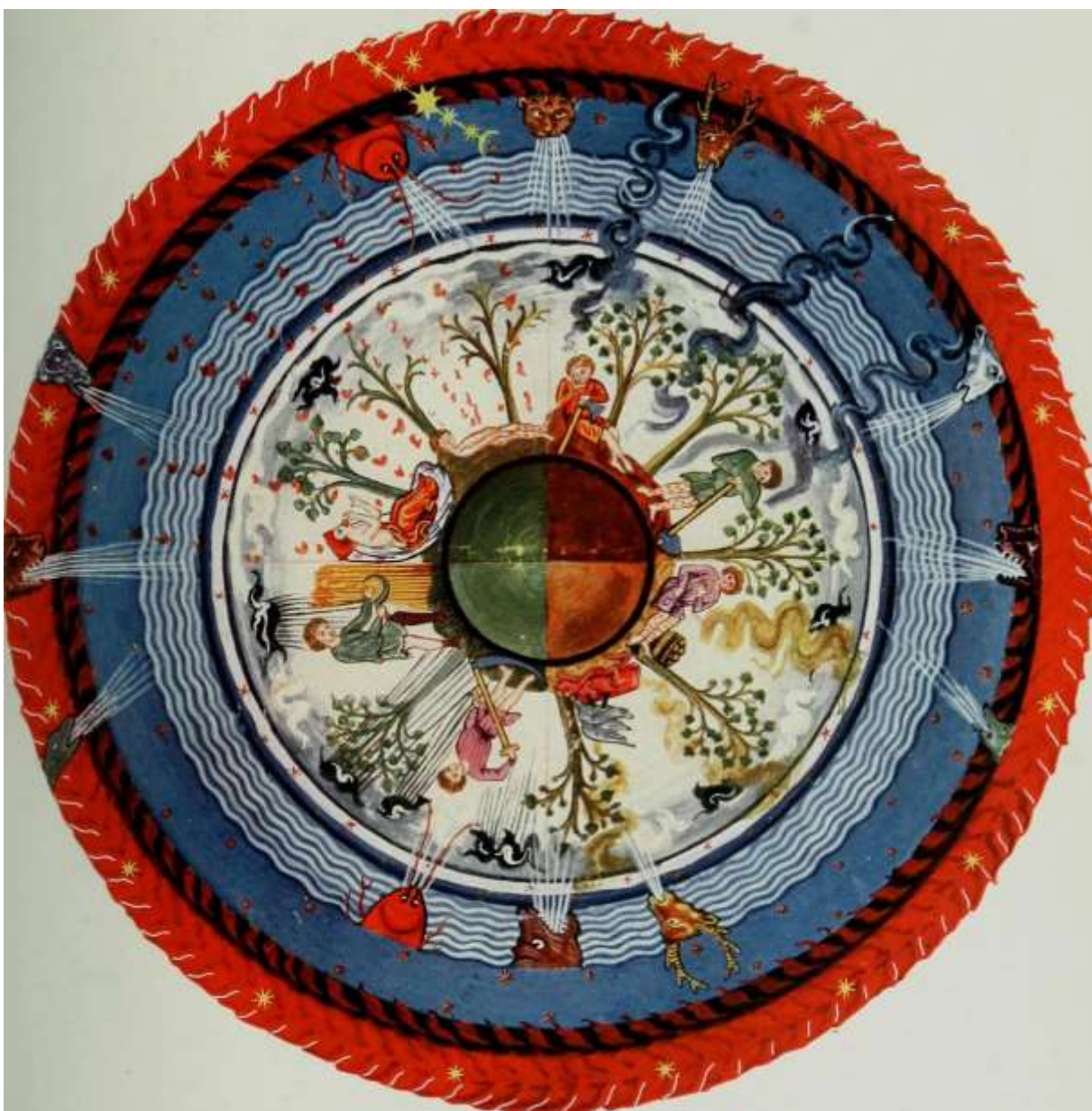




# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Cosmos Body and Soul" by Hildegard von Bingen

# September 24, 2023

## Season of Creation

**Prelude**                      *What God Ordains Is Always Good*                      J. Pachelbel

**Introit**                                      *Holy, Holy, Holy*                                      F. Mendelssohn

**Ring of the Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Opening Sentences** from Psalm 85

Leader: Show us your unfailing love, O God, and grant us your salvation. We listen carefully to what God is saying, for God speaks peace. So let us not return to our foolish ways. Surely salvation is near to those who revere God, so our land will be filled with God's glory. Unfailing love and truth have met together. Justice and peace have kissed.

**People: May love and truth meet together. Let justice and peace kiss.**

Leader: Truth springs up from the Earth, and righteousness smiles down from heaven. Yes, God pours down blessings. Our land will yield its bountiful harvest. Fairness goes as a herald, preparing the way for God's steps.

**People: May love and truth meet together. Let justice and peace kiss.**

**\*Opening Hymn 482**                      *Praise Ye the Lord*

**Confession**

**Loving God, we have turned away from you, neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on the creatures and the plants you have**

**made, taking from Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life. In your compassion, turn us to your way. Restore us, let your face shine upon us, and save us. Amen.**

[Silent confession]

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is new life. Through Christ, we are reconciled to the human race and the whole of creation. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

### **Sung Response**

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain;  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

### **\*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**

*II Corinthians 5 :17-21*

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the

world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.

**Anthem**

*O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord*

C. Tye

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 6:25-34*

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

**Sermon**

Rev. Carol Howard

**Offering****Offertory****Anthem**

*O For A Closer Walk With God*

Grayston Ives

### **\*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**

### **\*Prayers of the People**

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 272**

*God of the Sparrow*

### **\*Charge and Blessing**

### **\*Postlude**

*Fugue in C BWV 545*

J. S. Bach

\*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.*



## Bereavement Group

A newly formed bereavement group will begin in mid-October and meet at the church Wednesday evenings from 7 pm - 8 pm. This group is Open to ALL; not just BPC members. The purpose is to share, learn and navigate the emotional impact of our loss. The group members will remain confidential.

Please contact Rev. Carol or Rev. Courtney at the church or Diane at [skippyhouse@aol.com](mailto:skippyhouse@aol.com) / 516-457-1412 for more information.

## Cooking for the food pantry

### *Ingredients*

Wednesday,

October 4th

12 pm

BPC Kitchen

### *Instructions*

1) Join in with the Westchester Local Food Project

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



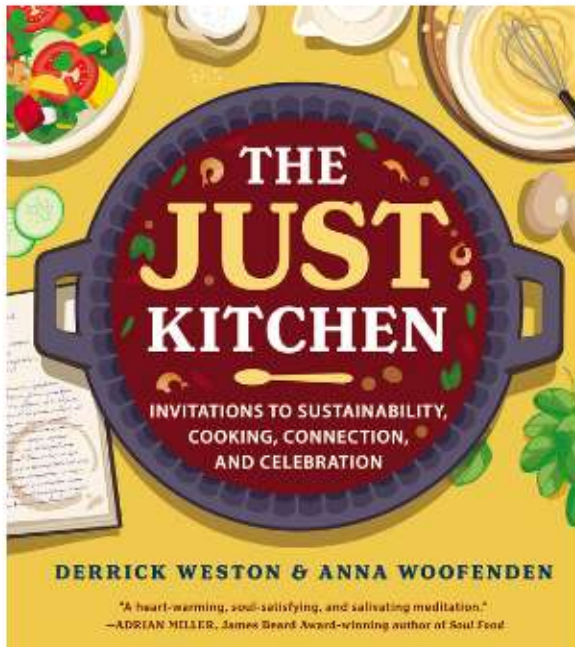


# NATIVITY FARM HARVEST FESTIVAL

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!



## 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.



The Mount Kisco  
Interfaith Food Pantry

## TAKE *a* BITE *out of* HUNGER

**October 15th, 2023**  
**1:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Captain Lawrence Barrel House**  
369 LEXINGTON AVENUE, MOUNT KISCO, NY

*suds • sliders • songs*

FEATURING MUSIC BY THE FOUR26

# 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**

4th Week

## FARMERS ALMANAC

9th Month

SEP 24 - 30, 2023

Probable State of the Weather (with Moon Cycle)

Bedford Village, NY

| SUN            | MON                  | TUE                  | WED               | THU               | FRI               | SAT            |
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### ON THE FARM

Jorge has done so much work on our trail! Please go enjoy it! Additionally, we continue to be able to cook in large capacities every other week. There are 3 cooking sessions left for the season. Please join us!

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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 24th

|       |                            |
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| 10 am | Worship & Labyrinth Sunday |
| 11 am | Coffee Hour                |

#### Monday, September 25th

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| 9 am | YOGA |
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#### Tuesday, September 26th

|          |                   |
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| 12:30 pm | Lunch with Friend |
| 1 pm     | Quilting          |

#### Thursday, September 28th

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| 10 am    | Bible Study. Please contact Alan McDougall at <b>alanmcd@verizon.net</b> |
| 12:30 pm | Senior Luncheon  |

#### Sunday, October 1st

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| 10 am | Worship, World Communion Sunday, Dedication of Communion Set & Youth Collection |
| 11 am | Coffee Hour   |
| 5 pm  | Harvest Festival  |



# **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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