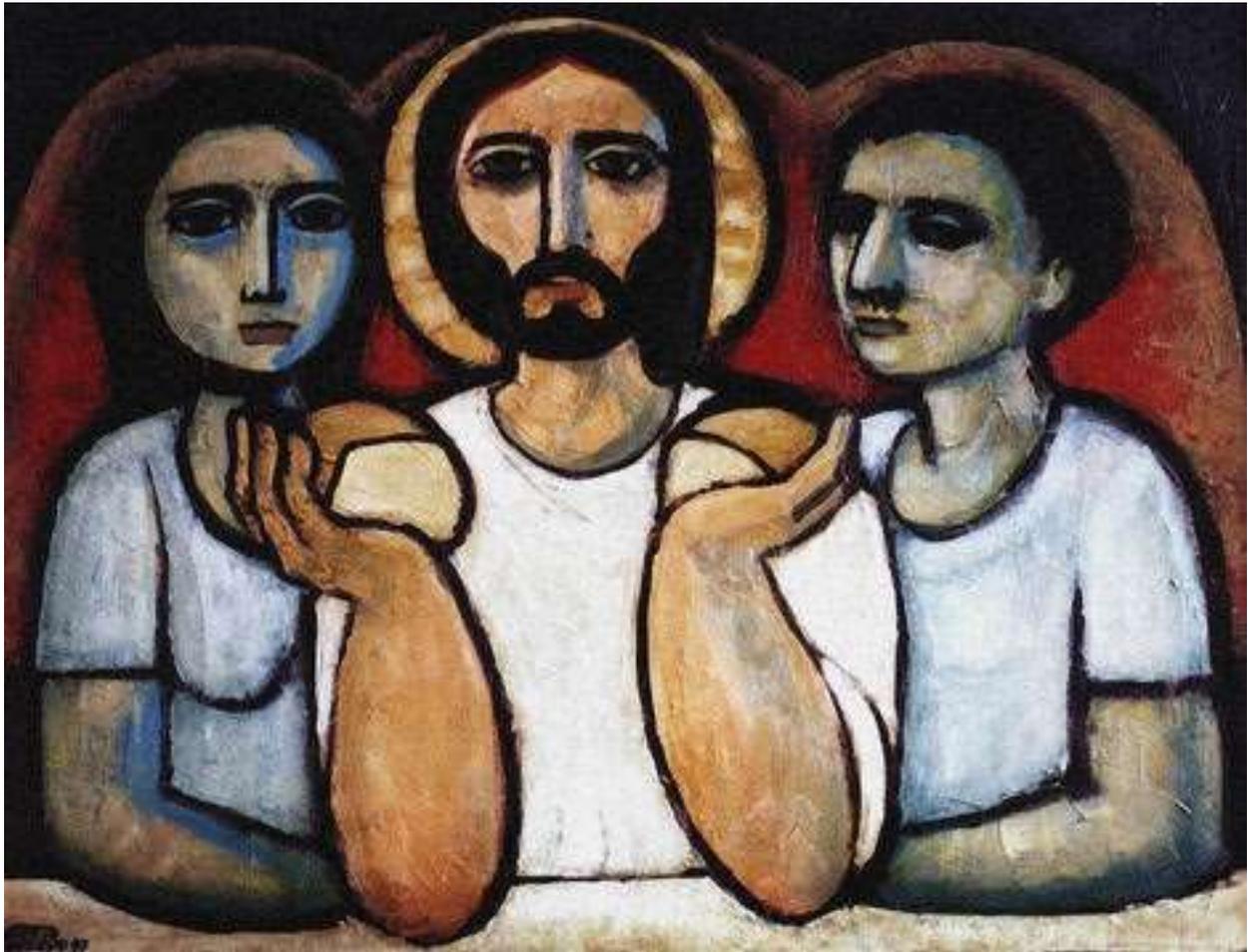




# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Emmaus* by Maximino Cerezo Barredo

**April 23, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude** *Dialogue in C* L. Marchand

**Introit** *Praise Be To God* M. Vulpus

**Ringing of the Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** from Psalm 116

Leader: I love you, O God, because you have heard my voice.

**People: Because you inclined your ear to me, I will call upon you as long as I live.**

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me. I suffered distress and anguish.

**People: Then I called on you, "O Lord, save my life!"**

**\*Opening Hymn 111** *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

**Confession**

**Loving God, we have done things that we regret. We've lashed out in anger. We've become overwhelmed with impatience. We've hurt our loved ones. We've refused to forgive. We have not loved our neighbors as much as we've loved ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to let go of our bitterness and resentments. 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.*

## **Gospel Lesson**

*Luke 24:13-25*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?'

They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?'

He asked them, 'What things?'

They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was

alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.'

Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening, and the day is now nearly over.'

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **Anthem**

*Eastertide Carol*

R. Proulx

### **Sermon**

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

### **Offering**

#### **Anthem**

*Hallelujah, Amen!*

G. F. Handel

#### **\*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 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 113**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Benediction Response**

*May the Lord, Mighty God*

Chinese Folk Tune

**\*Postlude**

*Toccata on 'O Filii et Filiae'*

L. Farnum

\*Please stand, if able

## Announcements

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

### Senior Luncheons



May 4th at 12:30 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 so very important.

Please bring your bag lunch and come whenever you can.



## SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH  
10 AM DURING SUNDAY SERVICE

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



### THE WORLD BELOVED A BLUEGRASS MASS

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

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Cottage School Volunteer  
Basketball Clinic with  
Temple Sharaay Tefila  
Youth Group

*April 30th - 3 pm*

Summer Mission Trip to  
Webster Springs, WV

June 25 - July 2  
RSVP to Courtney by April 30



APRIL 23 - 29, 2022

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Rain 63°	Partly Cloudy 58°	Partly Cloudy 57°	Partly Cloudy 61°	Showers 60°	Partly Cloudy 67°	Showers 67°

**ON THE FARM**

Our first outdoor workday was a success! We continue to do more work outside this week. Additionally, the preschool has begun work on their dedicated bed, and I am excited to see what they plant!

Both our outdoor, cold hardy seedlings and our indoor seedlings continue to grow, and it is exciting to watch their progress! Some of them have been featured on our instagram account and others made an appearance during worship last Sunday.

**OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please follow our new Nativity Farm instagram: @nativityfarm\_BPC

Our volunteer hours at the farm are Thursday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. Please join us! If you are unable to volunteer during that time, let Courtney know or volunteer at any of the other Westchester Local Food Project gardens in the area.

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

aeration

**WHAT WE ARE READING**

Earth Day was April 22nd. What did you do to celebrate? The global theme for this Earth Day was "Invest in Our Planet." This theme echoes the language of stewardship that we use in the church, which is highlighted in the following quotes:

"The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."

— Pope John Paul II

In the loss of skill, we lose stewardship; in losing stewardship we lose fellowship; we become outcasts from the great neighborhood of Creation."

-- Wendell Berry

**THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST**

Continue to clear the garden; water and monitor our seedlings; direct sow cold hardy crops; and add compost to the soil.

# VOLUNTEER AT NATIVITY FARM



Join us on Thursdays from 5-7 pm!

## COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER'S **7TH ANNUAL MOMS FOR MOMS DRIVE**

May 1 through May 15, 2023



Please help local mothers who turn to CCNW for support by donating to our drive for diapers, wipes, baby food and feminine care products!

**Moms for Moms has collected over 10,000 pounds of diapers and wipes over the last 6 years!**

### WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF:

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6)
- Baby Food
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Care Products

Purchase online through our Amazon wishlist by scanning the QR code and have it delivered directly to the Center, or drop your donations in person at the Center's donation room!



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## Did you know?

Traditionally, the Third Sunday of Easter was also called Good Shepherd Sunday. However, various liturgical reforms in the late 1960s and early 1970s moved the Good Shepherd reading (John 10:1-10) to the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Instead, we now read the "On the Road to Emmaus" text on the Third Sunday of Easter.

# save the date

6.15.23 | 6:30-8:30

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# SEW SUSTAINABLE

*An eco-friendly chic-cycling*  
**FASHION SHOW**  
ANDY YU | CCNW | KMA | BEDFORD 2030

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## **RECURRING EVENTS AT BPC**

- **Yoga – Every Monday between 9 and 10 am**
- **Lunch with Friends – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month at 12:30 pm**
- **Quilting- Every Tuesday at 1 pm**
- **Bible Study – Every Thursday at 10 am via Zoom.**
- **Choir Practice – Every Thursday at 7 pm**
- **Coffee Hour – Sundays after worship at 11 am. Please sign up to host.**
- **Flower donations for Sunday Worship. Please sign up to dedicate flowers.**

**Please go to our website or call the church office for more information.**

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

### Sunday, April 23rd

10 am

Worship & Youth Collection

### Monday, April 24th

9 am

Yoga

### Tuesday, April 25th

12:30 pm

Lunch with Friends

1 pm

Quilting

### Thursday, April 27th

10 am

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

5 pm

Nativity Farm Work Session

7 pm

Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 30th

10 am

Worship & Special Musical Offering

11 am

Catered Reception in honor of Tom Ferguson

## 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.

# Our Leadership

## Session

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Jessica Cunningham (Personnel and Stewardship),  
Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),  
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),  
Suzanne Millette (Finance), Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),  
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)  
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard Merritt

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