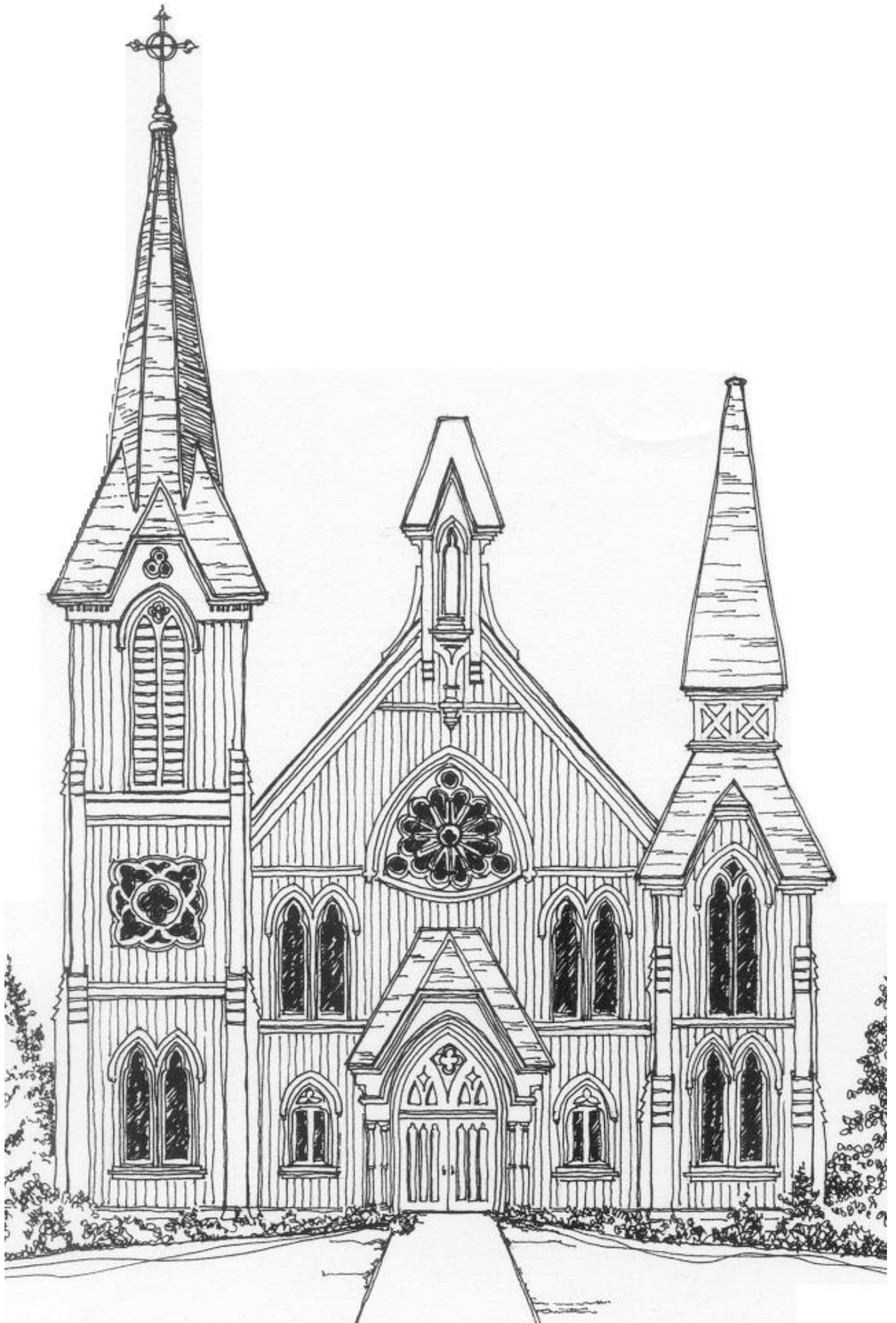


BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's Day

December 29, 2019

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE – *From Heaven Above*

J. Pachelbel

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** - (*Psalms 148:1-5*)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise God from the mountaintops!

Praise God, all you angels;

praise God, all you hosts!

Praise God, sun and moon;

praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God, you highest heavens, ...

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for God commanded and they were created.

***HYMN 57** – *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as 2019 comes to an end and the new year lies ahead hopeful and clear, let us also be filled with hope and clarity. Come into our lives with Your healing power. Restore the broken relationships among us. Grant us time and opportunity to listen to You; to respond to Your grace; to share Your forgiveness with all who need it; to know Your peace in our lives. We pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In the relationships, in the day-to-day decisions, in the wonder, in the words, God comes to save us and have mercy on us.

People: It is fitting that we offer our thanks and praise to the One who forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***ASCRPTION OF PRAISE Hymn 49**

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

***PASSING OF PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING – *Matthew 2:7-23*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON – *Where Are You Christmas?*

Rev. Susan De George

HYMN 56 – *The First Nowell

THE SENDING

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***or "Our Creator"**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY – *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

J. Brahms

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- or -

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.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN 53** – *What Child is This*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE - *In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.*

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The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice

*Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM
Church School & Childcare 10:00 AM*

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

December 29, 2019

This morning we welcome the Reverend Dr. Susan De George to our worship service. Dr. De George is a long-time friend of BPC and serves our presbytery as its States Clerk.

Did you know?

The weekly Bulletin is published on the BPC website on the Friday before worship. Just go the website, select 'media', and then select 'Bulletins'

Lunch Rakes

Lunch RAKES (Retired and Keeping Everything Simple) will be meeting again in the beginning of the New Year. Date and time to be determined.

Coffee Hour

A big thank you to *Laurie Fancher* for sponsoring today's coffee hour.

Contributions & Donations

We are so grateful for our support of our wonderful church. Please clearly mark your checks so that we can apply your contributions/donations to the correct account:
Flowers, Pledges, etc.

Reverend Patrick's Vacation

Reverend Vaughn left Christmas Day for a week of vacation in Pennsylvania. He will return January 2nd. While he is away, the **Reverend Cabaness** of Katonah Presbyterian is available in the event of an emergency.

His cell number is **914-299-7708**.

BPC is hosting the ESP beginning today and ending January 5th.

We thank all the volunteers who have signed up to help us host our guests at BPC week of December 30.

With gratitude for your continued support.
The Mission Committee.

**Choir Performance of *Carols and Lullabies*
Sunday, January 12th**

If you are lucky enough to come to church on **Sunday, January 12th** you will be treated to a performance of a delightful piece of seasonal Christmas music during the 10 am worship service. Our choir along with guitar, harp and marimba will perform “**Carols and Lullabies**” by the American composer Conrad Susa. Subtitled *Christmas in the Southwest*, this collection of Spanish carols the composer found from Arizona are set as a narrative around the birth of Jesus and the manger scene. Bethlehem, angels, shepherds and the loving mother all play a part in this touching and festive Christmas music. Be sure to save the date and bring some friends

Childcare

Childcare *during worship* is available in Room #11 for children under the age of kindergarten.

Fireproof Safe & Lateral File Needed

The church is interested in acquiring a large fireproof safe to use for the safekeeping of valuables, important old archived documents, etc. Before we begin a search to purchase one, we are asking whether you or someone you may know has such a safe in their possession that is in good condition and is in working order that they would like to donate.

We are also in need of a lateral file cabinet.

If either is available, please contact Jessica in the church office.
(914) 234-3672 x1001

Thank you.

Thank you to the following people for contributing to our Christmas flower fund, which helped decorate our beautiful sanctuary.

Anne & Rick Bentzen

In gratitude for the gift of life and all our blessings.

Hope & Bob Black

In thanks for our family and our many blessings.

Deb and Peter Ferguson

With love - In honor of Tom Ferguson and his wife, Pat.

Tom and Pat Ferguson

With gratitude and thanksgiving for the love and support of our BPC family.

Victor & Linda Fried

Merry Christmas to our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Anne & David Hardy

In loving memory of Grace Moffat and Sidney Wetmore Davidson, Jr.

Carla Hawryluk

Peace on Earth, for Everyone, Everywhere.

The Entire Hermansen Family

In Loving memory of Roy whom we miss so very much.

Brian & Don Hiller-Dupont

In honor of our parents, Phyllis Hiller and Don & Cynthia Dupont,
and in memory of Charles Nelson Hiller

Cynthia, Taylor, Mary Lou & Mike

In loving memory of Foxy and Wilson.

Josephine Jane Schweiloch

In celebration of Louella Jane Schweiloch and Zadie Jane Schweiloch, and
in loving memory of Eleanor Jane Schweiloch.

The Senior Choir

Thank you, John, for your gift of music which has brought joy
to our congregation.

Andrew Strawcutter

In loving memory of my father, born 12/25/26.

Events for the Week

Today, December 29

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary) Rev. Dr. Susan De George
11:00 AM Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, December 30 ESP

Tuesday, December 31 ESP

7:15 PM AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 1 ESP & OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, January 2 ESP

9:30 AM Senior Group Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
7:15 PM AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 3 ESP

9:00 AM Yoga (Chapel)
6:45 PM AA Women (Chapel)

Saturday, January 4 ESP

7:15 PM AA Men & Women (Fellowship Hall)

Office Hours

Monday – Friday

9 am – 3 pm

NYS Notary Public available during Office Hours

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