



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Ukrainian symbols" by Anet Kis

August 13, 2023
11th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences** from Psalm 105

Leader: Give thanks to God and call on God's name. Make music and sing of God's mighty wonders!

People: Revel in God's sacred name, delight in seeking the Holy One. Always look for the power and the presence of God. Recount God's signs and wonders.

***Opening Hymn 461**

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

Confession

O God, we long to create the Beloved Community which celebrates the humanity and the dignity of all. And yet we focus on our differences and envy each other's gifts. We see the violence, war, hatred, and oppression around us. We give in to weariness, discouragement, and bitterness. The work of peace and justice overwhelms us, and building the Beloved Community seems impossible. Have mercy on us and renew us with your grace and hope, by your Spirit.

(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.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 10:5-10

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come."

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering

Offertory

***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 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 404**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord

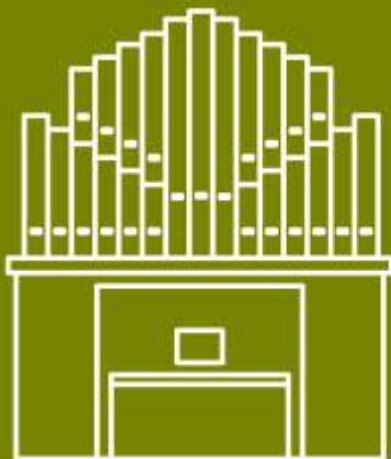
***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

*Please stand, if able

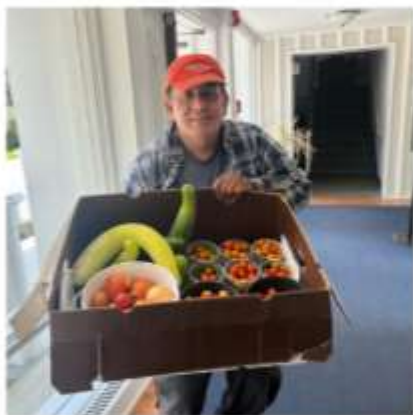
Announcements

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



**Many thanks to Cheryl Burns,
our substitute organist.**

*A huge thanks to all who have cooked for the
food pantry!*



On July 26, we were able to make 87 meals for the food pantry. We ramped it up on August 9th, and we were able to make 92 meals with 11 volunteers!



Cooking for the food pantry

SERVES: OUR COMMUNITY
PREP TIME: JUST SHOW UP

Next session: Wed, Aug. 23rd

Continues every
other Wednesday.

1 - 3 pm

BPC Kitchen

1) Help us prep food from

Nativity Farm with the
Westchester Local Food Project

2) Socialize while we cook

3) Serve our community!



SUPER SOAKER

Sunday!

TODAY



JOYFUL NOISE

We would love to have kids of all ages join us to sing throughout the year. Songs will be posted online and then rehearsed the morning of the performance. Our first performance this fall will be September 17th.

Contact Don Hiller-Dupont for more information.



Writing the River

A Pilgrimage and Writer's Workshop to Israel and Palestine.

April 2-13, 2024

Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Sea of Galilee.











Learn more here:



AUG 13- AUG 19, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
						
Partly Cloudy 86°	Partly Cloudy 83°	Thunderstorms 82°	Mostly Sunny 82°	Mostly Sunny 85°	Partly Cloudy 86°	Partly Cloudy 83°

ON THE FARM

Our tomatoes are quickly ripening and we have been able to harvest them along with our cucumbers and zucchini to use in our cooking for the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry. Our peppers are also quickly ripening and should become ready to harvest in the next couple of days! We continue to hand pollinate our corn, and look forward to our next round of produce in our corn, as well as our squashes. We are also beginning to plant fall bean crops as we move towards fall!

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for cooking every other Wednesday at 1pm in the church kitchen!

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.

We will also have a cooking event every other Wednesday through the rest of the growing season. If you don't want to support Nativity Farm with labor in the garden, please come chop vegetables and help us prepare meals for the Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry!

WHAT WE ARE READING

Enjoy this prayer of reverence for God's Creation:

*God of love,
we praise you for the magnificence of creation.
We marvel at both its grandeur
and the intricacies of its smallest microscopic
life forms.*

*As we reflect on the creation, help us to take in
its true significance.*

*This is your work in which you have invested
deeply of yourself.*

It is the costly outpouring of your creativity.

*So, we ask you to instill in us a proper
reverence for all that you have made - a
genuine respect for all environments and all
creatures.*

*Lord, we are in awe of the formidable power of
nature,*

*but, in these times, may we also come to
comprehend its complex fragility.*

Amen.

Reverend Prebendary Mark Geldard

THIS WEEK'S TO DO LIST

Continue to water plants and harvest!

JOIN US AT THE

WELCOME BACK PICNIC

Save the date for our annual Welcome Back Picnic. It will be another wonderful day to enjoy great company and food!



Sunday, September 10th - 11 am



FALL 2023 COFFEE HOUR

Everyone loves a good BPC coffee hour! It provides us all with a time to socialize, connect, and strengthen our ties as a community. In order to have coffee hour on a consistent basis, Bedford Presbyterian Church will be asking each family to co-host a coffee hour once a year. The deacons will organize the Sunday assignments for our families in August and then we will send all members the information, including the date that we are asking for their help, via email.

Some members would prefer to choose their Sunday. Great! If you would like to choose the Sunday to host, please let Kim Lapple know via email (kjlapple@gmail.com) asap. We'd ask that all requests be sent to Kim by August 1st.

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** & 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, August 13th

10 am

Worship

11 am

Lemonade on the Lawn
& Super Soaker Sunday

Monday, August 14th

9 am

Yoga

Thursday, August 17th

10 am

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

5 pm

Nativity Farm Work Session

Sunday, August 20th

10 am

Worship

11 am

Coffee Hour

Our Leadership

Session

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

Linda Burpee (Mission),
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

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Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, &
Diane Palmento

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The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

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