpGenius** calendar on our website and volunteer for a Sunday. If you don't want to use SignUpGenius, email coffee hour deacons Michele Eames (meames@yorktown.org) or Sarah Alley (sarahalley724@gmail.com) and they can help. Directions and supplies will be provided. It's a great way to contribute, attend, and be involved!

Care Team: As we rebuild our care team efforts, we are asking that each BPC family/member complete a form which identifies ways we can support one another. This form was sent out via email a few weeks ago. We are reaching out a second time hoping that if you have not done so yet, please take a quick moment and complete the Care Team Form.

On behalf of the deacons, we are committed and eager to strengthen our BPC community. Thank you for being part of this meaningful journey together.

The BPC Deacons

Spring Youth Group Schedule

- **March 17th, 8 pm**
Midnight Run into NYC
- **March 25th, 9 am**
Pollinator Garden Work Day
- **April 14th, 6:30 pm**
Neighbors Link Family Night

And more to come!

Senior Luncheons



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 we are planning to schedule Senior Luncheons on the next 2 Thursdays for now: March 30th & May 4th.

Please bring your bag lunch and come whenever you can.



SEARCHING FOR PROFESSIONAL WEBSITE DESIGNER.

PLEASE EMAIL CAROL OR ELYSSA IF YOU HAVE ANY
RECOMMENDATIONS.

2nd Week















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3rd Month

MAR 5-11, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Partly Cloudy 48°	Mostly Sunny 50°	Partly Cloudy 51°	Partly Cloudy 45°	Partly Cloudy 43°	Mostly Cloudy 46°	PM Showers 43°

WHAT WE ARE READING

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." Genesis 2:15

Read Genesis 2:15 and consider how you show protection and responsible stewardship.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Carbon cycle



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

EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP



Our next week hosting ESP is from March 20 - 26.

We are looking for volunteers for our various needs for the week. We will need people to cook/serve dinner, make dessert, provide snacks and drinks.

Go to our website or E-NEWS to sign up.

Email Elyssa with any questions. Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.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.



Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, March 5th

10 am

Worship, Communion & Youth Collection

11 am

Congregational Meeting

Monday, March 6th

9 am

Yoga

Tuesday, March 7th

1 pm

Quilting

7:15 pm

Bells Practice

Thursday, March 9th

10 am

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

7 pm

Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 11th

6 pm

New Friends-Old Friends Dinner

Sunday, March 12th

Daylight Savings Time

10 am

Worship

11 am

Second Sunday Soup

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.