



# BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Transfiguration of Jesus" by Armandu Alemdar Ara

**February 11, 2024**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Prelude**                      *Ruhig Bewegt from Organ Sonata 1*    Paul Hindemith

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Introit**                      *O Worship the Lord*                      G. Thalben-Ball

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Opening Sentences**

Leader: On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured.

**People: And God said, "This is my Beloved Son."**

Leader: We remember the one who brought brilliance to the  
mundane, perception from the prophets, and clarity  
from a cloud.

**People: May our lives be transformed.**

**\*Opening Hymn 74**    *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

**Confession**

**God of compassion, you call us to live as your beloved people,  
but too often we become distracted. We confess that we speak  
when we should listen and act when we should wait. We hold  
onto bitterness and resentment. Forgive us and grant us wisdom  
to live as your forgiven people. Help us to put aside our guilt and  
shame, so that we might be transformed, through your Spirit.**

[Silent confession]

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Sung Response**

I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

## **\*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**

*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

## **Anthem**

*God is Light*

Harry Bramma

## **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 9:2-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Sermon**

Rev. Carol Howard

**Offering**

**Anthem**

*At the River*

Aaron Copland

**\*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**

**\*Hymn 462**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Benediction Response**

*Threefold Amen in C*

McGregor

**\*Postlude**

*Te Deum*

Jean Langlais

\*Please stand, if you are 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.*

# Upcoming Events

Feb. 11- Burning of the Palms  
Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday  
Feb. 18 - First Sunday of Lent

## SECOND SUNDAY SOUP



**Join us today for Second Sunday Soup!**

**Thank you to Kate Branch and Sharon Seidell for  
providing the soups today!**



*Join us immediately following worship in the Memorial Garden for the*

## Burning of Palms

to create ashes for imposition for the beginning of Lent.





# Ash Wednesday

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024

9 am - 4 pm

Begin Lent by walking the labyrinth in the chapel

7 pm

Ash Wednesday Worship with the imposition of ashes; the labyrinth will also be available in the chapel after worship.

## YOUR OPINION MATTERS!



The BPC survey is now live! We will gather information on a variety of opportunities for the church.

We need everyone's participation!

Access the survey on our website, or paper copies are available at the church office.

If you picked up a paper copy last Sunday please be sure to grab a new one, as we had a printer error and pages were missing.

In case of inclement weather, please check the BPC website by 9 am Sunday morning for any updates regarding worship service.





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

## LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

12:30 pm - Chapel Room

# EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP



**FEB. 26 - MAR. 3**




We are looking for volunteers for the following items for our March dates:

<b>Dinner:</b> <b>Sunday 3/3</b>	<b>Sodas:</b> <b>Monday, 2/26</b> <b>Tuesday, 2/27</b> <b>Thursday, 2/29</b> <b>Friday, 3/1</b> <b>Sunday, 3/3</b>	<b>Snacks:</b> <b>Monday, 2/26</b> <b>Thursday, 2/29</b> <b>Friday, 3/1</b> <b>Sunday, 3/3</b>
<b>Dessert:</b> <b>Thursday 2/29</b> <b>Friday 3/1</b> <b>Sunday 3/3</b>	<b>Water:</b> <b>Wednesday, 2/28</b> <b>Friday, 3/1</b> <b>Sunday, 3/3</b>	<b>Sandwiches:</b> <b>Friday 3/1</b> <b>Sunday 3/3</b>

Go to the website or enews to sign up.  
 Email [Elyssa@befordpreschurch.org](mailto:Elyssa@befordpreschurch.org) with questions.



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Sunday, February 25th

# Annual Meeting

Directly after the service  
in Fellowship Hall

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VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED FOR

## Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 18th

Email Kim Lapple to help.  
[Kjlapple@gmail.com](mailto:Kjlapple@gmail.com)

# MIDNIGHT RUN

Friday, February 23rd



We will be holding a Midnight Run on Friday, February 23rd. We are looking for donations of new or gently used items. Go to the website or enews to sign up. We also need people to join us on the run. Please email Courtney if you would like to attend.

## Quilting

Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm  
Chapel Room



Learn as you go  
from other quilters.

## 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** and 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, February 11th

10 am

Worship

11 am

Second Sunday Soup

### Monday, February 12th

9 am

Yoga

### Tuesday, February 13th

12:30 pm

Lunch with Friends

1 pm

Quilting

### Wednesday, February 14th

9 am – 4 pm

7 pm

#### Ash Wednesday

Walking of the labyrinth in the chapel

Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes

### Thursday, February 15th

10 am

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

### Sunday, February 18th

10 am

11 am

11:30 am

#### First Sunday of Lent

Worship and Youth Collection

Coffee Hour

Confirmation Class

# **Our Leadership**

## **Session**

**Clerk of Session Michelle Gosh, President Brian Hiller-Dupont** (Worship),  
Anne Bentzen, Linda Burpee (Mission),  
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel),  
Amy Drabek, Danielle Gamar (Christian Education),  
Ashley Glod-Hayes (Friends & Members),  
Maria Andrea Laverde (Nativity Farm),  
Sarah Ryan (Property & Maintenance),  
& Bart Tyler (Finance)  
Moderator Reverend Carol Howard

## **Deacons**

**Chair Kim Lapple**, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,  
Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson, Andres Mejía,  
Diane Palmento, and Lisa Sayre

## **Staff**

The Reverend Carol Howard, Pastor

The Reverend Courtney Steininger, Minister of Christian Education

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Jessica DeAlto, Administrative and Financial Manager

Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries

The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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