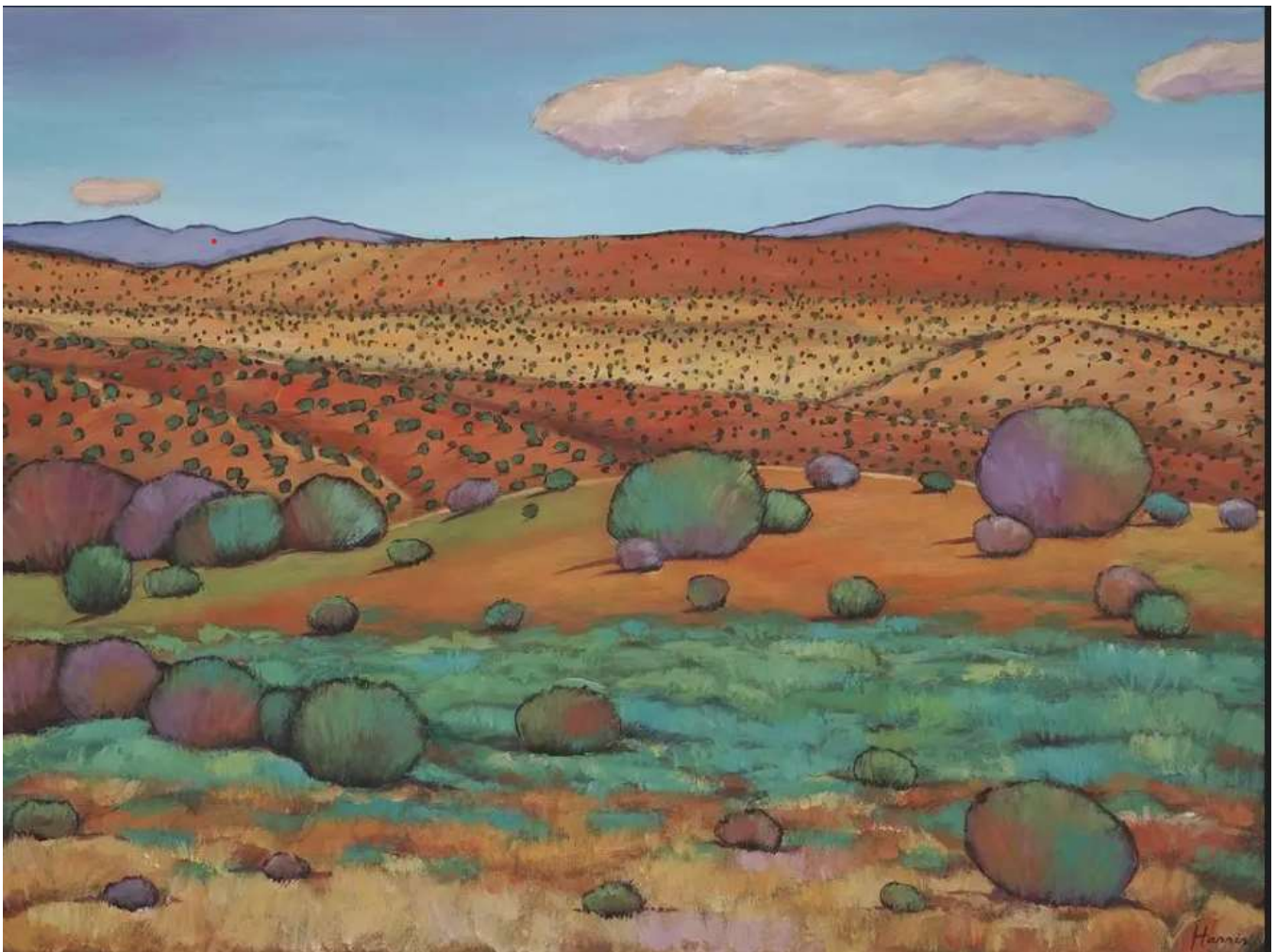




BEDFORD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Desert Day” by Georgia O’Keeffe

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude *When We Are in Deepest Need* J. S. Bach

Introit *Lord Have Mercy* Swee Hong Lim

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Sentences**

Leader: God of wilderness and wander, guide us through this season of Lent.

People: Creator of the stars and seas, reveal your steadfast love to every living thing.

Leader: Word that calls forth worlds, transform us by your wisdom.

People: Help us to embrace the struggle and open us to blessing.

***Opening Hymn 281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Confession

God of grace, when our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo, forgive us. Our lips tremble to name what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change, and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us the grace to grow in your likeness and goodness.

[Silent confession]

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.

***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.*

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of
anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or
that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them
or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing
children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth
generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the
thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my
commandments.

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God,
for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall
labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to
the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your
daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien
resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and
earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day;
therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Anthem

Hide Not Thou Thy Face

Richard Farrant

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?”

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?”

But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon

Rev. Carol Howard

Offering

Minute for Mission

Rewarding Potential Scholarship

Anthem

Traditional arr. Paul Christiansen

Wondrous Love

***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.**

Communion

Invitation

Joys and Concerns

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Breaking the Bread

***Communion**

Prayer after Communion

**Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the dominion, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

***Hymn 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***Charge and Blessing**

Benediction Response

Twofold Amen

R. Warner

***Postlude**

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Louis Couperin

*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.

Easter Flowers

Decorate the church for Easter

With a \$25 donation you can add beautiful flowers to the sanctuary. We welcome you to submit a dedication that will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

You can pay by check or on our website. Dedications should be emailed or mailed to the office. Deadline is March 17th.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

3/24 - Palm Sunday

Easter Egg Dying

3/28 - Maundy Thursday

7 pm Service

3/29 - Good Friday

Sanctuary open

9 am - 3 pm

Labyrinth in the

Chapel Room

3/31 - Easter Sunday

9 am & 11 am services

10 am - Reception &
Easter Egg Hunt

Flower class

Tuesday, March 12 - 7 pm

Come join our very own Mary Lou as she leads us in creating our very own flower arrangements. Create a beautiful & colorful bouquet of flowers just in time for the beginning of spring and Easter!

\$65 per person with a portion of the proceeds benefitting our missions! Anyone is welcome! Limited to 20 people. Sign up via link on website or enews or email Elyssa (elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org)





COMMUNITY CENTER
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER
30 Years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors

communitycenternw.org

Research shows that for low-income children, a college degree is one of the most important factors affecting the likelihood of upward income mobility and long-term success.

SUPPORT A STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL DREAMS!

Recognizing this startling reality, the Community Center launched our Dowling Educational Scholarship Program in 2008. This scholarship program was established to provide encouragement and financial assistance to local qualified individuals of limited means to help them continue on their educational journey and achieve their goals.

Please consider donating to our Dowling Educational Scholarship fund and help change the life of a local student looking to continue their education and secure a brighter future.

In case of inclement weather, please check the BPC website for notices regarding delayed openings and Sunday Worship.

Monday thru Friday, BPC follows the Bedford Central School District's determination on school closings and delays.



ReSET Westchester, Inc.
www.resetwestchester.org

ReSET Westchester needs help!!

As ReSET continues to resettle refugees, we find ourselves in a crisis, scrambling to find housing options.

Can you help our team make phone calls to potential landlords?

Do you know anyone who may have a space that could house a family (any size)? It could be temporary or longer term.

We would appreciate any connections or help that our community can provide. Together we can help these families start their new lives here on a more positive note after all the trauma they have been exposed to.

Please contact Elyssa Michaels or Linda Burpee to help.



Join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month!

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

12:30 pm - Chapel Room

Quilting



Tuesdays 1 - 4 pm
Chapel Room

Learn as you go
from other quilters.



SECOND SUNDAY SOUP

Join us Sunday, March 10th for
Second Sunday Soup!

Thank you to Barbara Kanner and Sue Kelly for
providing the soups!

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, March 3rd

10 am

11 am

Third Sunday in Lent

Worship, Communion &
Youth Collection

Coffee Hour

Monday, March 4th

9 am

Yoga

Tuesday, March 5th

1 pm

Quilting

Thursday, March 7th

10 am

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

Sunday, March 10th

10 am

11 am

4th Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings

Worship

Second Sunday Soup

Our Leadership

Session

Clerk of Session Michelle Gosh, President Brian Hiller-Dupont (Worship),
Anne Bentzen (Vision), Linda Burpee (Mission),
Jessica Cunningham (Personnel),
Amy Drabek (Nominating Committee & Nativity Farm),
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,
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

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Wellspring in the Wilderness

Lenten Season

During this Lenten Season, we are journeying with Jesus in the wilderness. As part of the theme, last week, the children worked on a wilderness painting, based on Georgia O'Keeffe's "Desert Day."