

# **BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

## All Saints Day

**Prelude**

*Andante Cantabile*

C. M. Widor

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Suzanne Millette

All that we are is a gift from God.

**The earth is God's, and all that is in it.**

All that we have is a gift from God.

**The world, and those who live in it.**

May we respond with joy for God's great gifts.

**Let us worship God!**

**Hymn 526**

*For All the Saints*

**Hebrew Bible Lesson**

*Isaiah 43:1-2, 19-21*

Paul Heller

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,

the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

**Gospel Lesson**

*Matthew 23:1-12*

Katherine Heller

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.

But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father--the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

**Sermon**

*"Can you perceive it?"*

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

**Stewardship Minute**

Stewardship season begins this Sunday! You will be receiving your pledge cards in the mail this week. During the month of November, our congregation will be thinking about God's words in Isaiah, "I am about to do a new thing."

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by 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.

(Many people say the Lord's Prayer with "trespasses" or "sins" instead of "debts." Please feel free to pray in any form that makes you feel the most comfortable.)

## Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*The Lord's Prayer*

The Bedford Bellingers

## 11:00 am All Saints' Day Service

At 11:00 am, under the tent, we will have a chance to remember all of those who have died. Bring a picture, light a candle, and say a prayer. Cellist Michael Meade, the principal cello for the Yonkers Philharmonic, will play.

## Announcements for the Week of November 1 – 7, 2020

### Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings officially begins on **Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 am**. Don't forget to turn your clocks back by 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

And remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors as well. **These detectors save lives!!**

## Virtual Coffee Hour

Join us virtually on **Sundays at 10:30 am**. Find the Zoom link on our website or in the weekly E-NEWS.

**Moving forward, there will be no coffee hour on those Sundays when there are special events after worship.**

## Parents!

We would love to send the children of the church a packet with lessons and activities. We want to be sure that our information is up to date. Please email the name and grade of your child (children) to the church office so we can make sure that they are on our list. Thank you! **Office@bedfordpreschurch.org**

## Upcoming Events - under the tent, after worship service

**November 1** All Saint's Day Remembrance. Under the tent at **11:00 am**, we will have a chance to remember all of those who have died in the past year. Bring a picture, light a candle, and say a prayer. Cellist Michael Meade, the principal cello for the Yonkers Philharmonic, will play.

**November 15** Food Collection

## Dial a Sermon

We have developed a new service that is available for those that do not have access to a computer or smartphone but would like to hear the sermon from Sunday's worship service. The process is very simple. Just dial **914-205-4683** and you will hear this week's sermon. Please share the above information with anyone you think will benefit from this service.

## How you can help

### Grocery Delivery Assistance/Volunteerism Opportunity

In these difficult times, Lila Cummings recommends “Hope Delivers.” If you are in the Katonah area and need assistance with grocery delivery, or if you want to volunteer to help those who are vulnerable with grocery deliveries, please go to: <https://www.hopedelivers.com/>

### Generosity

The pandemic has disrupted all of our lives, but we continue to serve in a surprising variety of ways. This includes serving God through our generosity.

Most of us at BPC write checks to financially support the congregation. The Finance Committee is regularly checking the mail and making deposits. Please send your contribution to the church at: **P.O. Box 280, Bedford NY 10506.**

Also, giving online is remarkably simple and convenient. Please go to the BPC website, click on ‘Donate’ at the very top, and select from the ‘Fund’ drop down where you want your donation applied.

### Neighbor's Link

The mission of Neighbors Link is to strengthen the whole community by actively enhancing the healthy integration of immigrants. To support this ministry, please go to the BPC website, click on ‘Donate’ at the very top and then select *Neighbors Link* from the ‘Fund’ drop down.

### Amazon Smile

If you would like Amazon to donate to Bedford Presbyterian Church, please start each Amazon shopping session by logging onto **AmazonSmile.com** and selecting BPC as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. Continue to use your existing Amazon username and password. It's just that simple!!

**Mt. Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry**

We want to remember our brothers and sisters who are food - insecure. Please consider a donation by going to the BPC website, clicking on 'Donate' at the very top and selecting *Interfaith Food Pantry* from the 'Fund' drop down.

**The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor**

**John Lettieri, Director of Music**

**Elyssa Michaels, Director of High School & Middle School Youth Groups**

**Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager**

**Sunday Virtual Worship Service 10:00 AM**

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