



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Palm Trees” by Konstantin Bogachev

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Prelude *Fantasy on "All Glory, Laud and Honor"* J. S. Bach

Introit *Hosanna to the Son of David* John Calkin

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, O Holy One, riding on a donkey. Come through the streets. Come into the house. Come to find a space beside us at the table.

People: Speak to us in the shouts and in the silence. Speak to us with a wisdom greater than ours, a love deeper than ours, and a change wider than ours.

Leader: Come, O Holy One!

***Hymn 88** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Poetry Lesson *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Anthem

Hosanna!
Bedford Bellringers

Time with the Children

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

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:
"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on

them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

Offering and Children's Offering

Anthem *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* William Mathias

***Doxology and 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.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

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

Anthem

Abide With Me
Bedford Bellringers

***Communion**

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn 151**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

South African

***Postlude**

Dearest Lord Jesus

J. Brahms

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

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

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

Emily Dickinson



Cover Art

Konstantin Bogaevsky painted "Palm Trees" in 1908. He was Ukrainian and part of the Symbolism Art movement, that represented absolute truths through metaphorical images. They were focused on spirituality, imagination, and dreams.

I chose the work because Palm Sunday took place when Rome occupied Jerusalem. It's good to remember the parallels with Ukraine in the midst of Russia's invasion.

-CHM



Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the church for Easter!
Deadline is April 2nd.

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

You can pay by check or on our website.

Dedications should be emailed or mailed to the office.



SEED STARTING SUNDAY

Led by Allison Turcan of D.I.G. Farm

*Take seedlings home and plant seeds for
Nativity Farm*

**April 2
11:30 am**

Fellowship Hall, Bedford Presbyterian Church



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 make this a success so please sign up using the SignUpGenius on our website. There are 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



Good Friday
April 7th, 9 am - 4 pm
Sanctuary will be open with prayer
stations for personal reflection. Please
enter through the side door.



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



SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
10 AM DURING SUNDAY SERVICE

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



**THE WORLD BELOVED A
BLUEGRASS MASS**

BY CAROL BURNETT

MADE POSSIBLE BY
THE FERGUSON MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND

THIS WONDERFUL MUSICAL SELECTION WILL BE PLAYED
WITH A 5-PIECE BLUEGRASS BAND AND FEATURES DANA
KATOK AS SOPRANO SOLOIST.

A graphic featuring musical notation (notes and a treble clef) at the top. Below the text, there is an illustration of bluegrass instruments: a double bass, a violin, a guitar, a mandolin, and a banjo.















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

A circular sign with a white background and a black border. The text "MOUNTAIN MARKETPLACE MISSION" is written in green, with a green cross and two green mountain peaks below it.

APRIL 2-8, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Partly Cloudy 50°	Partly Cloudy 61°	Partly Cloudy 66°	Showers 63°	Showers 62°	Partly Cloudy 60°	Partly Cloudy 59°

WHAT WE ARE READING

April 7 is World Health Day. This year's theme is "Health for All," which reflects our values as a food justice ministry.

Are we able to reimagine a world where clean air, water and food are available to all? Where economies are focused on health and well-being?

WORD OF THE WEEK

well-being societies



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Remember Holy Week with us.

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6th - 7 pm



On the night before he was arrested, Jesus joined with his friends for a meal. We will gather together in Fellowship Hall on April 6th at 7 pm for a service to share a simple meal.

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Sunday, April 2nd	Palm Sunday
10 am	Worship, Communion, Youth Collection & Bells Play
11:30 am	Seed Starting Sunday
Monday, April 3rd	
9 am	Yoga
Tuesday, April 4th	
1 pm	Quilting
7 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm	Bells practice
Thursday, April 6th	Maundy Thursday
10 am	Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at alanmcd@verizon.net .
7 pm	Maundy Thursday Service & Simple meal
Friday, April 7th	Good Friday
9 am – 4 pm	Sanctuary open with prayer stations. Please enter through the side doors.
Sunday, April 9th	Easter Sunday
9 am	Worship
10 am	Reception & Easter Egg Hunt
11 am	Worship

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.

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