

# **BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

**Reign of Christ**  
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**Prelude**

*Grand Dialogue in C, Part 1*

Louis Marchand

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship from Psalm 95**

Liz Keeffe

O come, let us sing to God; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

We come into your presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

In your hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains. The sea is yours, for you made it, and the dry land, which your hands have formed.

Let us worship God!

**Hymn 151**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Epistle Lesson**

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

Andrew Strawcutter

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## 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.

(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

*Finale from Grand Dialogue in C*

Louis Marchand

## Announcements for the Week of November 22 – 28, 2020

### Virtual Coffee Hour - *Will not be held on November 22nd*

Join us virtually **most** Sundays at **10:30 am**. Coffee Hour will not be held on those Sundays when there are special events after worship. Find the Zoom link on our website or in the weekly E-NEWS.

### Mistletoe Mart 2020 News

After much deliberation, and with heavy hearts, the Mistletoe Mart Committee has decided that due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to celebrate the season with our time-honored tradition of the Mistletoe Mart. We are still brainstorming ideas to help our church community celebrate the season. Keep a look-out for more information! If you would like to join our brainstorming sessions, email [julianewton@yahoo.com](mailto:julianewton@yahoo.com).



## Upcoming Events



**CELEBRATING GRATITUDE  
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING  
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

All  
are  
Welcome

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020 / 4PM**

Join members of the Northern Westchester Community for a meaningful and inspiring worship service celebrating gratitude and sharing our collective hopes and thoughts this Thanksgiving.

Hosted by Temple Shaaray Tefila in partnership with  
The Westchester Youth Alliance, Bedford Presbyterian Church &  
Houses of Worship throughout Northern Westchester

Participating Congregations Include


Antioch Baptist Church	Katonah United Methodist Church
Bedford Presbyterian Church	The Upper Westchester Muslim Society
Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of
Congregation B'nai Yisrael	Northern Westchester

Presented via Live Stream at [shaaraytefila.org](https://www.shaaraytefila.org)



Use the link below to view the Live Stream of the service.

<https://www.shaaraytefila.org/view-our-thanksgiving-service/>



## JOIN US IN MAKING THE HOLIDAYS A LITTLE BRIGHTER

Winter is quickly approaching and along with it, the holiday season. For years, Neighbors Link has hosted a Holiday Market in December where parents can select presents for their children. It is a lovely tradition that empowers families to choose gifts that are the right fit for their children.

This year, due to social distancing requirements, the Holiday market is going to look a little different. Instead of collecting toys, Neighbors Link will be collecting gift cards so parents can continue to choose the right gifts for their children. In partnership with Neighbors Link **BPC is requesting gift cards from Target and/or Kohl's in \$25 denominations.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE GIFT CARDS  
PLEASE DROP THEM OFF IN THE CHURCH  
OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12PM - 3PM  
MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 4**

Any questions, please contact Kathy  
DiBiasi at [dibiasi@optonline.net](mailto:dibiasi@optonline.net)



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# JOURNEY INTO THE LIGHT

ADVENT ONE • NOV 29  
REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

ADVENT TWO • DEC 6 • 11:00 AM  
DECORATE THE CHURCH

ADVENT THREE • DEC 13  
TALENT SHOW

ADVENT FOUR • DEC 20  
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

CHRISTMAS EVE • DEC 24  
5:00 POP-UP PAGEANT  
8:00 SERVICE ON THE LAWN  
9:00 ON-LINE SERVICE

Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that. ~MLK

## 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**

## 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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