



BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunlight and Shadow - Julian Onderdonk

September 17, 2023

Season of Creation

Prelude *Adagio in E Major* Frank Bridge

Introit *O God, Beyond All Praising* R. Proulx

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences** from the Anglican Indigenous Ministries

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to the West.
From there the thunders bring us cleansing rain.

People: Creator God, heal us and our relatives.

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to the North.
Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest.

People: Creator God, restore our strength.

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to the East.
The morning Sun begins each day there.

People: Creator God, awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life.

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to the South.
Where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and Joy.

People: Creator God, soothe our aching souls.

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to the Sky.
From there our Creator sees all around us.

People: Creator God, help us to trust you to lead us.

Leader: Let us turn our hearts to the Earth.
From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us.

People: Creator God, hear us as we pray.

***Opening Hymn 267** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Confession

Leader: In God there is forgiveness.

People: Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us when we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us when we have failed to serve you; and when our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours.

Leader: God forgives us; be at peace.

[Silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Rejoice and be glad,
for Christ is new life,
reconciliation for all the human race
And for the whole of creation.
May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Sung Response 370 *Just as I am*

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

***Passing of the Peace**

You may stand and greet one another.

Anthem

I Am a Child of God Mildred Tanner Pettit
Joyful Noise Children's Choir; Don Hiller-Dupont, Director

Hebrew Bible Lesson (The Message Translation) *Amos 5:21-24*

"I can't stand your religious meetings.
I'm fed up with your conferences and conventions.
I want nothing to do with your religion projects,
your pretentious slogans and goals.
I'm sick of your fund-raising schemes,
your public relations and image making.
I've had all I can take of your noisy ego-music.
When was the last time you sang to me?
Do you know what I want?
I want justice—oceans of it.
I want fairness—rivers of it.
That's what I want. That's all I want."

Anthem *Simple Gifts* arranged by Janet Van Valet and Susan Berry
 Bedford Bellringers; Heidi Michaels, Director

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

Gospel Reading *John 7: 37-39*

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this Jesus meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering and Youth Collection

Anthem

The Heart's Offering

Antony Baldwin

***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 446** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response *Amen IV in C* James McGregor

Postlude *Caprice* L. N. Clerambault

*Please stand, if able

Announcements

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

Child Care Available

In addition to Sunday Spirit for elementary school kids, childcare is provided during worship for kids not yet in kindergarten. Please contact Courtney for more information.

Cooking for the food pantry

Ingredients

Wednesday,

Sep. 20

10:30 am

BPC Kitchen

Instructions

- 1) Join Leslie Lampert from Ladles of Love
- 2) Cook for the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry and the Community Center of Northern Westchester
- 3) Socialize while we cook



Serves: Our community

join us after the service for

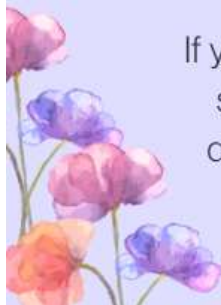
COFFEE HOUR



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. Please be sure to include your dedication when you sign up. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your \$50.00 secure online donation on our website.



JOYFUL NOISE

At BPC we love music and want kids of all ages to have a chance to sing throughout the year. Songs will be posted online and then rehearsed the morning of the performance. Contact Don Hiller-Dupont for more information.



Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

12:30 pm - Chapel Room

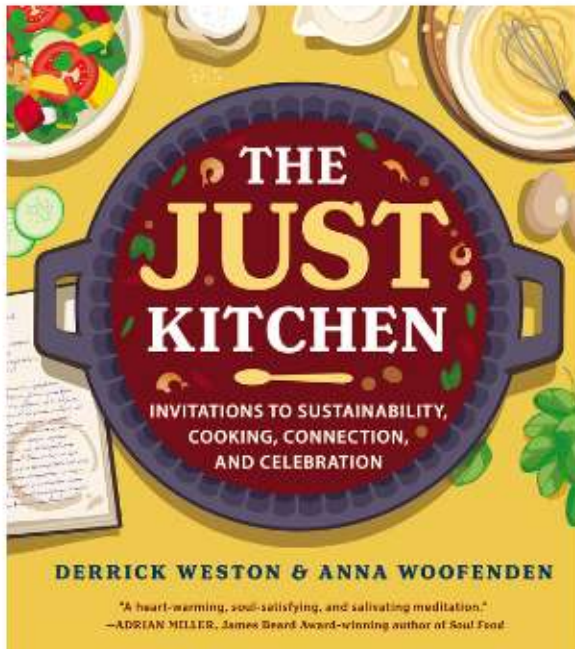


NATIVITY FARM HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 1st, 5 pm

Join us to celebrate a successful year at Nativity Farm!

Potluck Dinner! Live Music! Fellowship!



The Just Kitchen

Book Launch
October 13, 2023
2 - 4 pm

Derrick Weston and Rev. Anna Woofenden
return to BPC to launch their new book

at Nativity Farm!



Labyrinth *Sunday*

September 24th during worship



Quilting

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm
Chapel Room.



Learn as you go
from seasoned
quilters.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY AND DEDICATION OF THE COMMUNION SET



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - 10 AM

SENIOR LUNCHEON

September 28th & October 26th
at 12:30 pm,
in the chapel room.

Bring your bag lunch and join us as we connect
with each other and make new friends.

You don't need to be a member of
Bedford Presbyterian Church to attend.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT 5 PM

ANIMALS OF ALL FAITHS AND DENOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME



Bedford Bellringers

If anyone is interested in joining the bell choir or learning more about the bells, please contact Heidi Michaels at Hmichaels425@gmail.com or (914) 263-8659

3rd Week

FARMERS ALMANAC

9th Month

SEP 17 - 23, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mostly Sunny 76°	Rain 70°	Mostly Sunny 73°	Sunny 73°	Sunny 74°	Sunny 74°	Sunny 75°

ON THE FARM

It was a joy to have everyone visit the learning garden (the upper garden) at the end of worship last Sunday. We continue to harvest tomatoes and take care of our cold crops. The trail is still being worked on; visit it soon!

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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, September 17th

- 10 am Worship and Youth Collection. Joyful Noise and Bell Choir lead worship.
- 11 am Coffee Hour, Session Meeting and training for Sunday School teachers

Monday, September 18th

9 am **NO YOGA TODAY**

Tuesday, September 19th

1 pm Quilting

Wednesday, September 20th

10:30 pm New time for today - Cooking for the Interfaith Food Pantry

Thursday, September 21st

- 10 am Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at **alanmcd@verizon.net**
- 5 pm No Nativity Farm Work Session today

Sunday, September 24th

- 10 am Worship & Labyrinth Sunday
- 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),
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),
& Bart Tyler (Members & Friends and Stewardship)
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

Deacons

Chair Kim Lapple, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson &
Diane Palmento

Staff

The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager

Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries

The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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